

La Crema Winery

FOUNDED IN 1979, LA CREMA WINERY (www.lacrema.com) is known for intensely flavored Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the cool coastal regions of California. La Crema handcrafts wines of distinct flavor and pursues the ultimate expression of the Russian River Valley, Carneros, Anderson Valley, Sonoma Coast, and Monterey.

Wine aficionados will appreciate the winery's Appellation Series, which showcases the distinct character of five of the finest appellations for Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Syrah. New releases include the 2008 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay, boasting vibrant citrus and crisp green apple aromas, laced with subtle notes of butterscotch and clove, and the 2009 Monterey Pinot Noir, offering layered flavors of strawberry and plum joined by cocoa powder and espresso bean.

The Nine Barrel offers the finest, most distinctive Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the vintage. The 2007 Nine Barrel Chardonnay provides aromas of baked apple and butterscotch blended with subtle nuances of lemon cream and sweet nougat, while the 2007 Nine Barrel Pinot Noir offers the palate



blackberry, cherry, cola, and black licorice, as well as subtle coffee bean and spice.

Wines & Spirits' 21st Annual Restaurant Poll awarded La Crema the title of "#1 Most Popular Pinot Noir" for their Sonoma Coast 2008 Pinot Noir, and *The Wine Advocate* gave 91 points to their 2007 Los Carneros Pinot Noir.

The winery is not open to the public, but visitors can enjoy their tasting room in Healdsburg, California. La Crema is a member of the Russian River Wine Road, Russian River Valley Winegrowers, Sonoma County Vintners, Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance, and Family Winemakers of California. ●

2007 Nine Barrel Pinot Noir (left); 2007 Los Carneros Pinot Noir (center); 2007 Nine Barrel Chardonnay (right)