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PINOT NOIR IS GAINING ACREAGE—AND ACCLAIM—IN REGIONS UP AND DOWN THE CALIFORNIA SEABOARD

By Kim Marcus



Winemaker Chantal Forthun of Flowers

PINOT NOIR'S groundswell across coastal California is wide and deep. And it seems far from cresting. The grape thrives amid one of the most extensive geographic spreads of any variety in the state, delivering delicious wines from Mendocino's Anderson Valley in the far north to the Sta. Rita Hills of Santa Barbara County on the south central coast. Pinot's ascendancy in the Golden State is reflective of its remarkable adaptability to a diversity of sites and its ability to express the characteristics of those sites as vintners have honed their skills in cultivating the grape.

Pinot Noir's triumph is as breathtaking as the beauty of the coastal regions it favors, and two of the many vineyards I have visited recently illustrate the emerging quality at the frontiers of grapegrowing, not to mention the perseverance of the producers exploring these regions.

One of the most dramatic settings for a vineyard in all of California is Sea View Ridge, owned by Flowers winery. This site lies only 2 miles from the cool waters of the Pacific Ocean in northern Sonoma County, yet grapes are able to flourish because Sea View Ridge sits above the reach of coastal fog for most of the day during the growing season, allowing the strong summer sun to ripen the fruit to maturity.

Sea View Ridge is truly at the edge of the continent, with the San Andreas Fault close by. The vineyard was established in 1996,

and most of its 43 acres, dominated by red volcanic soils, are planted to Pinot Noir. Winemaker Chantal Forthun says the *terroir* here produces wines with a lighter fruit profile and more restrained tannins in comparison to the bolder and riper styles that have been the hallmark of the state's Pinots from farther inland. "What's neat about these wines is that they offer strawberry, raspberry and rhubarb rather than plum and dark cherry," she notes.

I found those flavors and more in the Flowers Sea View Ridge 2016 (93 points on the *Wine Spectator* 100-point scale, \$75), a pure and powerfully juicy red, with plenty of toast and mineral accents. Forthun's wines, like those of many other producers that make bottlings from the immediate coast (such as Hirsch, Raen and Failla), fall at the mid- to low end of the alcohol content range, from about 12% to 13.5%. It's a trend that has become more pronounced as

grapegrowing has moved closer to the coast, where cooler temperatures result in lithe, precise wines.

More than 300 miles to the south, winemaker Kathleen Gaffney at Spear Winery in the Sta. Rita Hills is pursuing her own *terroir*-driven model. She uses all neutral oak to make the wine from the estate vineyard's 33 acres. "The reasoning behind using neutral barrels is to put the vineyard at the forefront and steer away from artificial flavors," Gaffney explains. And she's onto something in just her second vintage with the Spear Sta. Rita Hills 2017 (91, \$45), a fleshy wine with focused flavors of dried cherry and raspberry flanked by notes of crushed stone and brick.

The Spear estate is situated in the heart of the appellation on a north slope in hilly terrain that features limestone and where cool winds from the Pacific are funneled in by the east-west orientation of the terrain, unique for the Pacific coast. "The vineyard is certified organic," Gaffney says. "We're trying to present the consumer with an unadulterated presentation of the vineyard. A lot of [our] winemaking is to remove the human element." Her sentiments echo an aesthetic common among many of the state's Pinot Noir practitioners.

These wines are just two of the gems in the treasure trove that California Pinot Noir provides. Over the past year, I have tasted more than 650 Pinots, and the overall quality is very high. That more than 350 of them scored 90 points or higher attests to the breadth of California's success with Pinot Noir, even as more than 200 of those 90-plus wines came from Sonoma County, the state's heartland for the variety. (An alphabetical list of scores and prices for all wines tasted begins on page 48.)

