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**JEB DUNNUCK**

**99**  
POINTS

**2017**  
JENNIFER'S  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
CHARDONNAY

From the Russian River and a windy, cool vineyard near Sebastopol, the 2017 Chardonnay Jennifer's (100% old Wente clone) was fermented and aged 16 months in 30% new French oak. It's one of the more dense, concentrated wines in the lineup and offers gorgeous caramelized pineapple, flower oil, chalky minerality, brioche, and lemon curd-like aromas and flavors. Rich, full-bodied, and concentrated, it packs an incredible amount of intensity yet still stays chiseled, elegant, and focused on the palate, with incredible length. It's a stunning wine in every sense. Drink bottles any time over the coming decade. – J.D., May 2020

**99**  
POINTS

**2017**  
SEASCAPE VINEYARD  
SONOMA COAST  
CHARDONNAY

Coming from a site on a panoramic ridgetop located at 1150 feet in elevation, west of the town of Occidental and facing Bodega Bay, the 2017 Chardonnay Seascape Vineyard is another magical effort from this estate and is a quintessential Sonoma Coast Chardonnay. White flowers, salty minerality, apple blossom, and tart pineapple all emerge from the glass, and it's medium to full-bodied and has a wonderful purity, bright (almost racy) acidity, and a great finish. Brought up in 42% new French oak, it shows almost no trace of its élevage, and while tight and slightly closed on the palate, it's nevertheless insanely good. Give bottles another year and enjoy over the following decade. – J.D., May 2020

**98**  
POINTS

**2017**  
STONE CÔTE VINEYARD  
SONOMA COAST  
CHARDONNAY

From a site on the Sonoma Coast (this comes all from a block within the Durell Vineyard), the 2017 Chardonnay Stone Côte Vineyard reminds me of a Grand Cru Chablis on steroids, with gorgeous lemon curd, iodine, white flowers, crushed chalky, and a touch of green almond, with its oak beautifully integrated. Showing medium to full-bodied richness as well as flawless balance, this is a Chardonnay that builds with time in the glass as well as on the palate and has bright, salty acidity and incredible length. Beautifully done, it's another thrilling Chardonnay from this estate. – J.D., May 2020

**96**  
POINTS

**2017**  
FAR COAST VINEYARD  
SONOMA COAST  
CHARDONNAY

Chassagne-Montrachet-like notes of white flowers, crushed chalk, toasted brioche, honeyed orchard fruits, and a liquid rock-like minerality all emerge from the 2017 Chardonnay Far Coast Vineyard. A beautifully balanced, elegant white from this estate, it builds on the palate, showing a distinct salinity, medium to full-bodied richness, bright acidity, and a great, clean, blockbuster styled finish. This is pure class and just a complete, gorgeous Chardonnay to enjoy over the coming 7-8 years or more. – J.D., May 2020

**95**  
POINTS

**2018**  
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
CHARDONNAY

More brioche, honeysuckle, pineapple, and caramelized citrus notes all emerge from the 2018 Chardonnay Four Hearts Vineyards, which is beautifully balanced, medium to full-bodied, and textured on the palate. It shows the more supple, easygoing style of the vintage for Chardonnay yet still has beautiful freshness, good concentration, and a great finish. – J.D., May 2020

**95**  
POINTS

**2017**  
THREE JACKS VINEYARD  
GREEN VALLEY OF THE  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
CHARDONNAY

Another release from the cooler, Green Valley region of the Russian River Valley, the 2017 Chardonnay Three Jacks Vineyard comes from vines planted in 1995 (clones: old Wente, Rued, Dijon 95 and Clone 15) and was fermented and aged in one-third new French oak. Baked apples, toasted bread, spice, honeycomb, and caramelized pineapple notes all dominate the bouquet, and this beauty has a touch of Meursault-like style in its rich, powerful, waxy, honeyed profile. Balanced and textured, with good acidity and a great finish, it's another seriously good Chardonnay from this estate to drink over the following 7-8 years. – J.D., May 2020

**94**  
POINTS

**2017**  
FOG DANCE VINEYARD  
GREEN VALLEY OF THE  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
CHARDONNAY

Brought up in 40% new French oak, the 2017 Chardonnay Fog Dance Vineyard comes from the Green Valley portion of the Russian River and has an exuberant, upfront array of tropical fruits, caramelized pineapple, white flower, orange blossom, and brioche. This beauty is rich and opulently textured, with its oak pushed all the way into the background, and follows with a great finish. It's brilliant stuff. – J.D., May 2020



