

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S
Platinum Series Selection

Platinum Plus!

Wrath Wines

2009 'Tondre Grapefield' Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands

Inspired by the wrath of nature, specifically the terror of the Santa Lucia Highlands, Wrath Wines was founded by Michael Thomas and his mother Barbara Lemmon. In 2007, they purchased the old San Saba Vineyards and set out to dramatically change the estate's wine and viticulture to produce site-driven wines with attitude and passion. Now five years later, their wines are topping critics' lists and *Wine Spectator* recently named Wrath Wines 'A Winery to Watch.'

Michael Thomas found his way into the winery business in a most interesting way. After earning a PhD in Classical Art and Archaeology from the University of Texas, Michael spent time in Italy exploring the cultures of the Etruscans and Romans. He spent fifteen years running archaeology excavations in the country and spent his free time discovering the hidden Italian restaurants, markets and wine shops in the quaint hillside villages. Michael naturally came to appreciate the art of Italian wine, and combining this passion with his years of working with soil as an archaeologist, he decided that joining the wine business was an appropriate direction.

Michael saw many similarities between the rural and fertile Santa Lucia Highlands and the dramatic countryside of Italy. He jumped at the chance of buying and rejuvenating the old 68-acre San Saba estate and now works closely with winemaker Sabine Rodems, consultant Byron Kosuge, and grower Steve McIntyre to create the limited, and already highly regarded, portfolio of Wrath Wines. Michael still maintains an archaeology research position at the University of Texas and escapes to Italy with his wife and children any chance he gets.

Accolades & Tasting Notes

92 POINTS

-The Pinot Report

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-Stephen Tanzer's
International Wine Cellar

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-International
Wine Review

Wrath's 2009 'Tondre Grapefield' Pinot Noir is a part of the winery's Single Vineyard Series, featuring the Tondre Grapefield vineyard in the heart of the Santa Lucia Highlands. This site was originally planted in 1997 and grows Pinot Noir for some of the state's most preeminent producers. With the 2009 Pinot Noir, Wrath Wines has crafted a dark, exotic version of the varietal with nuances of strawberries, raspberries and blackberries. The palate is dense, creamy and lush with a broad swath of minerals and bold fruit flavors. The Wrath 2009 'Tondre Grapefield' Pinot Noir is a beautiful wine with impressive tenacity, and one that *The Pinot Report* calls "Complex and nuanced with terrific structure and flavor." Aged 10 months in oak. 100% Pinot Noir. Enjoy now until 2014.

Winery Direct: \$39.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:

2 Bottle Members: \$36.00

4 Bottle / Multi-Series Members: \$34.00

*2 bottle min. order.

Availability is extremely limited.

(plus shipping)

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