In terms of vintages, 2016 and 2017, the two years most prominent among the current releases, offer contrasting flavor profiles. The 2016s are more balanced and powerful overall, as the weather



Spear winemaker Kathleen Gaffney uses neutral oak in order to let the *terroir* of the winery's organically farmed Sta. Rita Hills vineyards take center stage.

was benign through most of the growing season and vineyards in northern districts benefited from normal rainfall after a series of drought-affected vintages. The 2017 vintage was a touch problematic, with late-spring rains slowing vine growth in May and June,

Rating California Pinot Noir Vintages in Major Regions

	Anderson Valley	Carneros	Santa Barbara*	Santa Lucia Highlands	Sonoma**		
2017	87-90	89-92	87-90	91-94	87-90	Spring rains, a warm summer and a September heat wave; showy up front, but many wines lack structure	<i>NYR</i>
2016	92	90	91	92	94	Multiyear drought ends as winter rains return; a warm spring and moderate summer deliver elegant wines	<i>Drink or hold</i>
2015	87	87	91	89	92	Santa Barbara and Santa Lucia shine in a year marked by a large crop of tannic wines	<i>Drink or hold</i>
2014	88	88	89	93	92	Even higher yields than 2013, with fleshy, forward and showy wines; many approachable now	<i>Drink or hold</i>
2013	87	88	86	94	91	Another huge crop of generally high quality; slow to open and ageworthy	<i>Drink or hold</i>
2012	89	87	85	91	90	Record-size crop with atypically tannic wines; best in Santa Lucia Highlands	<i>Drink</i>
2011	86	87	87	93	87	Rain wreaked havoc at harvest, resulting in lighter wines of uneven quality	<i>Drink</i>

*Santa Barbara includes Santa Barbara, Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Ynez Valley and Edna Valley AVAs

**Sonoma includes Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma Mountain, Sonoma Valley, Green Valley and the Fort Ross-Seaview AVAs

A score range indicates preliminary analysis based on a limited sampling; many wines of the vintage not yet reviewed.

Vintage ratings: 95-100, classic; 90-94, outstanding; 85-89, very good; 80-84, good; 75-79, mediocre; 50-74, not recommended; NR, not rated. **Drinkability:** "NYR" means most of the wines of the vintage are yet to be released; "drink" means most of the wines of the vintage are ready to drink; "hold" means most of the ageworthy wines have yet to fully mature.



Bob Cabral makes nine Pinot Noirs for Three Sticks, including the standout Durell, most of them small-production single-vineyard bottlings, a trend with the grape.

followed by a warm summer climaxing in a searing heat wave in early September. At their best, the 2017s are showy up front, but they have less aging potential than the '16s.

Leading the pack in this report are four classic-scoring wines, each at 95 points, all richly styled and all hailing from Sonoma County, pointing to its continued dominance in producing the state's greatest Pinot Noirs. They also come from winemakers and vintners with long experience honing their craft—Mark Aubert (Aubert), Matt Courtney (Ferren), Anne Moller-Racke (Donum) and Bob Cabral (Three Sticks).

All four are also single-vineyard bottlings. The Aubert Sonoma Coast UV-SL Vineyard 2017 (\$85), with concentrated dark fruit flavors that turn plush and mineral, is from a vineyard in western Sonoma just 6 miles from the coast. Ferren Sonoma Coast Frei Road Vineyard 2016 (\$75), elegant, with layers of fruit and plenty of spicy notes, comes from a site a bit farther inland owned by top Sonoma growers the Martinelli family.

Winside Vineyard in western Sonoma is the source of Donum Russian River Valley Single Vineyard Reserve 2016 (\$100), with a savory undercurrent to dark fruit flavors that are packed with Asian spice notes.

And from one of the county's most famous vineyards, Durell, comes the Three Sticks Sonoma Coast Durell Vineyard 2016 (\$70), very refined, with a luscious creaminess and spicy richness.

Durell stands out in this group because its location, at the southern end of Sonoma Valley, straddling Carneros at the tip of the sprawling Sonoma Coast appellation, shows that top wines can be sourced from outside the confines of the Russian River drainage (the home of its classic-scoring peers in this report). Durell, owned by Three Sticks proprietor Bill Price since 1997, benefits from the experience of head winemaker Bob Cabral, who came to the winery from Russian River Pinot pioneer Williams Selyem in 2015.

