



Freeman was founded in 2001 by Akiko and Ken Freeman with 2002 as their inaugural vintage. The family owned and run operation, together with winemaker Ed Kurtzman, produces about 5,500 cases annually; the wines are bottled unfined and unfiltered. The Freemans acquired a new 50-acre property, originally known as the Montafi Ranch and have been preparing the soil for a future vineyard that will be called Freeman Ranch, which will be planted primarily to pinot. Because they are conservation supporters, they have donated 24 acres to the Bodega Land Trust so the land will be preserved in its natural state. For further information, contact Akiko and Ken Freeman: 415.831.4756 or visit: www.freemanwinery.com



2013 PINOT NOIR – RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Burghound Score: 89

There is just enough reduction present to shave the top notes from the mostly red berry fruit and spice suffused nose so I would suggest giving this some air first if you're tempted to try a bottle young. Otherwise there is a lovely sense of vibrancy to the delicious, round and pliant middle weight flavors that culminate in mildly sweet but tangy finish that delivers fine persistence. This is already drinking well though I would suggest allowing this 2 to 3 years of cellar time first to develop more overall complexity. (1,035 cases, SRP \$44, 13.9%, Drink 2018+)



2013 PINOT NOIR – SONOMA COAST

Burghound Score: 89

A cool, pure and more restrained nose only grudgingly reveals perfumed and spicy notes of red cherry, pomegranate, anise and lavender. There is a highly seductive mouth feel to the medium weight flavors thanks primarily to the relatively fine-grained tannins, all wrapped in a lilting, even silky finish that once again is softly sweet yet tangy and refreshing. This sneaky long effort also could be enjoyed young or held for a few years first. (1,088 cases, SRP \$45, 14.1%, Drink 2018+)



2013 PINOT NOIR – AKIKO'S CUVÉE

Burghound Score: 91

Like the Russian River Valley cuvée there is a trace of reduction that doesn't completely mask the slightly more deeply pitched aromas that derive primarily from the red side of the fruit spectrum along with lovely floral and spiced herbal tea nuances. There is the same really seductive sense of refinement to the inviting medium weight flavors that manage to retain fine delineation before culminating in a slightly firmer and more persistent finish. While this could be drunk now it is clearly less evolved than the prior two wines and I would definitely advise waiting for at least 2 to 3 years first and 5 would be better. (Sonoma Coast, 420 cases, 14.2%, Drink 2020+)



2013 PINOT NOIR – GLORIA ESTATE

Burghound Score: 91

Here the highly expressive nose mixes aromas of menthol, spice, red raspberry and pomegranate along with a top note of cranberry. There is solid volume and plenty of punch to the delicious, rounded and caressing medium-bodied flavors that possess evident dry extract that coats the palate and buffers the moderately firm tannic spine shaping the dusty and dry-in-the-best-sense finale. This is quite serious at present and should definitely reward several years of cellaring and will need at least a few. Also worth your interest. (Russian River Valley, estate bottled from the 8-acre vineyard that is adjacent to the winery and home, planted in 2006, 420 cases, SRP \$58, 14.1%, Drink 2021+)



2013 PINOT NOIR – KEEFER RANCH

Burghound Score: 92

A more deeply pitched and rather brooding nose combines notes of red and blue pinot fruit with those of sandalwood, spice and soft floral nuances. There is both solid energy and volume on the medium weight plus flavors that possess a suave and rounded mouth feel before culminating in a complex, focused and firm but not austere finish. But what sets this apart from all of the prior wines is the excellent level of complexity and this beauty definitely merits your attention provided you can give it a few years of bottle age first. (Russian River Valley, 420 cases, 14.2%, Drink 2020+)