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POINTS

2017  
SEVEN'S BEACH VINEYARD  
LOS CARNEROS  
CHARDONNAY

Buttered lemons, acacia flowers, toasted brioche, and a touch of pineapple all define the 2017 Chardonnay Sevens Bench Vineyard. Coming from a vineyard in the cooler Carneros region of Napa Valley, it has terrific ripeness as well as brilliant purity of fruit. Its acidity is nicely integrated, and while it's already hard to resist, it's going to evolve for a solid decade. – J.D., May 2020

92  
POINTS

2017  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
CHARDONNAY

Leading off the Chardonnays (there are two early release 2018s), the appellation 2018 Chardonnay Russian River Valley is a great introduction into the wines of this estate and has a richer, expansive, medium to full-bodied style offering lots of golden apple, musky pineapple, brioche, and honeysuckle aromas and flavors. It's a textured, beautifully balanced, superb appellation Chardonnay to enjoy over the coming 4-5 years. – J.D., May 2020

97  
POINTS

2017  
FAR COAST VINEYARD  
SONOMA COAST  
PINOT NOIR

Coming from a block located on a northern facing ridge north of Fort Ross, on the Sonoma Coast, the 2017 Pinot Noir Far Coast Vineyard was destemmed and spent 17 months in 32% new French oak. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, it offers a deeper, richer, more savory bouquet of black cherry and darker currant fruits as well as loads of ground herbs, chocolate, forest floor, and spice. This rich, opulent, incredibly sexy Pinot Noir has a wealth of fruit, a rounded, seamless texture, and a great finish. It's a rock star in this stacked lineup and a gem of a wine in the vintage. I love it! – J.D., May 2020

97  
POINTS

2017  
JENNIFER'S  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

One of the standouts in the lineup, the 2017 Pinot Noir Jennifer's comes from a vineyard south of Sebastopol, which sees lots of influence from the Petaluma Gap. Brought up largely in neutral oak (32% new), its deeper ruby/purple hue is followed by terrific notes of black raspberries, cedarwood, bay leaf, forest floor, and graphite. This head-turner is medium-bodied and has beautiful concentration, bright yet integrated acidity, and a killer finish. Locked and loaded, it needs 2-3 years of bottle age at a minimum, and my money is on it drinking brilliantly at age 20. It's a stunning, singular wine from this estate! – J.D., May 2020

96+  
POINTS

2017  
ARRENDELL VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

Coming from an incredibly cold site in the Russian River Valley that was planted in 1975 to the heritage Martini clone, the 2017 Pinot Noir Arrendell Vineyard was completely destemmed and spent 16 months in 44% new French oak, which is on the higher end for this estate. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, it offers a more fresh, focused, backward style to go with classy Bing cherry and raspberry fruits as well as notes of spice, sappy herbs, and spring flowers. It has a kiss of background oak (which will be integrated with 1-2 years of bottle age), good acidity, and ripe tannins, yet unquestionably needs 2-3 years of bottle age to show its full potential. This beautiful, potential-packed beauty that will be one of the longer-lived releases here. – J.D., May 2020

96+  
POINTS

2017  
SEASCAPE VINEYARD  
SONOMA COAST  
PINOT NOIR

Coming from the Sonoma Coast, the 2017 Pinot Noir Seascape Vineyard nevertheless seems to have a touch of Russian River-like opulence and power, showing loads of mulberry and cranberry fruit as well as notes of scorched earth, graphite, licorice, and damp forest floor. Rich, concentrated, and medium to full-bodied, it shows the more focused, backward, chiseled style of the vintage yet is far from austere or angular. The cellar will be your friend on this one, and a solid 2-3 years of bottle age are warranted. Nevertheless, it's packed with potential. – J.D., May 2020

95+  
POINTS

2017  
VELVET SISTERS  
ANDERSON VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

From the Anderson Valley and a mix of clones (115, 667, 777 and Pommard), aged 16 months in 34% new French oak, the 2017 Pinot Noir Velvet Sisters reveals a ruby/translucent color to go with a kiss of the blue fruit that's always present in Anderson Valley Pinots intermixed with Bing cherries, savory herbs, dried earth, and candied violets. Playing in the medium-bodied end of the spectrum, it has good acidity, plenty of structure, and a great finish, yet its seamless, pure texture is what stands out. My money is on this blossoming with 2-3 years of bottle age, and it's going to drink nicely for a decade. It's impressive. – J.D., May 2020



