

2019 Will's Cabin Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Will's Cabin vineyard is located on the fine, sandy soil known as "Vacqueros Sandstone." This vineyard is north-facing and therefore much cooler. We've planted Swan and Mount Eden Clones, which are widely used. We also have a clone called "Mariafeld," which originated in Switzerland and tends to add a little more tannin and darken the color of the wine.

"Lively and herby fruit aromas of brisk pomegranate, wild cherry and foggy forest floor make for a great entry to the wine, which comes from grapes planted at 2,300 feet. It lands with a serious weight on the palate, with rich red fruit and patchouli spice flavors lingering long."

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 93 points.

Member Price: \$61.20

Retail Price: \$72

2019 Windy Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Windy Hill Vineyard, re-planted in 2012, is perched on the very top of the Fogarty Estate at just under 2000 ft. These 2.5 acres, are buffeted by wind, drenched in fog and grown in desperately shallow soil. The wines are ethereal with red fruits, spice and distinct mineral notes.

"This bottling by winemaker Nathan Kandler, from a vineyard 2,000-feet up in the mountains, demonstrates tremendous concentration at stunningly low alcohol. Aromas of mulberry, mace and sandalwood lead into a rich and woody palate that's reminiscent of a summer-warmed pine forest, where wild elderberry shrubs and plum orchards bake in the sunshine."

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 96 points.

Member Price: \$66.30

Retail Price: \$78

2019 La Vida Bella Vineyard Pinot Noir

The La Vida Bella vineyard is located above the floor of the Pleasant Valley area of Corralitos. Joe Quink and Pam Minnis' site features a large swale on the northern section of the vineyard with some of the steepest terrain in the area.

"Deep, dark and penetrating aromas of dried cherry and sarsaparilla show on the nose of this bottling. Dusty herbs and shiitake flavors come through on the palate, where a hearty mouthfeel showcases baked plum and mulberry flavors as well."

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 92 points.

Member Price: \$52.70

Retail Price: \$62

2019 Vintage

The 2019 vintage will go down as a classic year in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Some unsettled weather in the spring resulted in poor flowering, lower yields in some blocks. The summer was warm, but not oppressively so—the lack of extreme heat events was a welcome change. Harvest began in mid-September, finishing up in mid to late October - relatively late compared to the recent string of early harvests.

The wines are concentrated with a fine balance of structure and fruit intensity. Site expression seems amplified; low yields and moderate temperatures often lead to some of our most singular and terroir driven wines. The wines drink surprisingly well in their youth and have all the components for a long life ahead. The only downside to the year are yields; the wines will be sought after and rare.



2019 Rapley Trail Vineyard Pinot Noir

Rapley Trail produces some of the most complex and interesting wines that we make. The top of the vineyards some of the darkest, richest soil on the property while the bottom is grey, lean and gravelly. While all the vintages of Rapley are distinct, they tend to have a common thread — an intoxicating, exotic spicy aroma.

"Roasted black cherry, cola spice, sandalwood, singed pine needle and a hint of earthy lanolin show on the nose of this excellent bottling from vines planted in 1983. The pine forest element is strong on the palate, giving minty depth to the tart pomegranate and richer red fruit flavors."

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 94 points.

Member Price: \$66.30

Retail Price: \$78

Gist Ranch Estate

The vineyard was densely planted in the year 2000 at elevations reaching 2300 feet above sea level, 17 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean. The heavily fractured, Vaqueros Sandstone soils and unique mountain micro-climate produce singular, deeply concentrated wines that demonstrate the power and elegance of the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation. The Gist Vineyard is farmed to organic principles with an emphasis on "Living Soils" and bio-diversity.

2018 Gist Ranch Estate Merlot

"Smashed cherry, dried herb and cocoa aromas make for an earthy nose on this bottling. There's an herbal tone to the palate, where red-fruit flavors meet with cracked pepper. Expect more cohesion with time. Drink now through 2030."

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 91 points.

Member Price: \$46.75

Retail Price: \$55

2014 Gist Ranch Estate 'Apex'

"The 2014 Apex Gist Ranch Estate is essentially the best four barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon off the property. Explosive, powerful and tannic the Apex hits all the right notes. Inky blue and purplish fruit, crème de cassis, menthol, lavender and sweet spices hit the palate in a sumptuous, structured Cabernet endowed with real pedigree and class. The 2014 Apex is the best wine I have tasted from Lexington yet."

– Antonio Galloni, Vinous. 94 points.

Member Price: \$85

Retail Price: \$100

2018 Vintage

2018 was another dry, but not particularly warm winter. This changes in early February. A system of high pressure brought daytime temperatures into the 70s, warming the dry soil and initiating bud break on the early side in some of our vineyard sites. In March an arctic cold front settled in and brought nighttime temperatures down to freezing, which risked frost damage to the new shoot growth.

Summer was mostly mild, leading to a slightly later harvest than other recent vintages. These wines are poised and complex with depth and structure. Yields were low due to the early spring, but this concentrated the wines, which leads us to believe that they have a long life ahead.

2014 Vintage

2014 was the second consecutive drought vintage and featured the earliest harvesting in our 30+ year history. Early bud-break and flowering combined with relatively warm weather throughout the growing season led to rapid development of sugar and flavor in many vineyards. Consequently, we had tremendous ripeness at relatively low sugars which produced wines with bright acidity and ample structure.