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- 95 – 100:** **Truly incomparable and emotionally thrilling.** A wine so rated is as good as Burgundy gets. By definition, it is reference standard for its *appellation*.
- 90 – 94:** **Outstanding.** Worth a special effort to purchase and cellar and will provide memorable drinking experiences.
- 85 – 89:** **Good to High quality.** Burgundies that offer solid quality in every respect and generally very good typicity. "Good Value" wines will often fall into this category. Worth your attention.
- 80 – 84:** **Average to Good quality.** The wine is "correct", displays no noticeable flaws and will provide pleasing, if straightforward, drinking.

Baileyana Winery (San Luis Obispo, CA)

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Baileyana Winery was founded over 20 years ago by Catharine Niven. Two of her sons took the lead and now the third generation is in place along with winemaker Christian Roguenant, a native Burgundian who designed their new state of the art winery. The El Pico and La Entrada are single block and single clone wines; S-BAR began as an experiment with the selection of specific blocks and even individual rows. All wines are all SIP Certified Sustainable. See also Cadre, their newest venture, below. For further information visit: www.baileyana.com.

2007 Pinot Noir – Firepeak Vineyard Grand Cuvée: (Edna Valley, 13.5%, \$33, 6,334 cases). A seductive and very pinot nose of ripe liqueur-like red berry aromas introduces rich, delicious and balanced flavors that finish notably drier than the midpalate would suggest. For a relatively large production wine, this is impressive and the price is fair plus it will age if desired. Worth a look.
89 / 2012+

2007 Pinot Noir – El Pico: (Edna Valley, 13.3%, \$33, 248 cases). This too sports a seductive, densely fruited and very pinot nose that is not quite as ripe as the preceding wine while complementing the round, cherry-infused and utterly delicious medium-bodied flavors that coat the palate with sap and finish with real verve. This is quite pretty and very well balanced. It's not quite as complex but I very much like the delivery here plus it could be drunk now with pleasure or cellared.
88 / 2011+

2007 Pinot Noir – La Entrada: (Edna Valley, 14.6%, \$33, 248 cases). A distinctly different nose is present here as it's noticeably riper with a mix of red fruit aromas including cherry, raspberry and blue berry that are followed by sappy and reasonably concentrated medium-bodied flavors that possess mild warmth on the mouth coating and slightly bitter finish. This seems to represent a different stylistic choice as it's quite different from the rest of the range.
86 / 2011+

2007 Pinot Noir – S-BAR: (Edna Valley, 13.5%, \$50, 248 cases). Here the nose is similar to that of the Grand Cuvée with perhaps a touch more freshness and airiness to it before merging seamlessly into rich, round and delicious medium-bodied flavors that possess fine balance and length though no more overall depth. I like the style and delivery and the only aspect that is holding it back from the next level is the need for more complexity. Still, to be sure, this is really quite pretty.
89 / 2012+