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2007 Pinot Noir – A Côte – Cedar Lane Vineyard	Red	86/100
2006 Pinot Noir – Le Bon Climat Vineyard	Red	91/100
2006 Pinot Noir – Calmant Creek Vineyard	Red	89/100
2006 Pinot Noir – Cargasacchi Jalama Vineyard	Red	88/100

Launched in 2005 by Joshua Klapper, a professionally trained sommelier, with help from Au Bon Climat Winery. For further information visit: www.timelesspalateswine.com

2007 Pinot Noir – À Côte – Cedar Lane Vineyard: (140 cases produced; 14%; \$29). A highly perfumed and very red pinot and cranberry fruit nose with a background hint of menthol gives way to nice detailed and primarily fruit-driven light to barely middle weight flavors that possess enough character to be interesting but this does not have the overall flavor authority that the better 2006s from this producer display. 86/now+

2006 Pinot Noir – Calmant Creek Vineyard: (from Sta. Rita Hills fruit bottled at 14.2%; 45 cases produced; \$49). A ripe, pure and pretty nose carries a background hint of crushed herb on the red berry and underbrush suffused aromas that merge seamlessly into fresh, vibrant and nicely intense medium-bodied flavors that are supple, round and delicious with good balance and length. This is an understated wine with a dry finish in the best sense of the term as there is no overt sweetness that one often finds. Very solid quality that is old school in style. Worth a look. 89/2013+

2006 Pinot Noir – Cargasacchi Jalama Vineyard: (from Santa Barbara Country fruit bottled at 13.5%; 90 cases produced; \$36). Light ruby. A pretty and highly perfumed nose of pure and relatively cool red pinot fruit trimmed in a discreet hint of wood precedes rich, delicious, elegant and focused middle weight flavors that possess good transparency and fine finishing vibrancy. I like the style though at present the overall depth is limited. In sum, this is pretty rather than profound. 88/2012+

2006 Pinot Noir – Le Bon Climat Vineyard: (from Santa Maria Valley fruit bottled at 14%; only 65 cases produced; \$49). A beautifully elegant and nuanced nose features notes of cranberry and raspberry that evidence hints of spice, crushed herb and underbrush that are also picked up by the utterly delicious, round and detailed medium-bodied flavors that possess impeccable balance and excellent length. I very much like the grace and poise this wine displays and as long as the proper serving temperature is maintained, there is no visible warmth or acid tang. Lovely stuff and recommended. 91/2013+