

2019 Mindego Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir*Two Bottles Included*

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. This is one of the more exciting new plantings in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Member Price: \$57.60 Retail Price: \$72

“The 2019 Pinot Noir Mindego Ridge Vineyard captures all the personality of this site. Deceptively weightless in feel, the 2019 builds beautifully in the glass, showing a beguiling mix of translucent energy and structure. Sweet, dried cherry, mint, crushed rocks, rose petals and dried herbs are all beautifully laced together. This is made in an especially savory and mineral style, while the fruit is more pushed into the background.”

– Antonio Galloni, Vinous. 94 points.

2019 La Vida Bella Vineyard Chardonnay

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

“The 2019 Chardonnay La Vida Bella Vineyard is distinguished by its phenolic-like feel. As with the Pinot, the Vida Bella Chardonnay has a bit of structure driving its overall feel. Strong mineral, savory and earthy tones are front and center in this mid-weight yet potent Chardonnay from Fogarty. I would give this a year or two in the bottle. I very much like the weight and overall intensity, but the 2019 needs to soften a bit.”

– Antonio Galloni, Vinous. 94 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.



2018 Rapley Trail Vineyard 'Henry Ayrton's Block' Pinot Noir

Henry Ayrton's Block, formerly known as the 'B' Block, lies at the lowest portion of the Rapley Trail Vineyard and is always the first block to ripen; its position at the bottom of the vineyard allows for some protection from the elements. The soil is fractured shale, shallow, and well-drained. These factors contribute to a unique flavor profile, great texture, and dense mouthfeel.

Member Price: \$80 Retail Price: \$100

"Extremely elegant aromas of black-cherry cream, lavish purple flowers and even rich blueberry show on the nose of this bottling. There's a ripe boysenberry core to the palate, which is packaged in a silky texture and offers complex hints of tarragon, elderflower and mint. It offers an uplifting experience."

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 96 points.

2018 Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Franc

Two Bottles Included

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.

Member Price: \$52 Retail Price: \$65

" There's a focused line of blackberry to the core of the nose of this bottling, as well as warmer caramel and brown-spice elements, with black peppercorn on the edges. There's intense wood spice to the palate, with cracked pepper and herb lifting the core berry fruit."

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 92 points.

2018 Vintage

2018 was another dry, but not particularly warm winter. This changes in early February. A system of high pressure brought daytime temperatures into the 70s, warming the dry soil and initiating bud break on the early side in some of our vineyard sites. In March an arctic cold front settled in and brought nighttime temperatures down to freezing, which risked frost damage to the new shoot growth.

Summer was mostly mild, leading to a slightly later harvest than other recent vintages. These wines are poised and complex with depth and structure. Yields were low due to the early spring, but this concentrated the wines, which leads us to believe that they have a long life ahead.

