



2018 Pinot Noir Rae, Sonoma Coast

Winemaking Details

Harvest	September 22
Barrel Aging	20 months (once used French oak)
pH	3.40
Alcohol	13.5%
Bottling	April 30, 2020
Production	25 cases
Drinking Window	2021 - 2030

Growing Notes

Starting with the 2018 vintage, we have created this wine named after Katy's mom, Janna Rae. As the wines are aging in French oak barrels, Katy tastes each barrel on a regular basis and makes notes on each one. After about 15 months, she selects the barrel that she believes is the best of the vintage. Each year, this special barrel can be selected from any of the vineyards in our portfolio.

The 2018 vintage was one of balance and finesse. The moderate weather brought higher than average yields across Sonoma and Napa counties and allowed the grapes to ripen in ideal conditions. This harvest was later than the past several vintages, but it was closer to historical averages and we were picking into early October. This long hang time and balanced crop load produced a great vintage with intense flavors and a refined tannin structure leading to cellar-worthy wines.

Tasting Notes

This captivating wine opens up with aromas of dark cherry, spiced plum, and just ripe strawberry along with hints of clove, nutmeg, and turned earth. Layered flavors of bright raspberry, cranberry, and tart cherry are complimented by savory notes of Portobello mushroom and sea spray. The wine finishes with great length and body with a hint of oak spice and subtle sweet vanilla.

