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SMART BUY!

"Fruit-forward Pinot..."

Ortman Family Vineyards
Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills 2004

Medium ruby color; restrained with some plum and pepper aromas; ripe, rich, black cherry and plum flavors, sweet oak, good structure and balance; long finish. Nice, fruit-forward Pinot that will work great at the table.

778 cases made \$30 Score: 90

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About Our Tastings

We taste wine in flights of usually no more than 12 wines. All tasting unless otherwise noted is done blind by the Editor.

The tasting coordinator (who does not taste) arranges and bags all wines, which are then scored and comments recorded before bags are removed. Our tastings are done under controlled, consistent conditions.

Here is **PinotReport's** 100-point scale:

96-100	SUPERIOR; it doesn't get better.
90-95	OUTSTANDING; approaching the best
86-89	ABOVE AVERAGE; a good Pinot.
80-85	AVERAGE; OK if it's all you have.
60-79	BELOW AVERAGE; not recommended.
50-59	UNDRINKABLE.