



2018 Pinot Noir

Thorn Ridge Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

Vineyard Details

Vineyard	Thorn Ridge
Planted	1996
Elevation	600 Feet
Miles from Coast	9 miles
Clones	Pommard & 115
Soil	Goldridge fine sandy loam
Harvest	September 17 & 20

Winemaking Details

Barrel Aging	17 Months in French oak barrels – 25% new
pH	3.51
Alcohol	13.9%
Bottling	April 30, 2020
Production	100 Cases
Drinking Window	2021 - 2029

Growing Notes

Along with their legendary Klopp Ranch Vineyard, Ted Klopp and his daughter, Lauren Klopp Williams, farm Thorn Ridge Vineyard. It is a steep eastern-facing sloped vineyard planted on Goldridge sandy loam soils. This wine is a blend of two blocks that were planted in 1996 to Pommard and 115 clones. Thorn Ridge is located just west of the town of Sebastopol where a heavy marine influence gives notes of dark fruit integrated with spicy undertones to the wine.

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 cropload produced a great vintage with intense flavors and a refined tannin structure leading to cellar-worthy wines.

Tasting Notes

Beautiful and nuanced aromas of raspberry, black cherry, and plum are complimented by hints of leather, tobacco, and sweet vanilla. Subtle oak notes on the palate lift the wine accentuating flavors of cherry compote, blood orange, and framboise. Rustic flavors of cedar and forest floor round out the palate and lead to a silky tannin finish.

