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A.	2007	Marlborough, NZ	Kim Crawford	15.99	11.6 72	88	Aromatic wine with black cherries and red currants on the nose, complex with integrated oak and a smoky bacon character.
B.	2005	Carneros, CA	Acacia	24.00	11.3 71	WS – 83	A lovely ruby red in color, the 2005 Acacia Carneros Pinot Noir offers deep, fragrant aromas of violets, black cherries, toasty oak and earth. This wine is soft yet lively on the palate, with rich flavors of Satsuma plum and minerals enhanced by a touch of oak. A well-balanced acidity accentuates the fine tannins which carry through to the long finish. Pair with richer pastas, wild mushroom risotto, grilled salmon and herb-crusted pork tenderloin.

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C.	2007	Sonoma, CA	Mark West	9.97	13.72 77		<p>Enticing aromas of rich cherry pie, raspberry preserves and ripe plums with barrel notes of exotic vanilla, golden molasses and shortbread cookie. Oak aging rounds out the palate and gives the wine its body. Juicy fruit on the palate tasting of dark red raspberry, jammy strawberry and baked peaches. The 2007 drinks in juicy fresh berry flavors that stay bright and linger. The finish is full of bright red fruit flavors with a supple texture.</p> <p>For too long we have waited for affordable Pinot. For too long we have endured Merlot. For too long we have simply been denied the choice. Pinot for the People. It is so much more than a call to arms. It is philosophy in action so join the revolution.</p> <p>We do not ask for thin, uninspired plonk to satisfy our desire for Pinot. We expect more from this noble grape. We demand rich, fruit-inspired, easy-drinking wine worthy of the Thanksgiving table and affordable enough to serve with tonight's pizza. Good Pinot shouldn't leave you out on the streets. We demand a Pinot we can proudly serve to friends, family, bosses, in-laws, neighbors and fellow revolutionaries. Mark West has heard the people... the time has come... Pinot for the People.</p>

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D.	2006	Sonoma Coast, CA	W.H. Smith	29.00	11.5 72	WE - 89	We don't mind saying that the W.H. Smith name is becoming synonymous with award-winning Pinot Noir's from the Sonoma Coast. The goal for this wine every year is to capture the Sonoma Coast flavors in a bottle. Immediately you notice the bright garnet color of the wine. The nose flows through with violets and Bing cherries. The wine is extremely well balanced, with notes of warm sage, cloves, cherries and strawberries dominating the palate. The texture is classic Pinot silky, sexy and satisfying.
E.	2006	Sonoma Coast, CA	Kosta Browne	49.00	15.36 81	WS - 90	Offers a pretty burst of ripe plum and black cherry fruit to accompany the herb, sage, dusty berry and loamy earth flavors. Ends with a complex aftertaste and hints of anise and toasty oak.

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F.	2006	Santa Lucia Highlands, CA	Roar	39.00	11.1 70	WS – 88	<p>Complex aromas of forest floor, underbrush, blueberries, blackberries, and cherries. The flamboyant aromatics are followed by a wine with fabulous sweet black fruits, a meaty earthiness, a full-bodied, mouth feel, silky tannins, and a long finish admirably supported by good acidity. This brilliant Pinot Noir is among the finest produced in California.</p> <p>Fleshy and full on the palate and so fruity in flavor that its trim of toast becomes a faint afterthought, the wine shows fine length and balance with a good chance for a few further years of improvement."</p> <p>The Wine Spectator called Monterey County one of the most exciting outposts on California's pinot frontier and "one of its most impressive producers is ROAR."</p> <p>Roar is a rare success story when it comes to producing world-class, rich pinot noirs from the slopes of the Monterey County's Santa Lucia Highlands. You're going to hear a lot more about Roar." - Robert Parker</p>
G.	2005	Carrie's Santa Rita Hills, CA	Melville	53.00	15.5 81 Winner	WA – 92	<p>Melville's flagship cuvee is the 2005 Pinot Noir Carrie's. Its deep ruby/purple hue is followed by aromas of plums, blackberries, and blueberries, wonderful purity, richness, and sweetness, and a long, layered mouth feel as well as finish.</p>

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H.	2005	Southing Santa Rita Hills, CA	Sea Smoke	51.00	15 80	WS – 92	<p>Pure, rich and concentrated, with supple plum, blackberry and blueberry fruit shaded by pretty toasty oak, ending with a long, concentrated finish that pulls together lots of fruit and flavor</p> <p>The 2005 Sea Smoke Southing Pinot Noir shows elegant fruit, a rich middle palate, firm tannins and Sea Smoke Vineyard's signature cool climate acidity. Aromas of wild blueberries, violets and a subtle dustiness are characteristic of this wine.</p> <p>This wine is now selling for \$70+</p>

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