

Thomas Fogarty



2017 Mindego Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir



Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



3.44

%

13.3% Alcohol



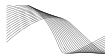
307 Cases
Produced



Elevation:
935 feet



Clay Loam soils



Composition:
100% Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Nathan Kandler
Vineyard Manager: Dave and
Stacey Gollnick

Vintage

Record setting rains replenished our thirsty soils and gave our old vines a much-needed reprieve from four drought-stressed seasons. The 2017 vintage was another year of record-setting heat, continuing a string of peak temperatures. Luckily, spring was mild, allowing us to set the best crop we saw since 2012. A torrid heat spike over the labor day started the growing season with a bang and had us off and running. The weather following was mild, allowing for the latest harvest we saw in some time. It will be remembered as a vintage with good yields and potentially great quality.

Vineyard

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.

Tasting Notes

The 2017 Pinot Noir Mindego Ridge Vineyard very slowly blossoms to aromas of red and black cherries, bay leaf, loam, dried flowers and hints of bouquet garni. The palate is medium-bodied and intense, gaining in amplitude as it swirls in the mouth. It has a firm, fine-grained frame and addicting juicy freshness, finishing long and spicy. -

Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate



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