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FREEMAN 2016 AKIKO'S CUVÉE PINOT NOIR (SONOMA COAST)

Score: 94

The 2016 Pinot Noir Akiko's Cuvée is another stellar wine from Freeman. Deep and pliant, with terrific depth, it will benefit from another year to two in the cellar, but it is super-impressive, even in the early going. I very much like the density and weight here, and yet the Akiko's Cuvée remains light on its feet, as all the wines do. Vineyard sites in this blend are Yu-ki, Gloria, Campbell Ranch and Pratt Sexton.



FREEMAN 2016 YU-KI ESTATE PINOT NOIR (SONOMA COAST)

Score: 94

The 2016 Pinot Noir Yu-ki Estate is absolutely gorgeous. Perfumed, textured and wonderfully inviting, this mid-weight, gracious wine nicely captures Akiko Freeman's style. It is also one of the best wines I have tasted here.



FREEMAN 2016 KR RANCH PINOT NOIR (GREEN VALLEY OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY)

Score: 93

The 2016 Pinot Noir KR Ranch is very pretty and understated. Sweet red cherry, rose petal, lavender and mint all grace this subtle, nuanced Pinot, while silky tannins add structure. The KR Ranch is all from Keefer Ranch, where most winemakers have chosen to make riper, more obvious Pinots in the past.



FREEMAN 2017 HAWK HILL CHARDONNAY (SONOMA COAST)

Score: 92

A new wine in this range, the 2017 Chardonnay Hawk Hill is laced with lemon, white flowers, chalk and mint, all of which convey freshness and energy. Medium-bodied and nicely focused, the Hawk Hill is another winner from Freeman.



FREEMAN 2016 GLORIA ESTATE PINOT NOIR (GREEN VALLEY OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY)

Score: 91

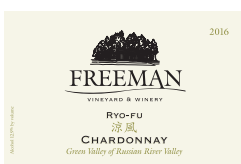
The 2016 Pinot Noir Gloria Estate is attractive, but it also feels a touch compact and narrow today. There is good energy to the red berry, chalk, blood orange and mint flavors. It will be interesting to see if the Gloria gains a bit more body in bottle. Today, it feels somewhat constricted, especially compared with the other wines in this range.



FREEMAN 2016 PINOT NOIR (SONOMA COAST)

Score: 91

The 2016 Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast) is soft, open-knit and very pretty, offering sweet red cherry, rose petal, mint and dried flowers. Silky tannins add to the wine's creamy, open-knit feel and inviting personality. Floral and savory notes reappear on the finish, adding lift. Vineyard sites are Yu-ki and Campbell Ranch. This is a fabulous appellation-level Pinot.



FREEMAN 2016 RYO-FU CHARDONNAY (GREEN VALLEY OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY)

Score: 91

Freeman's 2016 Chardonnay Ryo-fu is a pretty appellation-level Chardonnay. Light tropical overtones add nuance in a mid-weight, gracious Chardonnay that is already quite expressive. Apricot, tangerine, chamomile and lightly honeyed notes grace the exquisite finish. Vineyard sites are Charles Heintz, KR Ranch and Searby.