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The Wine Advocate

2021 Mes Filles Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

95 Points

The 2021 Chardonnay Mes Filles Vineyard comes from 25-year-old vines planted at 500 feet in altitude in Goldridge soils. It has inviting scents of allspice, white peach, quince and meringue with undertones of honey, roasted almonds and matchstick. The medium-bodied palate is bursting with layered flavors! It's balanced by vibrant freshness, and a gentle textural grip extends the finish. 260 cases were made.

2021 H. Klopp Vineyard Chardonnay,
Sonoma Coast

97 Points

The 2021 Chardonnay H. Klopp Vineyard, from vines planted in classic Goldridge soils, is bursting with alluring, layered aromas: quince paste, honey and white peach are complemented by accents of roasted almonds and graham cracker, and the palate matches that intensity with its highly concentrated, honeyed flavors. All that flavor is supported by a spine of vibrant acidity, and a touch of textural grip drives a very long finish. This is so delicious! 300 cases were made.

2021 Doc's Ranch Vineyard Joann's Block
Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

96+ Points

The 2021 Chardonnay Doc's Ranch Vineyard Joann's Block comes from vines planted in marine sedimentary soils at 1,000 feet in altitude. It underwent full malolactic conversion and was matured in 10% new French oak for 22 months. It has delicate, slowly unwinding scents of golden apples, bread dough, beeswax, saline and matchstick. The light-bodied palate is intensely focused, with a tangy spine of acidity driving expansive fruits that seem to gain in intensity as it glides through the mouth, and a touch of texture lengthens the finish. Reminiscent of Chablis, the Joann's Block offers surprising flavor for its modest 11.2% alcohol, and it will be long lived in bottle. 260 cases were made.

2021 Diane Cobb: Coastlands Vineyard
Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

97 Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Diane Cobb Coastlands Vineyard comes from the original nursery block of own-rooted vines planted in 1989 in marine sedimentary soils at 1,150 feet above sea level. Made with 70% whole clusters, it's wonderfully detailed yet powerful. It has slowly opening scents of sweet tobacco, lavender and aniseed with a deep, youthfully reticent core of red fruit. The medium-bodied palate surprises with its explosive fruit! Concentrated, fragrant red berry flavors are supported by chalky tannins and mouthwatering acidity, and it has a long, flavorful finish. 300 cases were made.

2021 Coastlands Vineyard Old Firs Block
Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

96+ Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Coastlands Vineyard Old Firs Block comes from a single block of vines planted in 1989 on marine sedimentary soils at 1,150 feet in altitude. Made with 40% whole clusters, it's bursting with pomegranate, red cherry and botanical undertones, plus slowly unfurling nuances of cinnamon, mixed tea leaves and lavender. The medium-bodied palate is powerful, its concentrated fruit supported by firm, chalky tannins and focused, driving acidity. It's very expressive and detailed! 275 cases were made.

2021 Coastlands Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

96+ Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Coastlands Vineyard comes from vines planted between 1989 and 1998 in marine sedimentary soils at 1,150 feet above sea level. Made with 40% whole clusters, it opens with aromas of saline and red licorice, plus a touch of spicy oak from its recent bottling, over a deep core of pomegranate and lavender. The medium-bodied palate features concentrated, layered flavors supported by a firm frame of chalky tannins and focused acidity, and it has a long finish loaded with latent, spicy accents. It's powerful and nuanced, but it's developing a bit more slowly than the other 2021s. It deserves several years in bottle to unwind and will be long lived. 775 cases were made.

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

96 Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Doc's Ranch Swan & Calera Selection comes from Calera and Swan clone vines planted in marine sedimentary soil at 1,000 to 1,100 feet in altitude. Made with 50% whole clusters, it opens with pure tones of cinnamon, red cherry and pomegranate; and with time in the glass, it reveals nuances of Earl Grey tea leaves, tangerine, aniseed and rosewater. The light-bodied palate has a weightless feel with its finely chalky tannins and shimmering acidity, yet it offers highly concentrated, nuanced flavors and has a long, expressive finish. 330 cases were made.

