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Freeman's Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast wines have made the SF Chronicle list of top Pinot Noirs for Four Years Running

Russian River's 2011 vintage—it's complicated

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2011 Freeman Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

(\$44, 13.7%) *The blended wine from Freeman hails from seven sources across the appellation, and it's a great snapshot of how Russian River can excel. Tangy, focused and balancing the oak-tinged nose with pomegranate, ripe blackberry and a dried-oregano savory side. The largest lot hails from Keefer Ranch's Goldridge soils in the west of the appellation, and its rich black-fruit flavors are more distinct in the 2011 Freeman Keefer Ranch with its sweet cola accent.*

Signs of sea change from Sonoma's coast

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2011 Freeman Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

(\$46, 13.4%) *A great example of finding ample weight to frame the possibilities in 2011. As always, this is a mix of multiple sites from near Occidental, Petaluma and elsewhere, and again it's the appellation blend that stands out in the Freeman lineup. Slightly soft-edged and spicy, with sage, cedar and a tangy pomegranate freshness to juicy cherry fruit. More tannic structure here than it initially reveals.*

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