



KELLER ESTATE



94 2007 La Cruz Vineyard Pinot Noir

Keller's pinot noir grows in the Petaluma Wind Gap on soils that originated as the ancient seabed of the San Pablo Bay. The 2007 season brought those elements together in a delicate, persistent wine with ethereal red fruit. The ripe raspberry and *fraise des bois* flavors carry structural tension right in the fruit, as well as tannins ripened to a satin feel. A scent of rose adds to the fragrance of the fruit and to the finesse of the wine overall. The flavors last, clear, lively and delicious, particularly with a salad of duck confit. Keller Estate, Petaluma, CA



90 2007 Keller Estate La Cruz Vineyard Oro de Plata Chardonnay

Fancy, with racy acidity and rich oak framing ripe natural flavors of pineapple, Brule, pear concentrate and Meyer lemon essence. Rich, but balanced and elegant.



92 2007 La Cruz Vineyard El Coro Pinot Noir

Finds the balance between restraint and fleshy ripe cherry, plum, and currant flavors. Smooth and silky, with spice box, clove and tobacco flavors mingle with mineral nuances and a long, detailed finish. Drink now through 2014.

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90 2007 Keller Estate Precioso Chardonnay

Ripe, subtle pear, melon and citrus notes are fragrant and delicate, picking up a nice touch of light toasty-cedary oak on the finish. Drink now through 2014.

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Recommendation. 2007 Keller Estate La Cruz Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

The fruit was de-stemmed and fermentations were driven by native yeast. Only free-run wine was included. Aged 10 months in 35% new French oak barrels. Marvelous nose with complex aromas including strawberries, raspberries, savory spice, and oak vanillin. A medium-bodied wine that is gentle and soft in the mouth with flavorful red cherry and berry fruits enhanced by loamy accents and a tangy finish of moderate length. Drinking perfectly now. Very good.

Recommendation. 2007 Keller Estate El Coro Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

This is a more masculine expression of the Keller Estate. Lovely perfume of crushed berries, spiced plums, dark roses and tea. Darkly fruited with many layers of interesting flavors including notes of savory herbs, earth, minerals and citrus peel. Structured with ripe tannins and well balanced acidity. A more serious and more complex offering than the Estate bottling that will reward cellaring. Drink the Keller Estate Pinot Noir while this one gains in charm over time.
