Decanter

94_{pts} Cobb 2021 Mes Filles Vineyard Chardonnay Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

Originally planted by the DuNah family in 1998, this site is only about 0.5 hectares of Chardonnay. Ross Cobb got access to the Chardonnay fruit over a conversation at the Occidental farmers market. Evocative of Chablis with effusive aromas of saline smoky flint, loads of minerality and grilled lemon and mint. The palate is delicate and willowy with saline-laced citrus and crushed stone—a gorgeous Chardonnay. Drinking window: 2024 - 2035

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Cobb 2021 H Klopp Vineyard Chardonnay Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

Bright florals, petrichor and minerality, are all over the aromas of the H Klopp Chardonnay. Layered aromas of grilled lemon peel and seaspray, House Klopp grows Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the foggy lower Sebastopol Hills. Ross started working with them about 15 years ago and reasoned with them to plant to Chardonnay; the Klopp vineyard is only used for Chardonnay for the Cobb portfolio—a combination of clones: Old Wente, Mt Eden, Clone 4 and Robert Young. The palate gives a lively, mineral freshness and continues to leap forward with sea spray saline, oyster shells and loads of lemon cream. Drinking window: 2024 - 2037

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Cobb 2021 Doc's Ranch Vineyard JoAnn's Block Chardonnay Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

Ethereal, this .3ha parcel from the Doc's Ranch JoAnn's Block offers a Chardonnay loaded with seaspray minerality; Ross picked it when he thought it was ready to go, judging by aromatics rather than brix or pH. Cobb uses full malo to balance the laser-powered acidity—aromas of lemon grass, seaspray and smoky lime pith. The palate is effusive and energetic with cut green apple, petrichor, and lemon oil. Drinking window: 2024 -2037

96_{pts}

Cobb 2021 Diane Cobb: Coastlands Vineyard Pinot Noir

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

18 different Pinot Noir clones, all own-rooted, were planted by the late Diane Cobb as a nursery block to understand which Pinot worked best at Coastlands. The resulting wine shows as a homage to her dedication. This Coastlands Pinot Noir has wildly elegant aromatics with pungent florals marked by smoky violets and frankincense. The palate is bright and gorgeous, with a spicy character from the 70% whole cluster winemaking. Fleshy strawberries and candied red and blue fruits dance with notes of evergreen, and grilled blood orange elements of smoky citrus brighten the finish. Drinking window: 2024 - 2036

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Cobb 2021 Coastlands Vineyard Old Firs Block Pinot Noir

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

The dramatic site on Cobb's Coastlands property is named for an old-growth Douglas fir sitting at the vineyard's edge. The vineyards have used no till, organic farming since 1989, and the wine has an uncanny, evergreen, ethereal character. Aromas show loads of pine needles, tart blood orange zest and a kiss of frankincense with undeniable sea air character. The palate is gorgeous, and the floral notes, both violets and rose petals, are redolent. A gravelly minerality frames the tart cranberry relish and wild alpine blueberries. There is that seaspray again alongside mint and pine sap, which carry the wine's bright fruits to an even more brilliant finish. Drinking window: 2024 - 2038

95_{pts} Cobb 2021

Cobb 2021 Coastlands Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

Elegance meets richness, violet and rose petals play alongside tart early season black berries. There palate shows gossamer elements of pine bough, and briny sea spray. freshly turned earth, and pine sap and pomegranate . It finishes lean and linear, fresh notes of black tea. Coastlands is a melange of three sites. In 1998 they planted the 1906 block (there is a oak tree carved with the year on it), as well as the Big Rock block and the older vine Old Firs block was planted in 1989.. Drinking window: 2024 -2035

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95_{pts} Cobb 2021 Doc's Ranch Estate Pinot Noir -Swan & Calera Selection Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

The original block at Doc's is comprised of Swann clone planted in the mid-90s, and then Calera was planted in 2000. This is a blend of half-old vine and half-younger vine bottling. White pepper, red berries, mint, and pine bough alight from the glass. This is followed by a silky palate of red and blue fruits that is lifted by saline notes of seaspray. Fresh mint mingles with white pepper on the finish of this wine. Drinking window: 2024 - 2035

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Cobb 2021 Doc's Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

The Doc's Ranch is east-facing 1150-1200ft of elevation, and according to Cobb, it is pummeled with fog. The slope is southeast facing, and Ross uses 50% whole cluster to make this wine—aromas of red flowers and mint, white pepper and wild green strawberries. The palate shows sweet red berries, lightly spiced with notes of white pepper and an elegantly textured mouthfeel. This Pinot dances across the palate with zippy, savoury white pepper and a fresh note of evergreen sap and lithe pine needles lingering on through the finish. Drinking window: 2024 - 2040

