

2021 Summer Wine Release: Three Bottle Membership - Reds 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

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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2017 Lexington Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Franc

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.

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. It will go down as a vintage with good yields and potentially great quality.

Tasting Note: A mountain structured Cabernet Franc with aromas of red berries, floral, and spiced tones.

91 points, Wine Enthusiast

Member Price: \$55.25 Retail Price: \$65