

**Silver Mountain Vineyards****2006 Rosé of Pinot Noir  
(Central Coast)**

Winemaker Tony Craig (winemaker at Savannah-Chanelle and of his own label Sonnet Cellars) makes this wine for his wife, who is a musician, and enjoys the symphony going on here. He, along with Silver Mountain proprietor, Jerold O'Brien, produce this wine under three different labels: Muns Vineyard, **Silver Mountain** and Sonnet Cellars. The grapes for this wine come from Tondré's Grapefield in the Santa Lucia Highlands, and Muns Vineyard and Miller Hill, both in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

This Pinot Rose has an amazingly rich and beautiful color from significant skin contact, more typical of a Syrah or Grenache rose. Jerold and Tony de-stem and partially crush the Pinot grapes, then draw off the juice from the must after two days, resulting in a far richer pigmentation and flavor profile than the free-run juice which some use to make Saignée-style Pinot. This wine has a rich nose of strawberries, cherries and roses, with flavors of watermelon, guava, crisp apples and strawberries. The acidity is good enough to tackle a seafood salad of Ahi tuna with avocado, capers, lemon basil and mayo. And it's got the stones to deal with a crab salad with major chilli and Russian.

Reviewed October 3, 2007 by [Laura Ness](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [Silver Mountain Vineyards](#)

**Vintage:** 2006

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**Appellation:** [Central Coast](#)

**Grape:** [Pinot Noir](#)

**Price:** \$22.00

**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.