

## 2021 Summer Wine Release: Six Bottle Membership - Fogarty Red Wines

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### 2018 Mindego Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir (2 Bottles)

*Mindego Ridge Vineyard is located at the western end of Alpine Rd. near the town of La Honda. It is a perfectly exposed south facing hillside in a very cool spot. Planted in 2009, the nine acres of Pinot Noir here are lovingly farmed by Dave and Stacey Gollnick. The clay loam over shale soils produce wines of great intensity.*

**Vintage:** 2018 was another dry, but not particularly warm winter. This changed in early February. A system of high pressure brought daytime temperatures into the 70's, warming the dry soil and initiating bud break in the earlier sections of some of our vineyard sites. In March an arctic cold front settled in and brought nighttime temperatures down to freezing, risking frost damage to the new shoot growth. The Summer was mostly mild, leading to a normal to later harvest than other recent vintages. The wines are poised and complex with depth and structure.

**Tasting Note:** A generous mix of plum and cherry fruits with sage, damp earth, and violets. This juicy, Pinot has plenty of upfront appeal and will drink well over the next ten years.

**95 points, Wine Enthusiast**

Member Price: \$57.60

Retail Price: \$72

### 2017 Rapley Trail Vineyard 'Henry Ayrton's Block' Pinot Noir (2 Bottles)

*Henry Ayrton's Block, formerly known as the 'B' Block, lies at the lowest portion of the Rapley Trail Vineyard and is always the first block to ripen; its position at the bottom of the vineyard allows for some protection from the elements. The soil is fractured shale, shallow, and well-drained. These factors contribute to a unique flavor profile, great texture, and dense mouthfeel.*

**Vintage:** The 2017 vintage was another year of record setting heat, continuing our string of record setting temperatures. Luckily, Spring was mild and allowed us to set the best crop we have seen since 2012. A torrid heat spike over the labor day weekend started the growing season with a bang and had us off and running at sprinter's pace. The weather following was mild and allowed for the latest harvest we have seen in some time.

**Tasting Note:** Henry Ayrton's block has great texture and balance. The wine showcases red berries, plum, thyme, and minerality. Only two barrels produced.

**93 points, Wine Advocate**

Member Price: \$80

Retail Price: \$100

### 2016 Will's Cabin Vineyard Pinot Noir

*A mere 14 miles separates the vineyard and ocean, though it often basks in morning sun as it sits above the morning fog. This is an earlier ripening vineyard that produces wines that are seriously structured with a wild, mountain character that continues to impress us*

**Vintage:** The 2016 Vintage was another drought year, with early bud-break, bloom and veraison. Poor weather during the early bloom caused shatter and millerandage. Vine stress became an issue late in the year with many of our dry farmed vines showing water and nutrient stress for the first time. The resulting wines are bright and energetic with mid-weight personalities. They are profoundly aromatic and balanced wines that are site expressive and pure.

**Tasting Note:** Damiana Vineyard Chardonnay reveals minerality, tart citrus and tropical fruit characteristics, and has vibrant acidity and terrific balance.

**94 points, Wine Enthusiast**

Member Price: \$57.60

Retail Price: \$72