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POINTS

2016
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

In the same league as the 2015 and flirting with perfection, the 2016 Chardonnay Seascape Vineyard comes from a ridgetop vineyard located at 1,150 feet above sea-level, just west of the town of Occidental. It was fermented and aged 16 months in 30% new French oak. Salty sea breeze, lemon curd, white flowers, beautiful minerality, and hints of toasted bread all flow to a medium to full-bodied, rich, powerful Chardonnay that has awesome purity, building density and depth on the palate, and bright acidity that carries through the finish. It's straight-up awesome.

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POINTS

2016
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Always one of my favorites, the 2016 Chardonnay Far Coast Vineyard is another classic beauty from this estate. Caramelized lemon and orchard fruits, beautiful minerality, notes of white flowers, spice, and some salty marine notes all dominate the nose. Medium to full-bodied, it offers beautiful tension and elegance, bright acidity, and a great finish. This rich, powerful, structured Chardonnay will be better with a year or two of bottle age and should evolve for over a decade.

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POINTS

2016
STONE CÔTE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Another heavenly Chardonnay is the 2016 Chardonnay Stone Côte Vineyard, which comes from a single block in the Durell Vineyard, on the Sonoma Coast. Fermented and aged in 30% new barrels, bottle unfiltered and unfiltered, it offers a huge bouquet of caramelized lemons, pineapple, hazelnuts, and white flowers, with just a kiss of toasty oak in the background. Made in a richer, more powerful style, it nevertheless has beautiful acidity, a fresh, focused texture, obvious minerality, and a great finish. Count yourself lucky if you have some of this in the cellar. It should continue drinking brilliantly for another 6-7 years and keep even longer in cool cellars.

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POINTS

2016
THREE JACKS VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2016 Chardonnay Three Jacks Vineyard comes from the cooler Green Valley region of the Russian River Valley and was fermented and aged 16 months in 30% new French oak. It has a deeper, darker, slightly more earthy and mineral-laced style in its stone fruits, brioche, honeysuckle, and hazelnut aromas and flavors. It's deep, rich, and powerful, with beautiful depth of fruit and a thrilling finish. It's a gem in this lineup. There are a scant 327 cases made.

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POINTS

2016
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

Coming from the Green Valley region of the Russian River, the 2016 Chardonnay Fog Dance Vineyard was fermented and aged in just 17% new French oak, with the balance all in used barrels. It's an exotic, melon, brioche, and citrus pith-scented effort that has a touch of reduction that lends a beautiful sense of complexity. Rich and powerful on the palate, with medium to full-bodied richness, nicely integrated acidity, and a big finish, it's another wine that has one foot in the Russian River and one foot in Burgundy.

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POINTS

2017
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The only other 2017 white I was able to taste, the 2017 Chardonnay Four Hearts Vineyards comes mostly from an old vine site farmed by Tom Dehlinger in the Russian River Valley. It displays a big, upfront nose of spiced orchard fruits, candle wax, hazelnut, and some crushed rock that gives way to a medium to full-bodied, rich, beautifully textured, layered, and long Chardonnay that has loads to love.

94+
POINTS

2016
JENNIFER'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

From a site south of Sebastopol planted all to old Wente clones of Chardonnay, the 2016 Chardonnay Jennifer's spent 16 months in 23% new French oak before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. It's deeper colored and has a rich, honeyed bouquet of stone fruits, crushed Meyer lemons, orange rind, and crushed rocks. Rich, powerful, and structured on the palate, I expect this singular, exotic white to age nicely.

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POINTS

2017
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The largest production cuvée from Hartford Court is their 2017 Chardonnay Russian River Valley. Its medium gold color is followed by a rounded, supple, textured Chardonnay that has classic notes of pineapple, white flowers, honeysuckle, and toasted spice. Rounded, fleshy, and textured on the palate, with plenty of oomph, it shows the quality of this estate beautifully.

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POINTS

2016
SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD
CARNEROS
CHARDONNAY

Ripe and upfront on the nose, with tons of caramelized citrus, honeysuckle, brioche, and some spice, the 2016 Chardonnay Sevens Bench Vineyard is another rounded, textured, yet fresh Chardonnay from this estate. With good acidity, plenty of length, and a balanced, high-quality feel, it's already drinking nicely and should keep for 5-7 years.

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POINTS

2016
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

One of the standouts in this stacked lineup is the 2016 Pinot Noir Far Coast Vineyard. This beauty comes from a single block of a mountain site located north of the Fort Ross-Seaview AVA. Aged 17 months in 37% new French oak, this is a ripe, sexy, and powerful wine that's loaded with notions of ripe strawberries, kirsch, shrimp stock, spice, and hints of ground coffee. With building tannins, full body, beautiful depth of fruit, and an incredible texture, this magical Pinot Noir will compete with any wine coming out of California today. Drink it over the coming decade.

