



# WAYFARER

## 2018 PINOT NOIR PAIGE'S RIDGE

### TASTING NOTES

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2018 Paige's Ridge bursts from the glass with robust notes of black cherry, blackberry and lavender. The palate is concentrated, like a blackberry reduction, with velvety tannin. Notes of fine dark chocolate round out the experience.

### VINTAGE NOTES

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2018 was marked by a long and temperate growing season that allowed for an ideal harvest. The Pinot Noir vines began to emerge on March 31st. Annual rainfall was only 37.5 inches, 35% below average, however a large portion of this rain came in April. With spring rain filling the soil profile, the vines were able to thrive in the early growing season and continued to revel in moderate weather through May. Bloom occurred during the first days of June, and an idyllic summer allowed for a long ripening period. With high temperatures between 79 and 82 degrees throughout August, and a moderately cool September, we were able to pick precisely as the fruit reached phenolic ripeness, leading to wonderful tannin texture and exceptional aromatics.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

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We hand-picked each block and delivered firm, cool clusters to the winery before sunrise. We then hand-sorted and destemmed the fruit before transferring to tank, where seven days of cold maceration preceded more than two weeks of 100% native yeast fermentation. The free run wine was transferred to 100% new French oak for 15 months of aging.

### ACCLAIM

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"Almost opaque ruby/purple, it delivers a monster-sized bouquet of black raspberries, orange blossom, Asian spices, and graphite. With plenty of background oak, full-bodied richness, incredible purity of fruit, and a great, great finish, this is certainly not for the Burg-only crowd out there, yet the texture, balance, and power paired with elegance is straight-up sensational. Drink bottles any time over the coming decade or so." 99 points, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, May 2020

ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview AVA
BLOCK	8
CLONE	667
WINEMAKER	Todd Kohn
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	3.0 pounds
HARVESTED	September 22, 2018
BOTTLED	December 19, 2019
ALCOHOL	14.7%
pH	3.68
TA	5.5 g/L
PRODUCTION	47 cases