2021 Doc's Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

94+ Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Doc's Ranch comes from vines planted in marine sedimentary soils at 1,000 to 1,100 feet in altitude. Made with 50% whole clusters, it's scented of Italian plum, rhubarb, black tea leaves and fresh tobacco with forest and earth undertones. The light-bodied palate is bursting with dark, earthy fruit. It has a soft, gently chalky texture, vibrant bursts of acidity and a long finish. It will benefit from a few more years in bottle. 950 cases were made.

2021 Abigail's Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

94 Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Abigail's Vineyard is a new wine from Cobb. Grapes come from 30-year-old vines planted at 435 feet in altitude in Goldridge soils. These vines were previously used for sparkling wine before Ross Cobb took over the farming in 2020. Made with 50% whole clusters, it has deep scents of strawberry and raspberry preserves, Earl Grey tea leaves, conifer, pipe tobacco and forest floor. The light-bodied palate is chalky and vibrant, with delicately styled, perfumed fruit and a long, fragrant finish. 125 cases were made.

2021 Wendling Vineyard Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley

97 Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Wendling Vineyard is very expressive! It has complex aromas, with red cherry, blueberry and briar fruit accented by tones of juniper, lavender, fresh tobacco leaves, fennel and conifer. The medium-bodied palate is bursting with perfumed fruit. It has a seamless frame of chalky tannins, vibrant acidity and a very long, spicy finish.

2021 Rice-Spivak Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

94+ Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Rice Spivak Vineyard is youthfully coiled at this stage and deserves several years in the cellar to continue to unwind. Made with 50% whole clusters, the nose offers alluring red cherry, blood orange, pipe tobacco and earthy undertones. The medium-bodied palate is much more open at this stage, bursting with concentrated cherry flavors. It has a finely chalky texture, vibrant yet seamless acidity and a very long, spicy finish. 375 cases were made.

2021 Monticue Vineyard Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley

95 Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Monticue Vineyard, made with 90% whole clusters, has deep aromas of red cherry and pomegranate, plus continually unfurling tones of rosewater and bergamot, oolong tea leaves, conifer and mushrooms. The medium-bodied palate is bursting with concentrated, detailed fruit. It has a frame of chalky tannins, fireworks of fresh acidity and a very long, fragrant finish. This offers so much prettiness and power at the same time, and it will be long lived in the cellar. 175 cases were made.

2021 Emmaline Ann Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

95 Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Emmaline Ann Vineyard, made with 40% whole clusters, is pure and deeply flavorful. It features bright red cherry and pomegranate on the nose, with nuances of mixed tea leaves, forest floor and conifer reminiscent of the redwood trees growing near these vines. The light-bodied palate has a deep core of nuanced fruit supported by soft, chalky tannins and fireworks of fresh acidity, and it has a long, layered finish with alluring floral tones. 250 cases were made.

2021 Cobb Wines Pinot Noir,
Sonoma Coast

94 Points

The 2021 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, made with 40% whole clusters, has ringing tones of cranberry, rhubarb, tobacco leaves and botanical undertones. The light-bodied palate features concentrated, nuanced red fruit supported by a frame of chalky tannins and vibrant acidity, and it has a long, spicy finish. 950 cases produced.

2022 Abigail's Vineyard Riesling,
Sonoma Coast

91 Points

The 2022 Riesling Abigail's Vineyard has crisp, expressive scents of white peach, elderflower, flint and bread dough. The light-bodied palate is bone dry with pure, perfumed flavors, a focused spine of acidity and a long, mineral-driven finish. 450 cases were made.

2022 Cole Ranch Vineyard Riesling,
North Coast

93 Points

The 2022 Riesling Cole Ranch Vineyard comes from vines planted at 1,200 feet above sea level in Mendocino County. It has alluring aromas of lime candy, white peach and lemongrass with undertones of honey and exotic spice. The light-bodied palate is bone dry with pure, concentrated flavors enlivened by tangy acidity, and it has a long, spicy finish. 160 cases were made.

