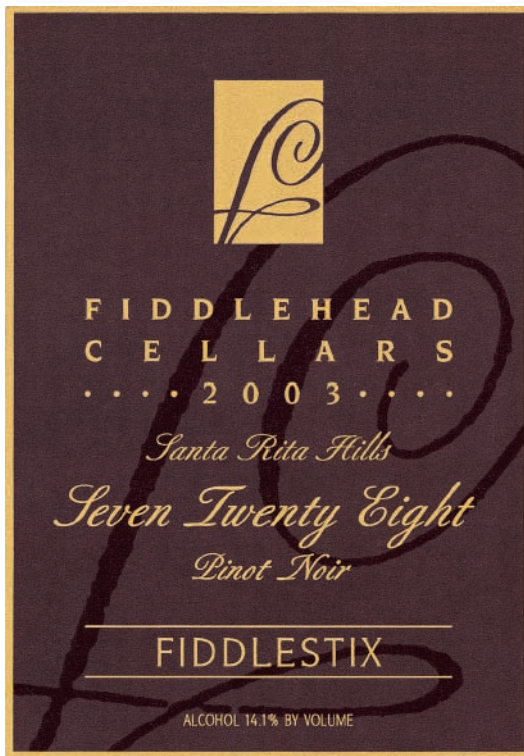


*Santa Rita Hills*  
*Seven Twenty Eight*  
 2003 Estate Pinot Noir



KATHY'S CORNER

*Vintage 2003 represents a wonderful marriage of winemaking, place and vintage. Fiddlestix has grown up to show layered expression in the aromatics and on the palate. I have learned to highlight the individual expression of clones from the property, fine tuning those that like new oak, those that like less extraction, and those that like long pre-fermentation cold-soak periods. This wine tones the tannins, tones the fruit and tones the wood contribution. It integrates judicious use of new oak, and shows the "pretty," sought after expression of pinot noir resulting from a vintage that allowed controlled crop levels and picking throughout an even growing season.*

*Kathy Joseph*  
 Winemaker

THE ESTATE VINEYARD- FIDDLESTIX

- Nestled in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills appellation, this bit of pinot paradise is blanketed by early morning fog and then lovingly caressed by afternoon Pacific Ocean breezes to keep its classic cool climate expression.
- Responsibly and Sustainably farmed.
- Planted in 1998. Clones: 4, 5 113, 115, 667, 777. Rootstocks: 101-14, 3309, 110R
- Extensively hand-tended to offer pure expression of place.
- Well drained clay loam Botella and Gazos soils drive the intensity of character.



THE WINE

- A signature edition from Fiddlehead representing its place of origin.
- Named after the mile marker of Fiddlestix Vineyard, **7.28 on Santa Rosa Road**, smack dab in the middle of the glorious Sta. Rita Hills AVA, sandwiched by the Santa Rosa Hills and the Santa Rita Hills.
- The exquisite Fiddlestix landscape is readily translated into the glass. It represents a selection of 6 clones on 3 rootstocks in 32 unique blocks, fermented in 30 small vats and aged in barrels hand crafted from 5 favorite French coopers. Variety is the spice in this wine!
- Stylistically blended for the 3 "L's": layers, length and lusciousness.
- Showcases unmistakable Fiddlestix fruit: dark and juicy, fabulous perfume with a **sexy palate** and a smooth and silky length. **Supple tannins**, broadly textured, saturated with the essence of sweet plums and black cherries and that fabulous cola spice. **Alluring aromatics** are ever evolving in the glass. **Remarkably harmonious**, immediately enjoyable to the palate. Serious and delicious.