

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: \$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.

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.