

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.

Member Price: \$66.30 Retail Price: \$78

“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.

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.

Member Price: \$52.70 Retail Price: \$62

“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.

2017 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 topsoil of fractured Lambert shale and mudstone limit vigor and lead to wines with great concentration and intensity.

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

“Soft, creamy aromas of nectarine and apricot meet with warmer touches of butterscotch and crème fraîche on the light yet lush nose of this bottling. There’s a chalky, grippy texture to the sip, where a toasty backdrop upholds flavors of baked lemon, macadamia nut and sea salt.”

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 93 points.

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.

2017 Vintage

Record setting rains replenished our thirsty soils and gave our old vines a much needed reprieve from four drought stressed seasons. 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 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.

