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BURGHOUND.COM THE ULTIMATE BURGUNDY REFERENCE

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.

CADRE VINEYARDS (San Luis Obispo, CA)

2007 Pinot Noir – The Architects

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This is a new venture by the Niven Family (also see Baileyana Winery) with 2007 as the inaugural release. Working with four AVAs - Edna Valley, Arroyo Grande Valley, Santa Maria Valley and Sta. Rita Hills - Christian Roguenant has crafted this wine by selecting very specific clones and blocks from one vineyard in each AVA. For further information visit www.cadrevineyards.com.

2007 Pinot Noir – The Architects: (14.5%, \$55, 1,231 cases). A beautifully fresh, complex and seductive nose blends spice hints with lovely red and blue pinot fruit aromas that precede rich, energetic and solidly detailed medium-bodied flavors that possess a dusty mouth feel plus fine depth and length with only the barest trace of backend warmth. There is also enough structure to suggest 5 to 8 years of cellar time will be necessary. Recommended for those who enjoy elegant and well-balanced examples that also deliver some punch.

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