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**Cobb 2023 Abigail's Vineyard Estate Riesling
Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County**

There is an uncanny richness to this 2023 Riesling from the estate Abigail's site. Ripe stone fruits, spiced pear, and an undeniably sweet concentrated Meyer lemon pulp make this wine feel like it has more bottle age than it does. The palate shows great juicy lemon and peach fruits, green mangoes, and salt with a spicy note of ginger at the finish. It takes advantage of the cool coastal weather and well-drained soils to create texture and finesse not often found in California Riesling. Winemaker Ross Cobb grafted Riesling on top of well-established Pinot Noir vines in 2019 at this site in the cool hills above Sebastopol.

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**Cobb 2022 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; this Pinot includes Calera, Pommard, 4 and 114. It shows a gorgeous, incredible violet opening accented by forest floor, pine bough and bright seaspray. The palate carries an intense minerality; white pepper and briny sea spray lift a beautiful core of raspberries and blueberries, with fresh mint brightening the finish.

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**Cobb 2022 Doc's Ranch Vineyard JoAnn's
Block Chardonnay
Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County**

A stunning wine, this bottle distinguished itself among the 2022 Cobb estate wines in a recent tasting. This .3ha parcel from the Doc's Ranch, called Joann's Block, offers a Chardonnay loaded with verve and an undeniable seaspray minerality—the Doc's Ranch site neighbours Cobb's Coastlands home estate. Cobb uses full malo to balance the laser-powered acidity and mineral precision of this Chardonnay. A lavish depth to the lemon curd aromatics, sweet honey and bruised apples offer impressive richness. The palate is taut and lively with flinty grilled lemon peel, fleshy pear and stunning complexity as quince, Meyer lemon pulp, clover honey and spicy ginger mingle long on the palate of this remarkable wine that shows a pedigree that will stand with the best Chardonnays in the world.

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**Cobb 2022 Abigail's Vineyard Pinot Noir
Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County**

Intensely savoury with dried lavender, thyme, and mint leaves all coming to the fore in the aromas of this estate bottling from Abigail's. This estate is a 9-ha plot planted in the mid-90s; all Martini clones were initially planted for Korbel sparkling production and later grafted over to Calera clones. Dry-farmed 30-year-old vines. Fleshy sweet berries, juicy red plums and finishing with a brilliant freshness. There is spicy white and black pepper and a lifted ocean salinity.

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**Cobb 2022 Doc's Ranch Estate Pinot Noir -
Swan & Calera Selection
Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County**

Deep violet tones from this special clonal bottling from Doc's Ranch. The original block at Doc's comprises Swan clone planted in the mid-90s, and then Calera was planted in 2000. This blend of half-old vine and half-younger vine bottling—darker red and blue fruits and an elegant, rich floral note frame the aromatics. The palate is sleek, with cool blue and taut black berries, a note of sweet cherry and a finish that leans into rich umami—another delicious and fresh effort from Cobb.

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**Cobb 2022 Coastlands Pinot Noir
Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County**

Blue fruited, and electric is how I describe the immediacy of the 2022 Coastlands from Cobb. The home vineyard, where it all started, Coastlands, is a melange of three sites. In 1998, they planted the 1906 block (there is an oak tree carved with the year on it), the Big Rock block and the older vine Old Firs block was planted in 1989. Gorgeous bramble and pomegranate aromas with a tingly note of ocean air and a pop of blood orange. The palate soars on saline minerality, piquant blood orange, framed by fir tips and notes of sous bois. 50% from Old Firs and 50% from the 1908 block. Mt Eden, Pommard.

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Cobb 2022 Diane Cobb: Coastlands Vineyard

Pinot Noir

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

In honour of the winemaker's late mother, a wine of grace. Eighteen 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. Beautiful floral and red fruit aromas with deep earth tones, vibrant minerality and a savoury dried mint leaf. Ross uses 70% whole cluster in the Diane Cobb, and it gives the wine an umami sense of pungency. Taut, early-season blackberries, undeniable spice and savoury depth end with intense dark fruit and a concentration of salty sea air.