Cabral oversees the making of nine Pinot Noirs at Three Sticks, most of which are small-production single-vineyard bottlings such as the Durell, a pattern increasingly common among California Pinot Noir houses.

"The great thing you've got is the vineyard, and we continue to explore site-specific blocks we can make wine out of," Cabral says. After fermentation using all indigenous yeasts, Cabral neither fines nor filters the wines, to better let the vineyard shine through. He also uses 20% to 25% whole clusters in fermentation to give the wines texture and depth. "We're experimenting and trying things that we think will work well with the various sites," he explains.

Other top Sonoma-based producers highlight the panoply of styles the county offers. Although exciting, the diversity is increasingly complex. My advice is to explore with an open mind and indulge in the cornucopia—if you ultimately discover a certain flavor, texture and body profile you like best, zero in on the producers who consistently deliver the goods.

The following Sonoma quartet scored 94 points. In the powerfully ripe style is the Argot Sonoma Mountain Estate Vineyard 2016 (\$75); firm and elegant is the Hirsch Sonoma Coast Block 8 2016 (\$95); Kerr Sonoma Coast 2016 (\$65) is opulent, rich and plush; and the Rochioli Russian River Valley Little Hill 2017 (\$86) offers a pure and mineral profile.



Donum contributed a classic-scoring Pinot Noir from its Winside Vineyard in Russian River Valley, north of the producer's Carneros winery, where the estate vineyards are punctuated by an extensive collection of contemporary sculpture.

TOP: WILDLY SIMPLE PRODUCTIONS; BOTTOM: ROBERT BERG

CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIR'S TOP *TERROIRS*

By Aaron Romano

Pinot Noir covers 45,000 acres in California, making it the state's third most widely planted fine wine grape (after Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon). The most exciting vineyards today lie within sight of coastal mountain ranges and are profoundly influenced by the cooling maritime power of the Pacific Ocean, transported by summer fogs or blustery winds channeled in during the summer months.

Pinot Noir excels in these cool environments because of the variety's early-to-bud and early-to-ripen nature. It is grown in a diversity of soil types that are key to many of the state's distinctive *terroirs*, whether the rich loamy deposits common to the interior valleys or the nutrient-poor soils prevalent on the immediate coast.

Highlighted below are the leading districts for the grape, organized from north to south. The regions discussed account for more than 90% of California's top-scoring Pinots in recent vintages.

Anderson Valley

Pinot Noir acreage: 2,500

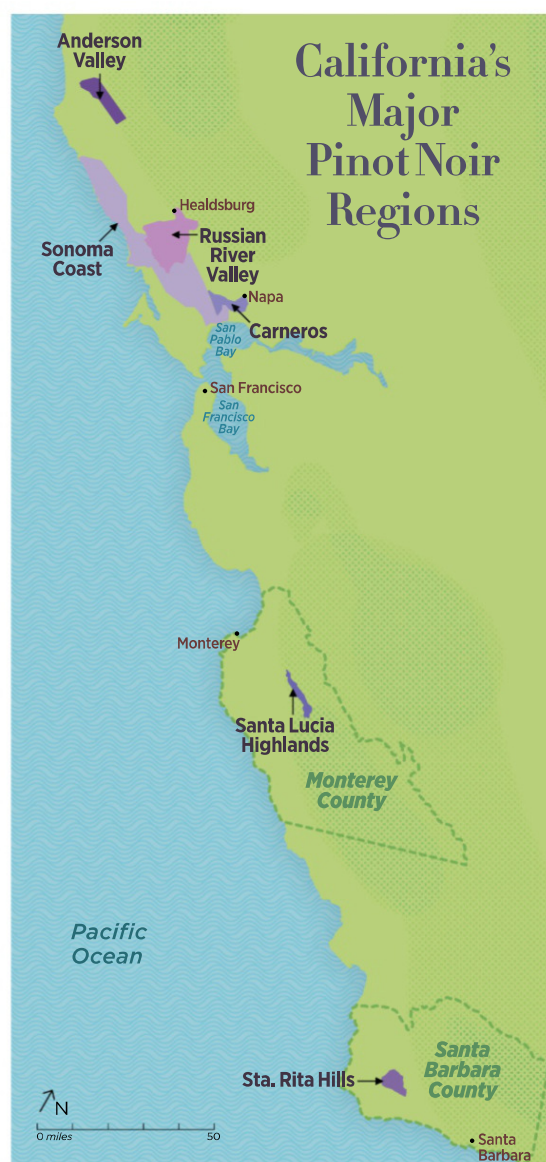
Standouts: Black Kite, Foursight, Goldeneye, Kendall-Jackson, Lazy Creek

