

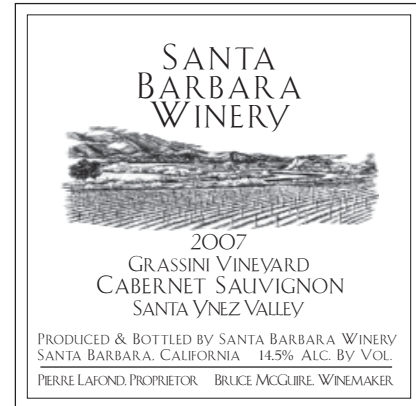
SANTA BARBARA WINERY

2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

After over a quarter century of making Cabernet Sauvignon from our Lafond Vineyard, winemaker Bruce McGuire is now sourcing this grape from the warmer eastern side of the Santa Ynez Valley.

The 2007 vintage was grown in the Grassini Vineyard located in Happy Canyon AVA, on the Los Padres side of Hwy 154. Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara is the newest of the five Santa Barbara County AVAs as of 2009. It is described as a bucolic canyon of hillside vineyards. Differentiated from the rest of Santa Barbara County, it has decidedly hotter temperatures and a high-magnesium mineral terroir. These unique factors and micro-climate make this area suitable for producing Bordeaux varietals with concentrated flavors and a ripe fruit quality that has been difficult to achieve in the cooler areas of Santa Barbara County.

Bruce was able to utilize three clones of Cabernet from this small vineyard as well as a small amount of Petit Verdot to add depth and succulent fruit to produce one of our best Cabernets ever. The flavors are high-toned and dark berry focused so decanting and air time are highly recommended to help this Cabernet show off its concentrated fruit character. A very good choice for beef or hearty pasta (including tagliatelle pasta with butter sauce).



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Dates: Oct. 26, 2007
Vineyards: 100% Grassini Vineyard
Sugar: 25.2^o Brix
Production: 347 Cases
Sugg. Retail: 25.00

WINE

Bottling Date: May 19, 2009
Blend: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Petite Verdot
Barrels: 14 French and Hungarian
(6 New French Oak)
Total Acid: .71
pH: 3.41
Alcohol: 14.5%
Residual Sugar: Dry

