

2019 Windy Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir - Two Bottles Included

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: \$62.40 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: \$49.60 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.

New Release: 2019 Mindego Ridge Vineyard Chardonnay

The vineyard sits on a dramatic, south-facing hillside that steeply slopes up to 950ft in elevation with shallow soils composed of silty clay loam over sandstone and fractured shale. Cool and tempered, just 8 miles from the Pacific and adjacent to redwoods, Dave and Stacey planted the vineyard in 2009 with a passion for farming and a mission to produce 100% estate grown, single-vineyard wines that authentically express the marine-influenced mountain terroir that is their home. 1.5 acres of the vineyard is planted to Robert Young and Dijon Chardonnay clones 17, 76 and 96.

Member Price: \$49.60 Retail Price: \$62

“This is an incredibly elegant and superbly subtle spin on Chardonnay, beginning with soft aromas of apple blossom, crisp Asian pear and wet stone. The palate is bright with citrus, rounded with light pineapple flavors and focused on a pithy, stony texture that carries extremely long into the finish. Will age for days, but too delicious to skip the immediate experience.”

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 97 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.

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.

2019 ‘Alma’ Sauvignon Blanc & Sémillon

“This blend of 61% Sauvignon Blanc and 39% Sémillon begins with reductive aromas of hay and dried grass then opens toward tart crab apple and fresher citrus rinds on the nose. Dried citrus and apple flavors arise on the palate, which is unique, oily in structure and needs time to blossom.”

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 91 points.

Member Price: \$38.40 Retail Price: \$48

2014 ‘Apex’ Cabernet Sauvignon

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.

“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: \$80 Retail Price: \$100