

Thomas Fogarty



2019 Rapley Trail Vineyard Pinot Noir

'Henry Ayrton's Block'



Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



3.49



13.5% Alcohol



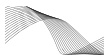
45.4 Cases
Produced



Elevation:
1650 feet



Lambert Shale soils



Composition:
100% Pinot Noir

Winegrower: Nathan Kandler
Vineyard Manager: Julio Deras

Vintage

The 2019 vintage will be remembered as a classic year in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Some unsettled weather in the spring resulted in poor flowering, and lower yields in certain blocks. The summer was warm but not oppressively so — the lack of extreme heat was a very welcome change from other recent years. Harvest began in mid-September, finishing up in mid- to late- October, which is 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 of the components necessary for a long life ahead. The only downside to this year is the low yields; these wines will be sought-after and rare.

Vineyard

The Rapley Trail Vineyard was planted in 1981 and consists of six contiguous acres of Pinot Noir vines on our Estate's rugged southeastern slopes. It was the backbone of our past "Estate Reserve" Pinot Noir, but beginning in 2002 we began to bottle portions of the vineyard separately. This "deconstruction" displays the unique aspects and interactions of soil and climate that accounts for grapes whose flavor is a direct product of where they are grown; this is terroir. The Rapley Trail Vineyard bottling is comprised of the various lots harvested from the vineyard, which in some years can be picked in as many as 7 passes. Henry Ayrton is a barrel select wine from the Rapley Trail Vineyard.

Tasting Notes

Black-raspberry-jam, rose-petal and lilac aromas meet with a wet rock minerality on the nose of this single-vineyard expression. The palate is loaded with those rocky flavors of gravel, granite and sandstone, settling into rich boysenberry and spice tones of star anise and clove.



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Winegrower commentary



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