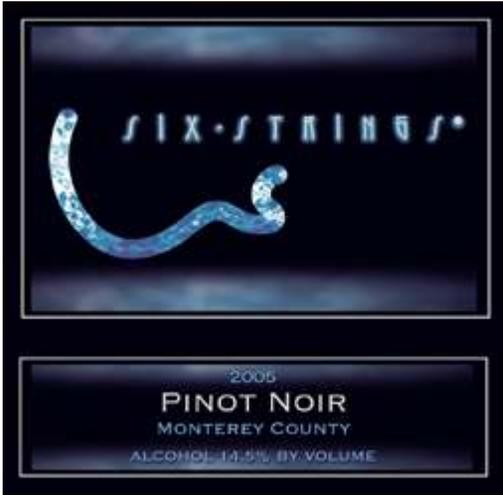


WINE RECOMMENDATION

**Six Strings Winery****2005 Pinot Noir
(Monterey County)**

Six Strings is a fairly new (since 2005) partnership between Gary Cornick and Iain Crabb. Both are guitarists - thus the name Six Strings. They started out as home winemakers before pursuing their efforts commercially. Although the brand is based in San Benito County, the duo sources grapes from the Santa Lucia Highlands, elsewhere in Monterey County and Dry Creek Valley. The fruit for this Pinot Noir is from the Mesa Del Rio Vineyard, near Greenfield and just outside the Arroyo Seco

AVA. The wine spent 18 months in French oak barrels, about a third of them new, and was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

It's a ripe, spicy Pinot, with raspberry, cherry and rhubarb flavors, capped off by a long, supple finish. Not much of it was made - just 170 cases - and it's priced at \$29, which seems fair for a wine of this quality. As musicians, Cornick and Crabb are interested in the synergy between wine and music, so they offer suggested music pairings for all their wines. With this Pinot Noir, they say, something lively, like Latin jazz, is a good complement.

Reviewed March 27, 2008 by [Laurie Daniel](#).

THE WINE

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Vintage: 2005
Wine: Pinot Noir
Appellation: [Monterey County](#)
Grape: Pinot Noir
Price: \$29.00

THE REVIEWER**Laurie Daniel**

Laurie Daniel, wine columnist for the *San Jose Mercury News*, has been reviewing wine for more than 10 years. She doesn't use numbers, preferring to describe her recommended wines and let consumers decide for themselves.

Laurie believes that bigger isn't necessarily better; she's partial to wines of balance, finesse and character. Her particular interests are Pinot Noir (versions that really taste like Pinot, that is) and aromatic whites like Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Gewürztraminer.