

ERIN BROOKS

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2019 H. Klopp Vineyard Chardonnay,
Sonoma Coast

96 Points

The 2019 Chardonnay H. Klopp Vineyard has a lovely perfume of apricot, orange peel, crème fraîche, lime peel and toasted almonds, plus tones of saline and flint reminiscent of Chablis. The palate is linear and bright, with intense citrus that segues to nutty, beeswax tones. It has a gentle phenolic grip and a very long, youthful finish that hints at how well this is going to develop in bottle.

2019 Doc's Ranch Vineyard JoAnn's Block
Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

97 Points

The 2019 Chardonnay Doc's Ranch Vineyard JoAnn's Block has intense aromas of white peaches, beeswax, roasted almonds, biscuit and flint. The medium-bodied palate is savory and textural, with a biscuity character that adds breadth and savoriness. It has seamless acidity and a very long finish that offers continually shifting flavors. It's very energetic and will be long lived in the cellar.

2019 Coastlands Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

98 Points

Made with 60% whole clusters, the 2019 Pinot Noir Coastlands Vineyard has a medium ruby color and pure, continually shifting aromas of raspberry preserves, blood orange, sage, Earl Grey tea leaves and forest floor. The palate offers an abundance of silty tannins and surprising intensity of sweet berry fruit for its weight. It offers fine floral accents and finishes with fantastic length and nuance of flavor.

2019 Coastlands Vineyard Old Firs Block
Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

96 Points

Medium ruby, the 2019 Pinot Noir Coastlands Vineyard Old Firs Block has singular scents of conifer, wilted lilac, orange peel and crushed cranberries, with accents of lemon peel and black tea leaves. The palate offers ultra perfumed, delicately styled strawberry and raspberry fruits, a fine, dusty texture, seamless freshness and a long, spicy finish. It's a delicate expression that will be great for earlier drinking.

2019 Diane Cobb: Coastlands Vineyard
Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

97 Points

The 2019 Pinot Noir Diane Cobb Coastlands Vineyard has a medium ruby color and pure, layered scents of raspberry jam, tobacco leaves, lemon peel, pencil shavings and saline. The light-bodied palate is chalky and refreshing, with detailed, mineral-laced berry fruits and a very long finish with expansive floral and spice tones.

2019 Doc's Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

97 Points

Medium ruby, the 2019 Pinot Noir Doc's Ranch opens with pomegranate, rhubarb and raspberry preserves accented by tones of cinnamon, blood orange, dried sage, potpourri and bitters, offering more nuance with each return to the glass. The palate surprises with its sheer intensity of fruit, supported by ubiquitous, sandy tannins and seamless acidity, finishing long and spicy.

2019 Doc's Ranch Vineyard Swan & Calera
Selection Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

98 Points

The 2019 Pinot Noir Doc's Ranch Swan & Calera Selection has a medium ruby color and deep aromas of pomegranate, blood orange, iron, wilted roses and decaying leaves, gaining more aromatic nuance with each return to the glass. The medium-bodied palate offers surprising fruit intensity for its delicate frame, and it finishes with tremendous length and layer after layer of spicy fruit.

2019 Emmaline Ann Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

96 Points

The 2019 Pinot Noir Emmaline Ann Vineyard was made with 50% whole clusters and matured for 22 months in 40% new French oak. It is delicate and broody on the nose at this stage, with a core of raspberry fruit and accents of saline, seaweed, cracked pepper and violet. The light-bodied palate is delicate, grainy and fresh, with layer after layer of detailed fruits and a latent finish that hints at more to come as this matures in bottle.

2019 Rice-Spivak Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

97+ Points

The 2019 Pinot Noir Rice Spivak Vineyard was made with about 40% whole clusters and matured for 22 months in 40% new French oak. It has a medium ruby color and pure aromas of cranberries, raspberries and rhubarb—those dark red fruit characteristics of Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir in the 2019 vintage—plus accents of orange peel, Angostura bitters, moss and forest floor. The medium-bodied palate manages a slender frame and very intense flavors, supported by an abundance of silty tannins and juicy acidity driving the very long, very layered finish.

2019 Kiser Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Anderson Valley

95 Points

The 2019 Pinot Noir Kiser Vineyard was made with about 40% whole clusters. It has a medium ruby color and ferrous aromas of iron, forest floor, lilac and blood orange accenting a deep core of pomegranate and rhubarb. The medium-bodied palate is chalky and fresh, with botanical, iron-laced fruits and a very long, layered finish. It's shy and a touch less harmonious than the other 2019s from Cobb at this stage, so allow it another 2-3 years in bottle to unfold.

2019 Wendling Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Anderson Valley

96+ Points

Medium ruby, the 2019 Pinot Noir Wendling Vineyard offers pure cranberry, red cherry, pomegranate and rhubarb fruit, with accents of forest floor, conifer and Angostura bitters. The medium-bodied palate is powerful and spicy, with loads of silty tannins, a deep core of spicy fruit and a very long, nuanced finish. It has more to give with an additional 2-3 years in bottle.

2020 Cole Ranch Vineyard Riesling,
Cole Ranch

91 Points

The 2020 Riesling Cole Ranch Vineyard has soft scents of white peach, lime peel, baker's yeast and petrol with an undercurrent of crushed stone. The light-bodied palate is dry and textural, with tangy acidity, citrus-driven flavors and a long, juicy finish.

2020 Vonarburg Vineyard Riesling,
Anderson Valley

93 Points

The 2020 Riesling Vonaburg Vineyard comes from terraced vines planted in the mid-2000s in Anderson Valley. It offers bright, pure aromas of kiwi, white peach and lime, with wafts of petrol and wet stone. The palate is medium-bodied, dry and powerful, with intense citrus fruits supported by tangy acidity and pleasant phenolic grip that drives the long finish.