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POINTS

2016
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

Leading off the Pinot Noirs, the 2016 Pinot Noir Seascape Vineyard comes from a ridgetop vineyard located west of the town of Occidental. Aged 17 months in 27% new French oak, it offers a savory, marine-influenced bouquet of wild strawberries, cranberries, rose petals, and Asian spices. With medium to full body, supple tannins, and a great, great finish as well as a singular character, this magical Pinot Noir from this team will benefit from a year in bottle and keep for over a decade.

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POINTS

2016
ARRENDELL VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

I also loved the 2016 Pinot Noir Arrendell Vineyard. Located in the Russian River and planted in 1975 to a heritage Martini Clone, this cool site struggles to ripen, giving this 2016 an exotic, complex, vibrant style along with its ample red and black fruits, candied violets, potpourri, and sandalwood. It's one of the more vibrant, racier wines in the lineup, yet its acidity is nicely integrated, it's flawlessly balanced, and it has a great, great finish. Give bottles a year or two and enjoy over the following decade.

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POINTS

2016
WARRIOR PRINCESS
WILLAMETTE VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Coming from the Eola-Amity Hills region of Oregon, the 2016 Pinot Noir Warrior Princess is world class all the way, and I'd put this up against any Pinot Noir out there. Medium ruby-colored with a beautiful perfume of black cherries, blackberries, violets, wood smoke, and earth, it hits the palate with medium-bodied richness, incredible balance, subtle background oak, and a great, great finish. This is a complete, beautiful Pinot Noir that will benefit from 2-3 years of bottle age and cruise for a decade. Unfortunately, there are only 352 cases produced.

96+
POINTS

2015
MACLEAN'S BLOCK
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2016 Pinot Noir MacLean's Block comes from an east facing slope just outside the town of Occidental and spent 16 months in 31% new French oak. It's a complete, balanced, medium to full-bodied effort that does everything right, giving up a huge bouquet of smoky black fruits, tobacco leaf, forest floor, and wood smoke. This big, masculine 2016 has plenty of tannins, a great mid-palate, and no shortage of length on the finish, it just needs 2-3 years of bottle age to show at its best.

96+
POINTS

2016
HAILEY'S BLOCK
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2016 Pinot Noir Hailey's Block is thrilling stuff sourced from the Arrendell Vineyard, which is a cool site in the Green Valley portion of the Russian River. Aged 16 months in 34% new French oak, bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, it has a big bouquet of black raspberries, blood orange, savory spices, and crushed violets. Incredibly complex, medium to full-bodied, and concentrated, with fine tannins, it's another incredibly satisfying, complete Pinot Noir well worth seeking out. 248 cases.



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2016
VELVET SISTERS
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Sourced from a single block in the estate's Maggie Hawk Vineyard in Anderson Valley, the 2016 Pinot Noir Velvet Sisters spent 16 months in 37% new French oak and, as with all the wines here, was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Bright cherry, red apple, spice box, and some mulberry notes as well as some marine salinity all flow to a medium to full-bodied, beautifully textured, multi-dimensional effort that has ripe tannins and integrated acidity. Give bottles a year and it should be a gem of a wine to enjoy through 2028.

95+
POINTS

2016
JENNIFER'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Red plums, mulberries, oyster shell, and even a hint of iron all emerge from the 2016 Pinot Noir Jennifer's, which comes from a cooler, marine-influenced site south of Sebastopol. Medium to full-bodied, straight, focused, and beautifully balanced as well as incredibly elegant, this is a remarkable Russian River Valley Pinot Noir that does everything right. I suspect a year or two of bottle age will do it well, and it should evolve for over a decade.

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POINTS

2017
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

A crazy good value, the 2017 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley is the appellation release from this team, and it comes from all of the estate vineyards across the Green Valley, Laguna Ridge, and Sebastopol regions. Complex notes of strawberries, cranberries, violets, pine forest, and flowers all flow to a medium-bodied Pinot Noir that has a kiss of salinity and marine notes, ripe tannins, and a great finish. This beautiful wine competes with wines costing 2-3 times the price.

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POINTS

2016
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2016 Pinot Noir Fog Dance Vineyard also has a marine influence in its mulled cherry, spice box, earth, and shrimp broth-like aromas and flavors. Showing a good mix of sweet fruit and savory notes, it's medium to full-bodied, beautifully textured, and has a complex, singular style. Aged 17 months in 39% new French oak, it can be drunk today with incredible pleasure or cellared for 7-8 years.

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POINTS

2016
LAND'S EDGE
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

A classic Sonoma Coast release, the 2016 Pinot Noir Land's Edge Vineyards offers perfumed notes of candied cherries, orange rind, rose petals, and sandalwood. I always find the true Sonoma Coast releases to have a rounded, supple texture and that's certainly the case here. This medium-bodied wine has a silky texture, ripe yet polished tannins, and a great finish. Drink it over the coming decade. This cuvée comes from two Sonoma Coast sites located 4 miles off the coast and spent 31% new French oak.

