

# 2021 Mindego Ridge Vineyard Chardonnay

*Thomas Fogarty*



Santa Cruz  
Mountain AVA



3.37



12.10%  
Alcohol



147 Cases  
Produced



Elevation:  
1890 feet



Sandy Loam,  
Lambert Shale



Composition:  
100% Chardonnay

Winegrower:  
Nathan Kandler  
Vineyard Manager:  
Julio Deras

## VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was a welcome change from the catastrophe of 2020, which saw devastating fires throughout the region. Harvest began for Pinot Noir in early September, an average historical starting date. Sugar and acidity levels tracked well, and while the crop size was shorter than we would prefer, we were able to harvest perfectly ripened fruit at a reasonable pace. The resulting wines have excellent balance and intensity. In comparison to our most recent vintages, there are some similarities to 2019 in that the wines possess great elegance and site specificity.

## VINEYARD

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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

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Delicate aromas of pear and peach meet with crushed granite and chalk on the nose of this bottling from atop the mountains. The clay-like mineral tones are subtle on the palate, giving a backdrop to the brisk melon peel and damp herb flavors. — *Matt Kettmann*

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