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APPELLATIONS
(REGION B)

98 Points VISION CELLARS

2004 Vision Cellars Pinot Noir, Sonoma County

DOUBLE
GOLD

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$28

WINNING WAYS: Mac McDonald states his case matter-of-factly when he says, "I was born the son of a Texas Moonshine maker. My Father, Sue, was considered by many to be the finest Moonshine maker in all of Texas, because of the fine grains he used to make his corn whiskey. My Mother Elbessie, along with her brothers and sister, made wine from the various fruit we grew."

THE STRUCTURE:
Quality of moonshine aside, Mac grew to love red wine

some 50 years ago, one variety in particular: Pinot Noir. And that created for him a vision of making great Pinot Noir one day.

KEY IDEAS: The first wine under this project was the 1997 vintage and was widely praised, and thus it was appropriate that Mac call his winery "Vision Cellars," for it was the culmination of that vision.

GREAT TASTE: Today, Vision Cellars makes five different Pinot Noirs from different regions. Mac describes this Sonoma County-designated wine: "Ripe cherry with light

hints of mocha on the nose. It is pure blueberry and plum from start to finish. We think this maybe our best Sonoma ever."

"Varietally accurate in the glass. Cherry and spice predominate over the oak. Very soft and lush in the mouth. Tantalizingly long finish."

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