

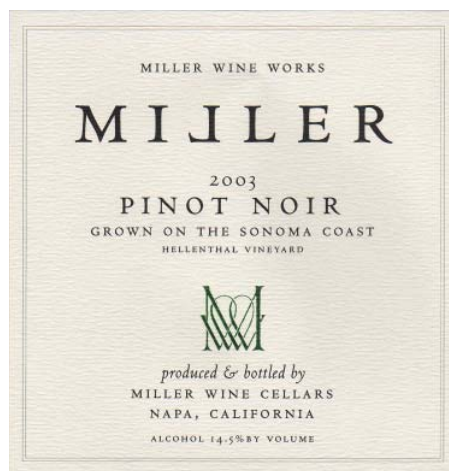
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## Miller Wine Works 2003 Hellenthal Vineyard Pinot Noir

### Exceptional



So many pinot noirs from California and Oregon are so heavily extracted to elicit every speck of color from the grapes that encountering one that gets the true pinot noir color right – a medium ruby-garnet color – is a surprise and a delight. It's also a delight that the wine is so damned beautiful in every aspect. The bouquet is an incredibly intense (and then expansive) melange of violets and rose petals, black cherry and red currants, spiced tea, rhubarb and cola. In the mouth, the wine is amazingly dense, chewy and satiny, like opulent drapery snatched from Tara's gloomy halls, yet leavened by spice and smoke and minerals. After a few minutes in the glass, it pulls up touches of fruit cake and plum pudding, all that baking spice and dried fruit thing.

**Extraordinary and Worth a Search.**

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