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Year's Best US Pinot Noir

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2014 Santa Cruz Mountains Saveria Vineyard Pinot Noir This is the Lioco team's third vintage working with this sandy site with a view of Monterey Bay, and it's an unforgettable wine. Its leafy raspberry aroma catches the redwood essence of the coast, while its flinty reduction and firm tannins are as imposing as its aromas are enticing. When he first tasted it, Joshua Thomas of SF's *Octavia* said, "You can tell it's going to go somewhere." And it does: With two days of air, its effusive coastal perfume grows more vivid and concentrated, while its stony structure focuses the red fruit into a weightless beam that has the clarity of a delicious Chambolle. Decant one bottle now, and keep a few more in the cellar for five or six years. *Reviewed by Luke Sykora.*

