

## COBB

Ross Cobb made no Pinots in 2020, so he opted to spread the release of the 2019s across several calendar years. These are the last of those wines. In general, the 2019s are delicate, transparent Pinots that impress with their finesse. Winemaking and élevage are now pretty consistent throughout the range, which makes focusing on site easier. The 2019s were done with about 50% stems and were aged in French oak, about 50% new, for 22 months, which is on the longer side for California. Other highlights include the two Rieslings. In the past, I have found these wines, at times, overly lean. There are no such issues with the 2021s, both gorgeous whites through and through.

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**94**<sub>pts</sub>

Cobb 2021 Riesling Cole Ranch  
Sonoma Coast, Sonoma

Drinking window: 2023 - 2028

The 2021 Riesling Cole Ranch is redolent of Jolly Rancher, mint, ginger, lime and lemon confit. Unctuous and layered, the Cole Ranch Riesling is exotic, deep and full of personality. The 2021 was picked a bit riper than most years, which works so well here. In the past I have found this wine a bit severe, but not the 2021. It's a gorgeous wine by any measure.

Antonio Galloni. Tasting date: January 2023

**92**<sub>pts</sub>

Cobb 2021 Vonnarburg Vineyard  
Anderson Valley, Sonoma

Drinking window: 2023 - 2028

The 2021 Riesling Vonnarburg Vineyard is gorgeous. Brisk and finely cut, the 2021 balances acid and mineral drive with enough fruit depth to keep things in check. Orchard fruit, lime, mint, pear and white flowers all race around the palate. I very much admire the cut and persistence here.

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**94**<sub>pts</sub>

Cobb 2019 Pinot Noir Coastlands: Diane Cobb  
Sonoma Coast, Sonoma

Drinking window: 2024 - 2034

The 2019 Pinot Noir Coastlands: Diane Cobb emerges from a 1.5-acre block of own-rooted vines planted with 18 clones. Aromatic and ethereal, with striking understated depth that emerges over time, the Diane Cobb is full of personality. Crushed red berry fruit, cinnamon, sage, mint and blood orange lend tons of aromatic and flavor nuance.

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**94+**<sub>pts</sub>

Cobb 2019 Pinot Noir Doc's Ranch Vineyard  
Sonoma Coast, Sonoma

Drinking window: 2024 - 2034

The 2019 Pinot Noir Doc's Ranch Vineyard is deeper and darker than most of the wines Ross Cobb makes from Coastlands. Black cherry, spice, leather, tobacco, incense and dried flowers meld together. This brooding, inward Pinot is quite the powerhouse. This really opens well with aeration, but I wouldn't plan on touching a bottle anytime soon.

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94<sub>pts</sub>

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

Drinking window: 2024 - 2034

The 2019 Pinot Noir Doc's Ranch Vineyard Swan & Calera Selection is bright and effusive, with lovely aromatic presence to play off a core of red-toned fruit. Brisk acids and veins of tannin lend palpable energy throughout. This really sizzles with tension. Give it a few years to soften. Time in the glass brings out striking inner perfume and tons of class.

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95<sub>pts</sub>

Cobb 2019 Pinot Noir Coastlands Old Firs  
Sonoma Coast, Sonoma

Drinking window: 2024 - 2034

The 2019 Pinot Noir Coastlands Old Firs is a blend of Martini and Wädenswil clones. Medium in body and classically austere, the 2019 will appeal most to readers who enjoy taut, nervy Pinots. It's a gorgeous wine in every way.

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93<sub>pts</sub>

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

Drinking window: 2024 - 2034

The 2019 Chardonnay Doc's Ranch Vineyard: JoAnn's Block is classy and polished to the core. Apricot, lemon confit and light tropical accents all meld together. There's lovely richness and texture to this mid-weight, layered Chardonnay. Aging on full lees adds gorgeous layers of nuance throughout.

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93<sub>pts</sub>

Cobb 2019 Pinot Noir Coastlands  
Sonoma Coast, Sonoma

Drinking window: 2024 - 2034

The 2019 Pinot Noir Coastlands is a dense, powerful wine. A burst of dark red fruit, sage, mint, tobacco, blood orange, licorice and intense races across the palate. There's tons of density, and yet the 2019 remains light on its feet for such a brooding wine. The Coastlands is essentially a blend from the Old Firs block (Martini and Wädenswil clones) and the 1906 block (Pommard and Mt. Eden clones).

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