

Thomas Fogarty



2018 Mindego Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir

Vintage



Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



3.54

%

14% Alcohol



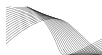
395 Cases
Produced



Elevation:
2200 feet



Clay loam soils



Composition:
100% Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Nathan Kandler
Vineyard Manager: Dave and Stacey
Gollnick

2018 was another dry, not particularly warm winter. In early February, however, a high pressure system brought daytime temperatures into the 70s, warming dry soil and initiating bud break in the earlier sections of some vineyard sites. False springs of this nature - with record high temperatures - have become much more common in recent years. In March, an arctic cold front brought nighttime temperatures down to freezing, risking frost damage to the new shoot growth. The summer was mostly mild, leading to a normal to late harvest compared to other recent vintages. Yields were low because of the early spring, concentrating the wines and leading us to believe they have a long life ahead. The wines are poised and complex, with depth and structure.

Vineyard

Mindego Ridge Vineyard is located at the western end of Alpine Road 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 2018 Pinot Noir Mindego Ridge Vineyard is one of the finest wines I have ever tasted from Fogarty. Rich, deep and explosive, the 2018 possesses remarkable depth and tons of sheer intensity. Black cherry, lavender, spice, rose petal and dried herbs infuse the profound 2018. This statuesque, layered Pinot is pure magic. Antonio Galloni, Vinous



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