Anderson Valley cuts 20 miles through the coastal ranges of Mendocino County just a few miles from the Pacific. It's a remote region, where steep hill-sides covered with redwoods and firs stretch up on either side of the valley. Many of the best vineyards sit on rolling terraces or ridgetops.

Growing grapes in Anderson Valley can be a challenge. It is classified in viticultural terms as a Region 1 growing area—the coolest climate in which grapes can be grown with any success. Still, the days do warm up in summer, occasionally even breaching 100° F in the inner part of the valley, which winemaker Joe Webb of Foursight credits for the quality of the wines. "Grapes that are grown under stress make better wines, and the coolness helps maintain structure and leads to nice tannin development," he says. Most bottlings from here lean toward a red fruit profile, and there's a loamy edge to many of the wines.



Goldeneye in Mendocino County's Anderson Valley



Sonoma Coast

Pinot Noir acreage: 3,800

Standouts: Aubert, Failla, Ferren, Flowers, Hirsch, La Crema, Marcassin, Peter Michael, Three Sticks, Sangiacomo, Wayfarer

Sonoma Coast is vast and somewhat ambiguous. Its name evokes vineyards planted within view of the ocean, but it covers 750 square miles from the Mendocino County border in the north to the Carneros border in the south, some 20 miles inland. It also overlaps with the interior Russian River appellation (see map above).

The area nearest to the coast is Fort Ross-Seaview, which has its own appellation status beginning north of the mouth of the Russian River. Most vineyards here are planted on ridgetops, some at more than 1,500 feet of elevation and above the fog line. Daytime temperatures often hover in the 70s, and the intensity of and exposure to the sun help grapes to fully ripen. Proximity to the ocean also moderates nighttime temperatures.

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The wines often balance richness and elegance. Those from vineyards closest to the coast can show more tannins, dried fruit character and vibrant acidity than those from more interior locations, such as the areas that overlap with the Russian River appellation, which feature riper, more concentrated and plusher flavors and textures. Farther inland, wines from the Petaluma Gap are broader, with elegant nuances.

Russian River Valley

Pinot Noir acreage: 2,181

Standouts: Arista, Dehlinger, DuMol, Gary Farrell, Paul Hobbs, Merry Edwards, Kanzler, Rochioli, Williams Selyem

Russian River Valley is the cradle of modern California Pinot Noir, with the AVA's Joseph Swan and Williams Selyem wineries among the early demonstrators of what Pinot could do in the Golden State. Warm days and cool nights make for nearly ideal growing conditions north and south of the river, with many of the best sites set on gently rolling terrain rich with the coveted soil complex called the Goldridge Formation, a sand- and loam-based strata.



Rochioli in the Russian River Valley of Sonoma County

In addition to the Goldridge Formation, there are fractured sandstone-based and alluvial deposits here. Local vintners are now focused on defining stylistic differences within the broader appellation based on climate and soils. So far, six subregions have been identified: Middle Reach, Laguna Ridge, Santa Rosa Plain, Sebastopol Hills, Eastern Hills and Green Valley (the only one of the six with its own AVA designation to date). Northern vineyards, such as those in the Middle Reach, show riper flavors, textures and tannins, whereas the southern and western plots, especially those in Green Valley, deliver wines with firmer grip and brighter acidity.

Russian River Valley wines are notable for their fruit concentration and focus, and are especially rich with red berry and cherry flavors backed by plentiful acidity and firm tannins, the hallmarks of great Pinot the world over. There are also added nuances of smoke and earth, with vibrant, spicy accents, making the wines both complex and cellarworthy.

