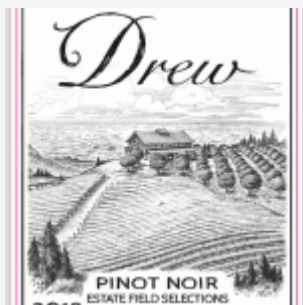


Drew Mendocino Ridge Estate Field Selections Pinot Noir 2018

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2018
GRAPE Pinot Noir
GEOGRAPHY Not Europe
COUNTRY USA
LARGER REGION California
SMALLER REGION Mendocino County

Rationale

Pinot Noir is capable of some of the most exquisite examples of red wine imaginable. Unfortunately, in many spots globally, it is at the mercy of fickle weather and, as such, less than spectacular harvests making it one of the most challenging grape varieties to produce. California's moderate Mediterranean-like weather combined with cool coastal enclaves -- from Anderson Valley in the north to Santa Barbara in the south -- provides Pinot Noir growers more security in their efforts to cultivate this most difficult of grape varieties.

Mendocino County: The Pinots are crisp, and lighter on their feet than their Sonoma cousins. The sandier soils and Northern latitudes produce floral tones not found elsewhere. Pinots display red berries, plums, cherry tomatoes, sour red cherry, Orange Pekoe tea, and bay leaves.

With over 25 years in the wine business in Central and Northern California, Jason Drew brings a vast depth of knowledge and a holistic perspective to his winemaking. He focuses on small lot coastal Pinot Noir and Syrah from Anderson Valley and the Mendocino Ridge. This wine is from their estate vineyard on Faite De Mer Farm on the far western coastal edge of the Mendocino Ridge.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Day Bright
CLARITY Clear
COLOR DEPTH Light
COLOR Ruby
RIM VARIATION Ruby
Stained Tears: None

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry
ACID Med+
ALCOHOL Med+
TANNIN Med+
TEXTURE Lean / Tart
FINISH Long
COMPLEXITY High

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry • Pomegranate • Strawberry
Condition: Fresh, Ripe

BLACK FRUIT Black Raspberry • Black Cherry • Blackberry *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*

CITRUS FRUIT Mandarin • Orange *Condition: Fresh, Raisinated / Dried Part: Flesh, Peel / Zest*

FLORAL Lilac • Hibiscus • Rose *Condition: Fresh*

OTHER VEGETABLE Mushrooms (Brown) • Fennel / Anise • Mushrooms (White) • Tomato Leaf • Ginger / Root

HERBAL Pine / Sap • Tea Leaf / Bergamot • Basil • Rosemary • Laurel / Bay Leaf

OTHER SPICES Sarsaparilla • Sassafras • Licorice (Red) • Paprika / Pimenton

ORGANIC EARTH Forest Floor • Turned Dirt / Potting Soil

INORGANIC EARTH Mineral / Rock

OAK AGING Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*

OAK INFLUENCE Blended Oak

OXIDATION/NUITNESS Hazelnut • Walnut • Chestnut

PERCEIVED WINEMAKING CHOICES Partial / Whole Cluster