



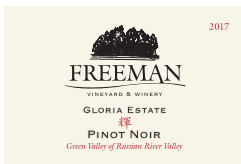
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FREEMAN 2018 HAWK HILL CHARDONNAY (SONOMA COAST)

Score: 94

The 2018 Chardonnay Hawk Hill is crisp and wonderfully nuanced. Lemon peel, crushed rocks, mint, almond, flowers and white pepper are all finely cut. Chiseled and precise to the core, the Hawk Hill is absolutely gorgeous. In fact, it's one of the most impressive wines I have tasted from Akiko Freeman. Personality, energy and class. It's all here.



FREEMAN 2017 GLORIA ESTATE PINOT NOIR (GREEN VALLEY OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY)

Score: 94

The 2017 Pinot Noir Gloria Estate is a gorgeous, super-expressive wine. Ample in feel, but also translucent and finessed, the Gloria is a Pinot of understated beauty. Rose petal, mint and crushed red berries are all beautifully lifted in this precise, wonderfully nuanced Pinot.



FREEMAN 2017 RYO-FU CHARDONNAY (GREEN VALLEY OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY)

Score: 93

The 2017 Chardonnay Ryo-fu is gracious and supple, with notes of apricot, lemon confit and white flowers. This is a very elegant, pretty and classy wine. Soft and open, the 2017 finishes with lovely texture and nuance. This is very good.



FREEMAN 2017 PINOT NOIR (RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY)

Score: 93

The 2017 Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley) is plump, racy and forward, with plenty of Russian River exuberance, but also the classiness that is such a signature of Akiko Freeman's wines. The Sonoma Coast Pinot is a blend of fruit from KR (formerly) and Gloria, which is the estate. Sweet red cherry, citrus peel and floral overtones grace the finish.



FREEMAN 2017 PINOT NOIR (SONOMA COAST)

Score: 92

The 2017 Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast) is all class. Sweet, perfumed and airy, the 2017 has quite a bit to offer. All the elements are impeccably balanced in a soft, hushed wine that speaks in soft tones. Sweet red fruit, spice, mint and cedar lead into the sculpted, brilliant finish. This is such a pretty wine.



FREEMAN 2017 AKIKO'S CUVÉE PINOT NOIR (SONOMA COAST)

Score: 92

The 2017 Pinot Noir Akiko's Cuvée is a barrel selection of the best lots in the cellar. In this vintage, the Akiko's Cuvée is not as differentiated from the other wines in the range as it can be - likely the result of the warm growing season. Dried flowers, mint, crushed flowers, spice and cedar give the 2017 lovely aromatic top notes.



FREEMAN 2017 KR RANCH PINOT NOIR (GREEN VALLEY OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY)

Score: 92

The 2017 Pinot Noir KR Ranch is bright and punchy, with terrific energy and cut driving the red-toned fruit. Sweet tobacco, mint, wild flowers, spice and orange zest give the 2017 an attractive upper register that is quite appealing. This is an especially focused, taut style.



FREEMAN 2017 YU-KI ESTATE PINOT NOIR (SONOMA COAST)

Score: 91

The 2017 Pinot Noir Yu-ki Estate is an attractive wine, but it is also closed and not as expressive as the other Pinots in this range. It will be interesting to see if the 2017 softens with more time in bottle. Today, it is especially unyielding.