

## 2007 Zepaltas Wines Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

As usual, every year I like to come up with a blend from each of my vineyards to represent the Sonoma Coast, and what Zepaltas Wines is all about (and offer an introductory wine at a friendlier price than the single vineyards.) This wine could have been our "Grand Reserve" if we were into that sort of thing, and I could probably charge some silly price for it too! At the blending table last year this wine seemed how it should be: declassified barrels put together to create a solid wine that represents the label.

Something happened along the way during the last 6 months in bottle. The wine has developed into something special. As my fiancée Anna and I were tasting through the other night taking notes, we were floored by this wine's complexity and power. When you first open the wine you get scents of earth and raspberry (must be the La Cruz talking,) and then blackberry, cranberry, currant and pomegranate all come marching through (Suacci and W.E Bottoms.) The wine is interesting because the layers of aromas and flavors all seem to be harmonious even though you can pick so many different things out when pondering this wine. It is rich, creamy and silky in texture. Sonoma Coast all the way....



**40% new French oak**  
**11 months in barrel**  
**3.7 pH**  
**.55 TA**  
**14.5 alc.**  
**108 cases made**  
**\$39/bottle retail**