Carneros

Pinot Noir acreage: 3,713

Standouts: Bouchaine, Cuvaison, Donum, Saintsbury

Carneros straddles Sonoma and Napa counties just north of San Pablo Bay, and has long been a proving ground for Pinot Noir in California. In 1942, Louis M. Martini Winery bought 200 acres and undertook experimental

plantings. But vineyard and winery development really took off in the 1980s, and the pace has only accelerated since then.

Vines are planted mostly on rolling hills. The influence of morning fog and almost constant breezes, as well as warm afternoons in summer, produces distinctly spicy and savory wines, with peppery and mineral accents. The soils are dense with clay and can be extremely shallow, often only a yard deep before hitting hardpan, which accentuates the savory notes.

Monterey County

Pinot Noir acreage: 10,118

Standouts: Lucia, Morgan, Roar, Wrath

Monterey is dominated by the 90-mile-long Salinas Valley, one of the nation's richest agricultural regions, and is home to a growing number of vineyards, most notably on its western flanks near the base of the hulking Santa Lucia Mountains. The weather gets warmer as you move south away from the valley's mouth at the Pacific, which in the summer functions almost like a vortex for maritime air.

Soils throughout Monterey are composed mostly of loam and sand, though there are granitic and volcanic outcroppings as well. Wind is the dominant influence, particularly in Santa Lucia Highlands, which has become Monterey's star appellation, where the vineyards are planted on southeast-facing terraces. Warm days quickly cool down when afternoon winds pick up, slowing the grapes' maturation process. This leads to an intense varietal character. Talbott Vineyards winemaker David Coventry notes that Santa Lucia wines are easily defined by geography: The northern vineyards are cooler and windier, yielding wines with more acidity and structure; the southern vineyards deliver broader, juicier styles.

The Arroyo Seco appellation, south of Santa Lucia, offers a riper style. Also within Monterey County is Chalone, a small appellation situated 1,800 feet above the Salinas Valley. With just 300 acres under vine, the AVA's most notable feature is its limestone and granite soils. The area sits above the fog line but still benefits from nighttime cooling, resulting in concentrated wines, often with pronounced aromatics.

Santa Barbara County

Pinot Noir acreage: 5,751

Standouts: Alma Rosa, Au Bon Climat, Brewer-Clifton, Fess Parker, Foley, Sanford, Walt

Santa Barbara County is a sprawling winegrowing region, and the only place in the Western Hemisphere where the coastal mountain ranges are oriented prominently east-west as opposed to north-south. Brewer-Clifton winemaker Greg Brewer points to the unobstructed intake of marine air from the Pacific as key to Santa Barbara's success. "It's the voice of the ocean that pulses through the valley and leads to the aesthetic of the wines," he says.

Brewer-Clifton is located in the Sta. Rita Hills in the central part of the county, which is bisected by the Santa Ynez River. It has become the center of Santa Barbara's Pinot production and comprises many new and smaller vineyard plantings sited on slopes and small vales that feature chalklike diatomaceous deposits that give the wines verve. A slow, steady ripening provides a large window for harvesting, allowing individual winemakers to articulate the vineyards in their own way. In general, though, the wines are fruit-driven, backed by ample natural acidity and structure, often showing a pulse of minerality and spice.

Another important district is Santa Maria Valley in the north, which features large, historic vineyards such as Bien Nacido and Tepusquet. □



