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## 2018 GLORIA ESTATE PINOT NOIR

**Score: 94 Points**

The 2018 Pinot Noir Gloria Estate is another very expressive wine in the range. Deep and pliant, the Estate is a wine of real depth. Blackberry, blueberry, lavender and spice infuse the Gloria with striking layers of complexity and nuance. The Gloria is a blend of five clones, all co-fermented. The 2018 is a terrific edition of the Gloria.



## 2018 YU-KI ESTATE PINOT NOIR

**Score: 94 Points**

The 2018 Pinot Noir Yu-Ki Estate is a deep, powerful wine that melds together rich West Sonoma Coast fruit with a whole range of savory notes, all supported by bright acids and a good deal of structure. Raspberry, blood orange, spice and pomegranate all build in a gorgeous Sonoma Coast Pinot from a site at 1,000 feet in elevation two miles east of Occidental. Lifted floral notes linger nicely.



## 2018 KR RANCH PINOT NOIR

**Score: 94 Points**

The 2018 Pinot Noir KR Ranch is incredibly elegant in this vintage, with a level of perfumed and aromatic breadth I don't remember seeing before. Crushed red berry, spice, mint, blood orange, rose petal and bright acids all race out of the glass. This is one of the most refined wines I have tasted off KR Ranch, formerly Keefer Ranch.



## 2018 AKIKO'S CUVÉE PINOT NOIR

**Score: 93 Points**

The 2018 Pinot Noir Akiko's Cuvée is a gorgeous, complex wine. In the past, the Cuvée has been more a wine of impact, but in 2018, the Akiko's Cuvée is more savory and spiced than in the past. There is a good deal of density that is going to need time to settle down. The 2018 is terrific, but my preferences in this lineup lean towards the vineyard designates. The blend is Yu-Ki, Gloria, KR and Sexton Road.



## 2018 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

**Score: 93 Points**

Freeman's 2018 Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley) is absolutely gorgeous. Racy and exuberant in the glass, the 2018 exudes richness and all of the allure of the year. Bright acids lend brightness to a core of black cherry, plum, spice, lavender, sage and floral notes. Soft curves give this open-knit, pliant Pinot tons of sheer appeal. Far from an easygoing appellation level Pinot, the 2018 packs plenty of punch, with a lot of tannin and bright acids. Give it a few years to soften. Vineyard sources are Gloria and Keefer. This is a fabulous appellation-level wine.



## 2018 RYO-FU CHARDONNAY

**Score: 92 Points**

The 2018 Chardonnay Ryo-fu is a very pretty and expressive wine. Dried pear, apricot, chamomile and spice all meld together. Silky and deep in the glass, the 2018 offers tons of near term appeal and plenty of class. There is lovely weight and density here. Vineyard sources are Charles Heintz, Keefer Ranch and Searby.



## 2018 SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

**Score: 90 Points**

The 2018 Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast) is laced with all sorts of floral and savory notes. Crushed rose petal, mint, dried flowers, anise and blood orange all give the 2018 striking aromatic presence. This mid-weight Pinot has a ton of character. Its overall feel and structure make it a terrific choice for the dinner table.