

**Arista Winery****2005 Pinot Noir, Ferrington Vineyard  
(Anderson Valley)**

Arista Winery's 2005 Ferrington Pinot Noir is the felicitous result of a marriage made in Pinot heaven. Take grapes from the Anderson Valley, an admittedly premier Pinot Noir appellation and have them tended to by a winery in Russian River Valley, another exceptional Pinot Noir region. Winemaker Leslie Sisneros and proprietor Mark McWilliams let the fruit age for nearly a year in 100 percent French oak from four different coopers. This somewhat softened the sturdy tannins to make the wine quite accessible now but it will continue to develop in the bottle for another five to seven years.

Ferrington Vineyard Pinot radiates with typical aromas of raspberries, cherries, violets, and rose petals. The flavors of baking spices and cherries are as pleasing to the palate as the wine's saturated ruby color is to the eye. There's a complexity to this Pinot Noir that provides different nuances with each sip. But the seductiveness of this leads from sips to gulps. And then the bottle's empty. And that's a shame since only 200 cases were produced. The wine is allotted to Arista's wine club members with a limited amount available in the winery's tasting room.

Reviewed September 18, 2007 by [Michael Lasky](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [Arista Winery](#)

**Vineyard:** Ferrington Vineyard

**Vintage:** 2005

**Wine:** Pinot Noir

**Appellation:** [Anderson Valley](#)

**Grape:** Pinot Noir

**Price:** \$54.00

**THE REVIEWER****Michael Lasky**

APPELLATION AMERICA's Senior Editor, Michael Lasky, has been writing about food and wine for over 20 years. His work has appeared in national magazines such as *Playboy*, *Esquire*, *GQ*, and *Parade*, and newspapers such as *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Newsday*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. His wine reviews focus on the aroma, taste, and visual appeal of what's in the glass. He is decidedly not a wine snob and prefers to describe its virtues in conversational prose that speaks to everyone from wine neophytes to veteran connoisseurs. He only reviews delicious wines.