WINE	PRICE	SCORE
CLARICE WINE CO.		
Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands 2017	\$85	89
Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Garys' Vineyard 2017	\$85	90
Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Rosella's Vineyard 2017	\$85	91
CLINE		
Pinot Noir Sonoma County 2017	\$15	87
COBDEN WINI		
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Reserve 2016	\$75	90
RYAN COCHRANE		
Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Fiddlestix Vineyard 2016	\$46	91
COHO		
Pinot Noir Los Carneros Stanly Ranch 2015	\$45	90
CONTOUR		
Pinot Noir California 2017	\$14	84
FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION		
Pinot Noir Monterey County NV (250ml)	\$NA	83
CROSSBARN		
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2017	\$37	91
CUVAISON		
Pinot Noir Napa Valley Los Carneros 2017	\$42	90
Pinot Noir Napa Valley Los Carneros 2016	\$42	91
Pinot Noir Napa Valley Los Carneros Mariafeld 2017	\$50	91
Pinot Noir Napa Valley Los Carneros Spire 2017	\$55	92
DAVIES VINEYARDS		
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Ferrington Vineyards 2016	\$70	90
Pinot Noir Fort Ross-Seaview Nobles Vineyard 2016	\$70	89
Pinot Noir Napa Valley Carneros Hyde Vineyards 2016	\$70	90
DE LOACH		
Pinot Noir Marin County Marin 2016	\$45	90
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2016	\$25	90
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley O.F.S. 2016	\$40	87
Pinot Noir Sonoma Mountain Van Der Kamp Vineyard 2016	\$60	92
DECOY		
Pinot Noir Sonoma County 2017	\$25	84

WINE	PRICE	SCORE
DEHLINGER		
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Altamont 2016	\$62	90
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Goldridge 2016	\$52	91
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Renatus 2016	\$52	89
DIERBERG		
Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley Dierberg Vineyard 2016	\$44	89
Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Drum Canyon Vineyard 2016	\$52	88
DIORA		
Pinot Noir Monterey La Petite Grace 2016	\$30	88
DOMAINE ANDERSON		
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Dach Vineyard 2014	\$55	90
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Pinoli Vineyard 2014	\$55	91
DOMAINE DELLA		
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2017	\$65	91
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2017	\$65	91
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Terra de Promissio 2017	\$75	92
DONUM		
Pinot Noir Carneros Single Vineyard 2016	\$80	91
Pinot Noir Carneros West Slope Single Vineyard 2016	\$120	93
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Single Vineyard 2016	\$80	93
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Single Vineyard Reserve 2016	\$100	95
DRAGONETTE		
Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills 2016	\$45	91
DRISCOLL		
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Tilth 2017	\$38	88
DUMOL		
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley DuMol Estate Vineyard 2016	\$86	93
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Finn 2016	\$86	92
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Highland Divide 2017	\$60	91
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Ryan Widdoes Vineyard 2016	\$79	92
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Joy Road Vineyard 2017	\$79	90
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Wildrose Estate 2016	\$79	92

WINE	PRICE	SCORE
DUTTON ESTATE		
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Karmen Isabella-Dutton Ranch 2016	\$46	91
DUTTON-GOLDFIELD		
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Angel Camp Vineyard 2016	\$58	93
Pinot Noir Green Valley of Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch Emerald Ridge Vineyard 2016	\$62	91
Pinot Noir Green Valley of Russian River Valley Fox Den Vineyard 2016	\$62	92
Pinot Noir Marin County Devil's Gulch Vineyard 2016	\$72	90
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch 2017	\$45	92
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch Freestone Hill Vineyard 2016	\$72	91
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Deviate 2016	\$72	91
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Redwood Ridge 2016	\$62	91
EDEN RIFT		
Pinot Noir Cienega Valley 2017	\$48	86
Pinot Noir Cienega Valley Reserve 2017	\$72	83
EDNA VALLEY		
Pinot Noir Central Coast 2017	\$18	86
Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Reserve 2016	\$50	91
MERRY EDWARDS		
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2017	\$51	88
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Bucher 2017	\$63	89
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Coopersmith 2017	\$66	89
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Flax Vineyard 2016	\$63	89
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Georganne 2017	\$63	92
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Klopp Ranch 2016	\$66	90
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Meredith Estate 2016	\$68	90
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Olivet Lane 2017	\$68	91
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Vintage 20 2016	\$120	91
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2016	\$48	89
EKTIMO		
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2016	\$34	90
EL MOLINO		
Pinot Noir Rutherford 2015	\$70	93

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ERIC KENT

Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Stiling Vineyard 2016	\$52	89
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Sascha Marie 2016	\$52	92
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Small Town 2016	\$52	91

