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## ALLEN MEADOW'S REVIEWS OF MORGAN WINERY'S 2007 SLH PINOT NOIRS

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### **2007 PINOT NOIR – TWELVE CLONES: 90/2013+**

(from Santa Lucia Highlands fruit; 14.2% - \$32). A ripe and relatively deeply pitched nose of black cherry, raspberry and a hint of cassis is impressively complex as it merges gracefully into nicely detailed, intense and well-focused medium-bodied flavors that possess as much depth as the nose on the lingering, balanced and attractively dry finish. Lovely and while not necessarily an elegant wine, there is good character and power. It also delivers fine value plus it will age. Recommended for both quality and value.

### **2007 PINOT NOIR – DOUBLE L VINEYARD: 89/2013+**

(from Santa Lucia Highlands fruit; 14.5% - \$48). This is relatively ripe without going over the top with black and blue pinot fruit aromas introducing rich, round and supple middle weight flavors that possess good mid-palate extract and fine depth on the lingering if slightly warm finish. This is certainly an attractive effort as the complexity is impressive but it doesn't quite have the balance of the best here.

### **2007 PINOT NOIR – GARY'S VINEYARD: 92/2014+**

(from Santa Lucia Highlands fruit; 14.4% - \$48). This is not quite as high-toned or elegant as the Rosella's but compensates by delivering the most aromatic complexity of any wine in the range with its mix of red and black cherry with hints of spice and earth that carry over onto the rich, full and supple middle weight flavors that possess a wonderfully seductive and precise mouth feel, all wrapped in an utterly delicious and gorgeously deep finish that coats the palate. There is ample dry extract and impeccable balance. In short, this is impressive and offers excellent value as well. Note that if you're curious to try one now, 30 minutes of aeration helped a great deal as does keeping the proper serving temperature as I did notice a touch of backend warmth when the wine warmed up.

### **2007 PINOT NOIR – ROSELLA'S VINEYARD: 91/2013+**

(from Santa Lucia Highlands fruit; 14.4% - \$48). A pretty, ripe and complex nose blends together ripe notes of plum, blueberry and cherry that serve as an elegant introduction to the rich, intense and solidly concentrated medium-bodied flavors blessed with good depth and excellent length. I like the balance and other than a mild touch of warmth, there is nothing to reproach this effort. Recommended.

### **2007 PINOT NOIR – TONDRE GRAPEFIELD: 89/2013+**

(from Santa Lucia Highlands fruit; 14.4% - \$48). A fresh and quite ripe nose of just crushed red berries, particularly raspberry with a whiff of strawberry introduces detailed, precise and equally fresh and intense flavors that are quite supple and relatively forward before culminating in a racy, balanced and delicious finish. Stylistically, this is rather different from the rest of the range as the emphasis here is on linearity and detail rather than the moderately plush texture of the rest of the range.