

## Kosta Browne Winery

FOUNDED IN 1997 BY Dan Kosta and Michael Browne, and later joined by partner Chris Costello, Kosta Browne Winery ([www.kostabrowne.com](http://www.kostabrowne.com)) is based in Sebastopol, California and produces single vineyard pinot noirs under three appellations – Sonoma Coast, Russian River Valley, and Santa Lucia Highlands.

The winery's most recent releases include a 2008 Vintage Amber Ridge Pinot Noir. From one of the winery's northern-most vineyards, the fruit is sourced from four



cherries and a trace of candied orange peel saturate the mid-palate, and linger for a smooth and lengthy finish.

Kosta Browne Winery makes its wines available through a mailing list. Currently, there is a lengthy waiting list for these wines and they continue to be some of the most highly sought-after Pinot Noirs in the country. The wines are shipped in optimal conditions to ensure there is no exposure to excessive temperatures so they arrive in the highest quality possible. ●



distinct blocks, all of which make it into the vineyard designate bottling and each contributing complexities to the wine. Aromatics of the vintage include raspberry, green tea, and vanilla bean, and on the palate, the wine offers an intense mouthful of rich cherry and soothing cola with soft tones of caramel and semi-sweet chocolate.

Their 2008 Vintage Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir is comprised exclusively of the Pisoni Clone, and aromatics include hints of ripe high-tone fruit, traces of stone fruit, ripe plum, and red apple skin. On the palate, crushed wild berries, strawberry, and boysenberry dominate the mid-palate.

Kosta Browne's new single vineyard wine is the 2008 Vintage Gap's Crown, which boasts aromatics of lilac, lavender, and dark cherry with vibrant undertones of black truffle and dark chocolate. Crushed berries dominate the front palate, and chocolate-covered

*Kosta Browne founders Dan Kosta, Chris Costello, and Michael Browne (center); Kosta Browne 2004 Pinot Noirs (left and right)*