95_{pts} Cobb 2021 Abigail's Vineyard Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

From a 9ha plot planted in the mid-90s, all Martini clone was originally planted for Korbel sparkling production and grafted over to Calera clone later. Dry-farmed 30-year-old vines offer showy aromas with lots of fleshy red plums and white pepper. The palate shows sweet plums, clove, and ample juicy fruit. The eastern morning sun rising helps Cobb achieve a bit more ripeness in this wine from a more inland warmer site. Drinking window: 2024 - 2033

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Cobb 2021 Wendling Vineyard Pinot Noir Anderson Valley, Mendocino County

The former town of Wendling, for which this 50-acre site is named, is in the deep end of the Anderson Valley. It is the westernmost Anderson Valley vineyard. Planted to a selection massale, with several Dijon clones, 667, 943, and 828. 50% whole cluster. It is very floral with rose and violets, ripe blue and tart blackberries, great white pepper, and candied blue fruits. Luscious texture, a hint of frankincense. Drinking window: 2024 - 2036

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Cobb 2021 Rice Spivak Vineyard Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

At just 2 ha, Rice Spivak vineyard is a non-estate site that Ross has worked with since 2003, going to a single vineyard designation in 2006. Though it is in Sebastopol Hills and as far east as Cobb sources fruit, it is picked around the same time as Coastlands owing to its low elevation and pooling fog on the site. The Pinot is ripe and fleshy with loads of blue and tart blackberry fruits, candied sweet strawberries, pomegranate molasses, and smoky minerality, turned earth more cherry and fruit. Drinking window: 2024 - 2035

95_{pts}

Cobb 2021 Monticue Vineyard Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

East facing across the lane from Emmaline Anne, 90% whole cluster, this wine and winemaking shows intense floral aromas, sweet blue and red berries, red plums, frankincense, pine tar and mint, and lots of white pepper and spice. The two wines (along with Emmaline Anne) are the yin and yang of Jonive Road. Candied blue fruits come from the east-facing morning sun, says Ross Cobb. It is counterintuitive as the western sun on the cast is accompanied by cool sea air. Drinking Window: 2024 - 2036

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98_{pts} Cobb 2021 Emmaline Ann Vineyard Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

The Hunnicutt family planted the Emmaline Ann Vineyard, just off Jonive Road, only about one hectare, surrounded by a forest of redwoods. At around 250 metres, a mix of clones, both 115 and 777. Ross uses 40% whole cluster with this wine, aged 22 months in barrel. This is a Sonoma Coast wine of sheer elegance—an aromatic symphony of gravelly minerality, pine bough, tart red fruits and fresh mint. Sweet candied raspberries highlight the palate alongside a depth of black tea. Bright tay berries and robust flavours of pomegranate molasses, alternating with pine tar, and Ross finds that the 2021 vintage had incredible structure across the board, and you can find it in spades in the Emmaline Pinot Noir. Drinking window: 2024 - 2040

94_{pts} Cobb 2021 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

A blend of several of Ross' single vineyards and a clonal mix of Calera, Swann, Martini and Pommard. It's planted at 100-300m—ethereal aromas of violets, saline minerality and mint. The palate offers willowy, lithe, gorgeous red berries and richer candied blue fruits. The unmistakable elegance of earthen minerals, sea air salinity and pine bough carry this to its finish as if blown on the breezes of the Pacific. Drinking window: 2024 -2035

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Cobb 2021 Abigail's Vineyard Estate Riesling Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

Ross grafted Riesling on top of well-established Pinot Noir vines in 2019 at this site in the cool hills about Sebastopol. It takes advantage of the cool coastal weather and well-drained soils to create wines of uncommon quality and finesse not often found in California Riesling. Beguiling pear and apple fruits, buoy sweet florals, and ripe yellow peaches. The clone 17 Riesling shows spice and a richness of fruit. The palate offers nutmeg, smoky, ripe grilled peach, rich, honeyed apricot, and ginger notes to finish the wine's complexity. Drinking window: 2024 - 2035

92_{pts} Cobb 2021 Cole Ranch Vineyard Riesling Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

Candied lime, mango and orange blossom mingle with a fleeting whiff of cotton candy. Aged in neutral puncheons for six months, the wine is reminiscent of Chablis in body, acidity and bottle choice. From North America's smallest AVA, just 24ha. At about 400m and higher, the elevation provides a cool climate that helps create fruit-forward Rieslings. Particularly food-friendly. Drinking window: 2024 - 2040