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"Consistently excellent Pinot Noir is practically an oxymoron, like safe sex."

## 2012 Cutruzulla Vineyards Gloria San Luis Obispo County Pinot Noir

14.4% alc., pH 3.47, TA 0.59, 290 cases, \$40. "Koo-troot-ZOL-a." The Riven Rock Vineyard responded to the ideal 2012 growing season by producing its largest crop to date, but still less than 1 ton-per-acre! The vineyard is located in a coastal valley just outside the town of Cambria on California's Central Coast. 5 acres are planted to Pinot Noir and 2 acres to Riesling. Many of vineyard blocks contain limestone soils. The winemaker is Stephen Dooley of Stephen Ross Wine Cellars. Pommard 5, 115, 667, "828," and 23. Aged 10 months in 30% new French oak barrels. • *Medium reddish-purple color in the glass. Nicely perfumed with aromas of black cherry, sarsaparilla, and baking spices including nutmeg and cola. The medium to full bodied and fully ripened cherry, dark berry and plum fruits fill the mouth with pleasure. A dash of oak-driven toast and vanilla adds interest. The soft demeanor on the palate is particularly appealing and the finish is long and pleasurable. Score: 92.* Reviewed March 29, 2014



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