

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.

2015 Kent Berry Vineyard Pinot Noir

Two Bottles Included

Kent Berry Vineyard Pinot Noir is taut and nervy with great energy and precision. This shows the more linear side of Pinot Noir and can age with the best of them. Red fruit, tea, and five-spice flavors balance the mineral and steel character of the wine. The 2015 vintage is structured and dense with darker red fruits and loads of mountain spice.

Member Price: \$49.60

Retail Price: \$62

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.

2015 Vintage

The 2015 vintage was the lowest yielding vintage in our thirty-five-year history. March and early April were warm and dry, and things seemed to be headed in a positive direction. In mid-April a persistent trough parked off the coast of Northern California gave us five weeks of cold, wet and windy weather that killed off the blooming flowers in the vineyard and left with yields under .25 tons/acre in many vineyards. The good news is that quality is very, very high. The wines are immensely concentrated with tremendous intensity and life.

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

Two Bottles Included

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 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.

