

2021 Summer Wine Release: Three Bottle Membership - Thomas Fogarty Wines Only

2018 Mindego Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir

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: \$61.20 Retail Price: \$72

2019 Damiana Vineyard Chardonnay

Our oldest vineyard, planted in 1978, often produces our densest and most opulent Chardonnay. It's exposure is primarily southwestern, which can mean more, which can mean more sun during the growing season; though this site is heavily influenced by maritime breeze most afternoons. Shallow top soils of fractured Lambert shale and mudstone limit vigor and lead to wines with great concentration and intensity.

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.

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

Member Price: \$57.80 Retail Price: \$68

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: Fantastic mountain Pinot Noir with aromatic red fruit and a wild forest/mountain spice character.

94 points, Wine Enthusiast

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