



WAYFARER

2018 PINOT NOIR WAYFARER VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

Explosive aromatics of violets, lavender, raspberry and blackberry abound as the 2018 Wayfarer Vineyard Pinot Noir opens in the glass. An elegant dance of juicy acidity and rich tannin play on the fresh palate, with notes of forest floor and dark chocolate on the finish. This is a vintage that will oblige early consumption, but given time in the cellar, patience will be handsomely rewarded.

VINTAGE NOTES

2018 was marked by a long and temperate growing season that allowed for a calm harvest. The Pinot Noir vines began to emerge on March 31st in block 5. Overall rainfall was 35% below our average, however a large portion of this rain came in April. With this 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. During harvest, we took advantage of perfect conditions and remained patient, picking precisely when the fruit was ready. Pinot Noir harvest began in block 20 on September 14th and concluded with block 30 on October 13th.

WINEMAKING NOTES

We hand-picked each block and delivered firm, cool clusters to the winery before sunrise. We then hand-sorted and de-stemmed the fruit before transferring to tank, where five to seven days of cold maceration preceded more than two weeks of 100% native yeast fermentation. The free run wine was transferred to 58% new French oak for 15 months of aging.

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“Moving to the Pinot Noirs, the 2018 Pinot Noir Wayfarer Vineyard was just about completely destemmed and spent 15 months in 58% new French oak. This deeper ruby/purple-hued effort offers an awesome bouquet of black raspberries, scorched earth, toasted spices, and flowery incense. It's rich, medium to full-bodied, and a stunning effort. It also happens to be made in terrific quantities, with just over 1,600 cases produced. Bravo!” 96 points, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, May 2020

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ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast
BLOCKS	3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26a, 30
CLONES	37, Bacigalupi Old Wente, Dijon 115, Dijon 667, Dijon 777, Hirsh, Hyde Old Wente, Pommard 4, Pommard 5, Swan, Wayfarer
WINEMAKER	Todd Kohn
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	2.8 pounds
HARVESTED	September, 2018
BOTTLED	December 19, 2019
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.49
PRODUCTION	1,650 cases

