



Seeing 20/20 – Sonoma & Anderson Valley New Releases

featuring Drew

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Drew

Jason Drew has been on a roll of late. His 2018 Pinots pick up where the 2017s left, which is to say they are fabulous. In tasting, the wines are delicate and highly transparent to site, but with plenty of depth as well.

2018 Pinot Noir Mid Elevation

The 2018 Pinot Noir Mid Elevation is absolutely gorgeous. Finely cut and nuanced, the 2018 is wonderfully translucent and yet, there is plenty of depth too, a combination that is super-appealing in my book. Freshly cut flowers, bright red/purplish fruit, mint and chalk all run through this wonderfully inviting, nuanced Pinot. This is such a classy wine. **(94 points)**

2018 Pinot Noir Fog Eater

The 2018 Pinot Noir Fog Eater is soft, pliant and wonderfully inviting. Succulent red/purplish berry fruit, mint, spice and floral notes all meld together, with bright saline notes that add energy as well as tension. One of the more approachable wines in the range today, the Fog Eater is absolutely exquisite. **(93 points)**

2018 Pinot Noir Wendling Vineyard

The 2018 Pinot Noir Wendling Vineyard has so much to offer. I imagine it will be even better and more expressive with a bit more time in bottle. Rose petals, blood orange, mid and bright red fruit all run through this wonderfully detailed chiseled Pinot. Jason Drew's Wendling Pinot is one of the most ethereal wines I have tasted from this Anderson Valley site. **(94 points)**

2018 Pinot Noir Estate - Field Selections

The 2018 Pinot Noir Estate - Field Selections is the most complete of the Pinots in this range. Readers will find a wine that melds together the gracious, lift feel that is typical of the Drew Pinot with layers of dimension that reveal themselves with time in the glass. Airy blue purplish fruit, hard candy, mint and wild flowers all come together effortlessly in this super-expressive and inviting Pinot. **(95 points)**

2018 Field Blend

The 2018 Field Blend is dark, fleshy and wonderfully inviting. Black cherry, chocolate, licorice, spice, menthol and leather all flesh out in a succulent, bold red that will drink well right out of the gate. Expressive floral and savory overtones add brightness and perfume. This is very nicely done. **(93 points)**

2018 Syrah Valenti Ranch

A wine of real character and pedigree, the 2018 Syrah Valenti Ranch bristles with nuance and energy. Dried flowers, juniper berry, mint, rose petal, licorice, pine and black pepper give the 2018 a striking aromatic upper register to match its focused, mid-weight personality. This is an especially chiseled style, and it all works so well. **(94 points)**

2018 Syrah Perli Vineyard

Another highlight in this range, the 2018 Syrah Perli Vineyard is deep and fleshy, but it is also tightly wound in this stage and in need of cellaring to relax a bit. Time in the glass releases all sorts of rose petal, mint and red fruit fragrances. There is so much to look forward to. In 2018, Jason Drew crafted a Syrah of tremendous character. **(94 points)**