

**Bargetto Winery****2006 Pinot Noir
(Santa Cruz Mountains)**

Winemaker Michael Sones is a fan of lean and clean when it comes to Pinot Noir. You won't ever open a bottle of Bargetto Pinot and think you are about to drink Syrah, or a heavy-duty rocket fuel Pinot from the Santa Lucia Highlands (think Garys' or Rosella's). Nope.

This is strictly bright, light, clean, fruity to the max Pinot. Instead of a big Icelandic knit sweater, this is a silk blouse with lots of nice ruffles. It represents a number of well-known coastal vineyards on the ocean-kissing side of the Santa Cruz Mountains, including the Bargetto Estate Regan Vineyard, Amaya Ridge, Veranda and Devery.

Michael also made a 100 percent Pinot from the latter vineyard in this same vintage.

For fans of the lithe, sheer springlike flavours of much Oregonian Pinot, this one will hit the spot. Flavors of cranberries, tangerines, blueberries and golden raisins are delicious and crisp, and there's a nice note of raspberry fruit leather to rich it up. Perfect with delicate fish and shellfish dishes spiced with coriander and Meyer lemon zest, or a pesto pizza with chanterelles and chicken.

Reviewed March 26, 2008 by [Laura Ness](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Bargetto Winery](#)
Vintage: 2006
Wine: Pinot Noir
Appellation: [Santa Cruz Mountains](#)
Grape: Pinot Noir
Price: \$25.00

THE REVIEWER**Laura Ness**

A wine writer and wine judge for major publications and competitions around the country, Laura Ness likens wine to the experience of music. She is always looking for that ubiquitous marriage of rhythm, melody, and flawless execution. What is good music? You

know it when you get lost in it. What is good wine? It is music in your mouth.