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**2017**  
FOG DANCE VINEYARD  
GREEN VALLEY OF THE  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir Fog Dance Vineyard comes from a vineyard located on a hillside in Green Valley, south of the town of Forestville (which gets a lot of fog, hence the name), and was brought up in 47% new French oak. It shows its cooler region nicely yet still has plenty of richness and depth, offering spiced cherry and berry fruits as well as autumn leaves, spice, and dried herb aromas and flavors. Silky, medium to full-bodied, and beautifully balanced, It's a complete, thoroughly satisfying Pinot Noir that has the capacity to evolve positively for a solid 7-8 years. – J.D., May 2020

**95**  
POINTS

**2018**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

Starting with the 2018 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley, which comes from multiple sites and was brought up in 27% new French oak, it has a vivid ruby hue to go with classic Russian River notes of mulled cherry and raspberry fruits, cola, spice box, and dried herbs. Medium-bodied, round, and beautifully textured, it's a totally charming, balanced, elegant Pinot Noir that punches way above its weight. – J.D., May 2020

**94+**  
POINTS

**2017**  
HAILEY'S BLOCK  
GREEN VALLEY OF THE  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir Hailey's Block comes from the Arrendell Vineyard, which is a cold site in the Green Valley sector of the Russian River Valley. From a block named after Don and Jennifer Hartford's daughter, it was all destemmed and spent 17 months in 32% new French oak. It shares plenty of similarities to the Arrendell Vineyard release yet is slightly more approachable, with lots of spice, cherry cola, sappy spring flowers, and forest floor aromas and flavors. It nevertheless has the more focused, pure, and locked-and-loaded style, and is going to benefit from 2-3 years of bottle age. It's a beautiful wine. – J.D., May 2020

**94+**  
POINTS

**2017**  
SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD  
LOS CARNEROS  
PINOT NOIR

Coming from Carneros and aged 17 months in one-third new French oak, the 2017 Pinot Noir Seven's Bench sports a medium ruby/purple color as well as a big nose of spiced cherries, candied orange peel, violets, and spicy oak. Rich, medium to full-bodied, beautifully textured, and concentrated on the palate, it's another serious release from this estate that's going to reward 2-3 years of bottle age. – J.D., May 2020

**94**  
POINTS

**2018**  
LAND'S EDGE VINEYARDS  
SONOMA COAST  
PINOT NOIR

Coming from the Far Coast and Seascape Vineyard (both on the Sonoma Coast), the 2017 Pinot Noir Land's Edge Vineyards has a spicy, complex, incredibly attractive style that shows lots of upfront red and black fruits, dried herbs, and loamy earth aromatics, medium to full body, a rounded, supple texture, and a great finish. It's a great value play in this portfolio and I'd happily drink bottles over the coming 7-8 years. – J.D., May 2020

**93**  
POINTS

**2017**  
MACLEAN'S BLOCK  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

Named for Don & Jennifer Hartford's son MacLean and from a vineyard located east of the town of Occidental, the 2017 Pinot Noir Maclean's Block spent 17 months in 38% new French oak and was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Spiced cherries, mulberries, dried flowers, black tea, and some forest floor/autumn leaf notes all emerge from the glass, and it's one of the plumper, more sweetly fruited, and slightly straightforward wines in the lineup. Nevertheless, it brings the fruit and texture and is a textbook Russian River Pinot Noir. – J.D., May 2020

**92**  
POINTS

**2017**  
MULDUNE TRAIL  
ANDERSON VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

Savory spice, dried herbs, rose petal, earth, mulled cherry, and cranberry notes all emerge from the 2017 Pinot Noir Muldune Trail, which comes from an estate vineyard in the southern end of the Anderson Valley, located at 1,600 feet in elevation. Aged 17 months in 42% new French oak and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, it's medium-bodied, elegant, and ethereally styled, with light tannins and solid length. It's going to keep for 7-8 years, but it's not one of the more singular wines in the lineup. – J.D., May 2020