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93pts

2021 Mes Filles Vineyard Chardonnay,
Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Chardonnay Mes Filles Vineyard is complex and effusive. It shows all the linear intensity Ross Cobb seeks in his wine, but there is more aromatic breadth, a bit more mid-palate depth and, in my view, better balance. He achieves all of that here while still preserving notable energy and tension.

90pts

2021 H. Klopp Vineyard Chardonnay,
Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Chardonnay H. Klopp Vineyard is a very pretty, understated wine. Orchard fruit, ginger, white flowers, mint and chamomile are all nicely lifted. This nuanced Chardonnay is quite attractive. This is an especially acid-driven style, and I find it a bit austere today.

92pts

2021 Doc's Ranch Vineyard Joann's Block Chardonnay,
Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Chardonnay Doc's Ranch Vineyard: JoAnn's Block is the richest of Ross Cobb's three Chardonnays. Apricot, chamomile, dried flowers and spice build nicely. The 2021 possesses lovely, understated oiliness, yet in the taut, nervy style that defines all of these wines.

97pts

2021 Diane Cobb: Coastlands Vineyard
Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Pinot Noir Coastlands: Diane Cobb is a blend of 18 different clones, all own-rooted, done with 70% whole clusters. It shows a bit more density and a touch more oak sweetness than most of the wines in the range. A burst of intense fruit makes a strong first impression, but the 2021 is a bit closed today. Gorgeous inner strength and a backbone of tannin wrap it all together.

97+pts

2021 Coastlands Vineyard Old Firs Block Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Pinot Noir Coastlands Old Firs emerges from a block planted with Martini and Wadenswil clones planted in 1989. Exotic and compelling, with captivating inner perfume and stunning balance, the 2021 is unforgettable. Orange peel, kirsch, spice, rose petal, mint and crushed rocks gradually emerge from the glass. The 40% stems are beautifully woven into the wine's fabric. Bright acids and beams of tannin are holding the wine back today, but make no mistake about it, the 2021 is magnificent.

96pts

2021 Coastlands Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Pinot Noir Coastlands is stunning. A wine of crystalline precision, the 2021 is captivating, to say the least. Crushed red berry fruit, blood orange, mint, white pepper, orange peel and exotic spice notes from the 40% whole clusters all run through this vibrant, chiseled Pinot. Time in the glass releases its inner perfume and layers of fruit to balance out the wine's energy. In a word: dazzling.

93pts

2021 Doc's Ranch Vineyard Swan & Calera Selection
Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Pinot Noir Doc's Ranch Vineyard Swan & Calera Selection is beguiling. Sweet red cherry, mint, star anise, crushed flowers, cedar and autumn leaves all grace this lifted, ethereal Pinot. A wine of understatement and class, the 2021 needs time to come into its own. It is undeniably gorgeous, though, and bursting with character.

94pts

2021 Doc's Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Pinot Noir Doc's Ranch Vineyard is a very pretty, restrained wine. Dark cherry, lavender, spice, new leather and incense are all delineated. This translucent, classically-built Pinot offers tremendous character and nuance. The style is one of effusive beauty and poise—more aromatics than body, with lovely complexity from the 50% stems.

93 pts

2021 Abigail's Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Pinot Noir Abigail's Vineyard is another new wine in this range. Ethereal and nuanced in feel, the 2021 is an exotic offering. Blood orange, crushed red berry fruit, spice and licorice lend striking complexity throughout. This is an especially delicate, soft-spoken Pinot.

97 pts

2021 Wendling Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Anderson Valley

The 2021 Pinot Noir Wendling Vineyard is phenomenal. Dark and pliant, with tremendous vertical intensity, the Wendling is outrageously beautiful. Succulent dark fruit, lavender, rose petal, spice, new leather, blood orange and a good deal of whole cluster savoriness from the 50% stems are some of the many notes that inform this statuesque, dazzling Pinot. What a wine.

96 pts

2021 Rice-Spivak Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Pinot Noir Rice-Spivak Vineyard is fabulous. Dark and mysterious in the glass, the 2021 offers up an exotic mélange of dark cherry, spice, new leather, licorice, graphite and dried herbs. The 2021 is vivid and explosive, but also light on its feet. The 50% stems are beautifully integrated. What a classy, gorgeous wine. Ross Cobb has worked with this fruit since 2003.

95 pts

2021 Monticue Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Anderson Valley

The 2021 Pinot Noir Monticue is a broad, ample Pinot that marries intense fruit with complicating savory/earthy notes from the 90% whole clusters and structure to burn. Wild cherry, spice, leather, tobacco, menthol and incense fill out the layers effortlessly. This virile, imposing Pinot has a ton to offer.

94 pts

2021 Emmaline Ann Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Pinot Noir Emmaline Ann Vineyard is a wild, exotic wine. It's also quite shut down today. Spice, new leather, cedar, tobacco and dried herbs are some of the notes that grace this layered, nuanced Pinot. Earthy and dried flower character, along with a bit of whole cluster character (from the 40% stems) dominate, while fruit is more in the background.

93 pts

2021 Cobb Wines Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

The 2021 Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast) is a new wine, and what a wine it is! The purity of the fruit is just striking. Ross Cobb blended five sites and several clones to craft this exquisite, vibrant Pinot Noir. Crushed flowers, bright red-toned fruit, orange peel and spice all race across the palate. The 2021 is flat-out gorgeous. That's all there is to it.

91 pts

2022 Abigail's Vineyard Riesling,
Sonoma Coast

The 2022 Riesling Abigail's Vineyard is a very pretty, ethereal wine. Green apple, mint, jasmine and white pepper give this nervy Riesling a good bit of energy to match its understated, taut personality.

93 pts

2022 Cole Ranch Vineyard Riesling,
North Coast

The 2022 Riesling Cole Ranch is a gorgous, expansive wine. Deceptively medium in body, the 2022 is wonderfully lifted and exotic. A hint of botrytis adds tons of flair. Apricot, peach, jasmine, spice and mint give this effusive, layered Riesling tons of character.