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Santa Cruz Mountains Sip of the Week: Muns Vineyard 2007 Pinot Noir

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WHAT: An elegant, complex and balanced pinot noir from the highest pinot vineyard in the Santa Cruz Mountains, on the Loma Prieta ridge overlooking Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay. Rich flavors of cherry, ripe plum, chocolate, a touch of coffee, cinnamon and vanilla; balanced by big, smooth tannins and the characteristic acidity and minerality that we love about Santa Cruz Mountains pinots.

WHY: Because pinot noir and fall go together. Think Thanksgiving!

WHERE: Available for around \$40 at VinoCruz in Santa Cruz and at Cava in Capitola.

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