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POINTS

2016
MARIN
MARIN COUNTY
PINOT NOIR

From a single vineyard in Marin County located north of the Golden Gate bridge, the 2016 Pinot Noir Marin County was mostly destemmed and spent 17 months in 38% new French oak. It's a medium to full-bodied, textured effort that has loads of bright cherry and cranberry fruit, plenty of loamy earth and compost, a touch of smoky stem character, solid mid-palate depth, and outstanding length. It will be thrilling to drink bottles over the coming 7-8 years, and I wouldn't be surprised to see it keep even longer.

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POINTS

2016
MULDUNE TRAIL
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Another Anderson Valley release, the 2016 Pinot Noir Muldune Trail comes from a warmer, higher elevation vineyard located on a ridge at 2,000 feet above sea level. This puts the vineyard above the fog line, so it sees higher day temperatures and cooler nighttime temperatures. Aged 17 months in 32% new French oak, it has a classic, savory Anderson Valley bouquet of black and blue fruits, dried spice, loamy soil, cured meats, and forest floor. It's rich and medium to full-bodied, with a mouthfilling texture and a great finish.

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POINTS

2016
TRULY RITA
STA. RITA HILLS
PINOT NOIR

Lots of strawberries, raspberry, rose hips, and violet notes emerge from the 2016 Pinot Noir Truly Rita, which comes from the Dierberg-Drum Canyon Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills. From a mix of Calera, Swan, and Dijon 115 clones, aged in 26% new French oak, it's medium-bodied, with an elegant, focused texture, ripe tannins, and some classic Sta. Rita Hills minerality and salinity. It's showing nicely today yet should cruise for 10-12 years.

92+
POINTS

2016
SEVEN'S BENCH
CARNEROS
PINOT NOIR

The more ruby-colored 2016 Pinot Noir Seven's Bench offers an earthier, more savory style as well as complex notes of ripe currants, autumn forest floor, cured meats, and smoked herbs. It's rich, medium to full-bodied, and will be better with short-term cellaring. This cuvée from a site in Carneros is a mix of Mount Eden and Dijon 777 clones and spent 17 months in 30% new French oak. 298 cases.

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2017
DINA'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The deep ruby/purple-colored 2017 Zinfandel Dina's Vineyard is also a field blend and comes from 100-year-old head trained vines planted in the Russian River Valley. Brought up in 56% new French oak, it displays a beautiful array of blueberries, apple peel, orange rind, and cedary spice. Complex, medium to full-bodied, and flawlessly balanced, it's in the running for the top Zinfandel in the vintage. Drink it any time over the coming decade.

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POINTS

2017
HARTFORD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

On another level, the 2017 Zinfandel Hartford Vineyard is brilliant, ranking with the top Zinfandels in the vintage. Coming from a field blend (It's mostly Zinfandel) from Hartford's Estate Vineyard in the Russian River Valley, planted over 100 years ago, it offers an extraordinary bouquet of blue fruits, sandalwood, rose petals, and orange rind. Exotic, medium to full-bodied, incredibly seamless and elegant, and with a great finish, it's a great bottle that's capable of evolving for over a decade.

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POINTS

2017
FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2017 Zinfandel Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard is a bigger, more structured wine and, like the other Zinfandels here, is a field blend aged 10 months in 50% new oak. Beautiful notes of red plums, blueberries, sandalwood, and candied orange all flow to a medium to full-bodied red that has notable purity of fruit, a supple, sexy texture, no hard edges, and a great finish. Enjoy it over the coming decade as well.

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POINTS

2017
HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

From a site in the Russian River Valley that spent 10 months in 50% new French oak, the 2017 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard offers outstanding complexity in its dark fruits, spice, and peppery herb-laced aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied and elegant on the palate, it has a pretty, juicy, delicious style that's ideal for drinking over the coming 7-8 years.

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POINTS

2017
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The appellation 2017 Zinfandel Russian River Valley is terrific and certainly well worth seeking out. It's also a great value. Notes of blueberries, sandalwood, peppery spice, and violet notes all flow to a medium to full-bodied, pure, upfront, and straight-up delicious Zinfandel that I'd be happy to drink.

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POINTS

2016
JURASSIC VINEYARD
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY
CHENIN BLANC

Looking first at the whites, the 2016 Chenin Blanc Jurassic Vineyard comes from a site in the Santa Ynez Valley and offers notes of white flowers, quince, peach, and a hint of rocky minerality. It's medium-bodied, with bright acidity and a clean finish.

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POINTS

2014
OUTER LIMITS
SONOMA COAST
SYRAH

The single Syrah from this terrific estate, their 2014 Syrah Outer Limits comes from a southwest-facing block on a mountain ridge north of the Fort Ross-Seaview AVA. Aged 21 months in 31% new French oak, it has a smoky, meaty style as well as notes of charcuterie, licorice, spice box, and earth balanced by solid depth of fruit and richness. Medium to full-bodied, with good acidity and considerable elegance, this is a classic, character-filled, cool-climate Syrah to enjoy over the coming 7-8 years.



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