



Pessagno Winery fulfills a twenty-year dream of winemaker Stephen Pessagno to produce limited quantities of exclusive luxury wines from prestigious single vineyards throughout Monterey and San Benito Counties. The inspiration for Pessagno Winery is attributed to Stephen's grandfather, Anthony Escover, who introduced him to winemaking on the family's Santa Clara Valley ranch in 1974. During a successful career as a Mechanical Engineer, Stephen's relentless passion for making wine continued to grow. This home hobby, however, quickly outgrew the confines of his garage. It was in 1982 that he decided to experience wine making from the ground up and worked the "crush" at Kirigin Cellars, a small winery in Gilroy. Since earning a degree in Enology from California State University at Fresno in 1986, Stephen has been Vice President and Winemaker for Jekel Vineyards and in 1991-2004 for Lockwood Vineyards. After leaving Lockwood Vineyard in 2004 he has owned and operated his own winery, Pessagno Winery. Recently, we have been amazed as the wines at Pessagno have been kicked into overdrive, and the new releases of Pinot are among some of California's finest. Each wine comes from a different single vineyard, and displays a unique personality.

### CURRENT RELEASES FROM PESSAGNO WINERY

#### Chardonnay 'Sleepy Hollow'

From rows adjacent to the Talbott's own Sleepy fruit!! This rich, elegant wine offers deep concentrated layers of apricot, ripe pear, and pineapple, with soft oak flavors and a hint of clove. The creamy, lingering butterscotch finish, coupled with firm natural acidity, will invite you back for continued enjoyment.

#### Chardonnay 'Lucia Highlands Estate'

The Lucia Highlands vineyard is almost adjacent to the Pessagno winery, and is planted to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The winery (and vineyard) is in close proximity to Monterey Bay where the Maritime influence is a driving force in producing luscious, complex Chardonnay with a round, seductive texture. This is a serious wine aged in oak for 11 months.

#### Pinot Noir 'Central Avenue'

This delicate wine offers floral and violet aromas, followed by fresh fruit flavors. Its complex aromas make it a perfect accompaniment for afternoon entertaining or lighter meals. Pair this wine with luncheon salads, seafood, or chicken dishes.

#### Pinot Noir 'Lucia Highlands Estate'

Part of what makes Steve Pessagno's wines so attentive to detail is that Steve Pessagno himself is extraordinarily attentive to detail...in the winery, and the vineyards. This vineyard is planted mainly to Dijon clone with some other special blocks that give this wine additional complexity and style. 92 points WINE ENTHUSIAST

#### Pinot Noir 'Spring Grove'

This vineyard is in San Benito county and is a vineyard that is really coming on with each release. Steve is a fanatic about color as his scientific abilities and (various tests) correlates structure and longevity with color. This is a seriously spicy and delicious mouthful of wine.

#### Pinot Noir 'Four Boys'

These small vineyard blocks are located adjacent to the winery and are named after each of Steve's four sons. They are planted to 'La Tache' clone--and it is confirmed!!! The wines only sees new wood and is made in extremely limited quantities. This release is under 6,000 bottles and displays Steve's winemaking prowess at its finest.



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