ETUDE

Pinot Noir Carneros Grace Benoist Ranch 2016	\$47	89
Pinot Noir Carneros Heirloom Grace Benoist Ranch 2016	\$95	92
Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley North Canyon Vineyard 2016	\$45	89
Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Fiddlestick Vineyard 2016	\$45	88

FAILLA

Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Savoy Vineyard 2017	\$58	91
Pinot Noir Fort Ross-Seaview Estate Vineyard 2017	\$85	93
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Keefer Ranch 2017	\$52	93
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Hirsch Vineyard 2017	\$85	91
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Lola 2017	\$48	92
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Occidental Ridge Vineyard 2017	\$80	90
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Peay Vineyard 2017	\$70	88

GARY FARRELL

Pinot Noir Fort Ross-Seaview Fort Ross Vineyard 2016	\$75	90
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Bacigalupi Vineyard 2015	\$65	90
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Hallberg Vineyard - Dijon Clones 2016	\$60	93
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Lancel Creek Vineyard 2016	\$60	89
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley McDonald Mountain Vineyard 2015	\$65	89
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Rochioli Vineyard 2016	\$80	92
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Rochioli-Allen Vineyards 2016	\$80	91
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Russian River Selection 2016	\$45	90

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Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Toboni Vineyard 2016	\$55	90
Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley Bien Nacido Vineyard 2016	\$70	89
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Gap's Crown Vineyard 2015	\$75	91

FERRARI-CARANO

Pinot Noir Anderson Valley 2016	\$32	88
Pinot Noir Mendocino Ridge Sky High Ranch Vineyard Select Collection 2016	\$52	92

FERREN

Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2016	\$60	92
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Frei Road Vineyard 2016	\$75	95
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Silver Eagle Vineyard 2016	\$75	94

FLOWERS

Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2017	\$50	92
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2017	\$50	92
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Camp Meeting Ridge 2016	\$90	92
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Sea View Ridge 2016	\$75	93

FOLEY

Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Bar Lazy S Ranch 2016	\$55	89
Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Barrel Select 2016	\$68	91
Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Rancho Santa Rosa 2016	\$40	82
Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills T Anchor Ranch 2016	\$55	90

FOLE À DEUX

Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2017	\$20	89
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FOURSIGHT WINES

Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Charles Vineyard 2015	\$48	88
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Parabol 2016	\$60	90
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Zero Charles Vineyard 2015	\$39	89

FOXEN

Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley Block 8 Bien Nacido Vineyard 2016	\$64	89
Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills John Sebastiano Vineyard 2016	\$54	90

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Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills La Encantada Vineyard 2016	\$62	91
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FRIEDEMANN

Pinot Noir Russian River Valley UV Lancel Creek Vineyard 2017	\$60	90
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2017	\$40	92

GEHRICKE

Pinot Noir Los Carneros 2015	\$32	90
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GLORIA FERRER

Pinot Noir Carneros 2015	\$27	89
Pinot Noir Carneros Dijon Clone Selection Reserve 2014	\$70	86
Pinot Noir Carneros Gravel Knob Vineyard Reserve 2015	\$50	88
Pinot Noir Carneros José S. Ferrer Selection Reserve 2015	\$55	89
Pinot Noir Carneros Rust Rock Vineyard Reserve 2015	\$50	87

GOLDENEYE

Pinot Noir Anderson Valley 2016	\$58	92
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Confluence Vineyard 2016	\$86	94
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Gowan Creek Vineyard 2016	\$86	90
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Split Rail Vineyard 2016	\$86	90
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Ten Degrees 2016	\$125	91
Pinot Noir Anderson Valley The Narrows Vineyard 2016	\$86	92

GUARACHI

Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2016	\$75	87
Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Gap's Crown Vineyard 2016	\$75	89

HAHN

Pinot Noir Arroyo Seco 2017	\$14	86
Pinot Noir Monterey County 2017	\$15	87
Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands SLH 2017	\$30	84

HANZELL

Pinot Noir Sonoma Valley 2016	\$98	91
Pinot Noir Sonoma Valley Sebella 2017	\$45	93

WILLIAM HILL

Pinot Noir Central Coast 2016	\$18	86
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HILLIARD BRUCE

Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Moon 2016	\$75	89
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