

# Martin Ray

2018

## PINOT NOIR

Coast Grade Vineyard  
Santa Cruz Mountains



BRIX AT HARVEST: 23.7°

pH: 3.72

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.5 g/L

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

### THE WINE

With more highly structured tannins than its Russian River Valley counterparts, this wine sets itself apart with a leaner core of focused acidity, earthy and raw herbaceous character and silky finish.

### SOURCING

Coast Grade Vineyard

### VINEYARD NOTES

Located in the high stony slopes of the coastal side of the Santa Cruz Mountains in the heart of Bonny Doon. Attentively farmed by Jim Beauregard and his family, these are steep hillside vineyards that enjoy morning and evening fog from the San Francisco Bay.

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

### VINTAGE NOTES

From start to finish, 2018 was a very steady season, offering weather that was reminiscent of years prior to drought. Higher than average yields and excellent quality brought about a fruitful harvest beginning in late August.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermented separately in small open-top fermenters with gentle punch-downs. Maintained at moderate temperatures until dry, basket-pressed, and racked to 40% new French oak barrels for 14 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Earthy notes of cherry bark, black raspberry, and cola nut, with touches of sweet clove and orange zest. Fresh pomegranate juice with herbaceous notes of spearmint, evergreen and a subtle hint of lemon verbena, flanked by racy acidity, refined tannins and a subtle salinity.

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