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Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce the first release of our beautiful 2019 wines. The wines from this vintage are pure, elegant, and aromatically expressive. They share the same purity of fruit and bright acidities of the 2018s, with a fine-grained structure that could be found early in 2014 and 2017. They are drinking well now and with some aeration will come alive in the glass.

NEWS

We will no longer be using the nomenclature Rivina or Senna and will be highlighting our two amazing daughters, Annabelle and Chloe, respectively moving forward with their own unique Cuvées. These wines are as unique as our other bottlings and should not be missed. One day, one or both of them will take over the reins.

CUVÉE ANNABELLE PINOT NOIR \ WEST SONOMA COAST

Acreage	1.65
Clone	Occidental Calera & Platt Calera
Elevation	850'
Aspect	South
Soil	Hard Sandstone & Quartz

Cuvée Annabelle, named after one of our twin daughters, is sourced from the Kings Ridge Vineyard owned by our friend Red Car, high up in the mountainous part of the Fort-Ross Seaview sub-appellation of the West Sonoma Coast. Here only the ridgetops can be planted due to the steepness of the terrain placing the vines in the cool sunshine found at elevation. Surrounding the site is an old-growth redwood forest that protects the site from the coastal winds. Viticulturalist Greg Adams chose high-density planting (2400 vines/acre) resulting in small vines growing intense fruit while driving the roots deep into the hard sandstone soils with high concentrations of quartz.

Small tight clusters with small berries result in a wine of great depth and concentration while retaining the acidity typical of this area.

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2019 Tasting Note

Fermented with 40% whole clusters. The huge core of fruit gives the Cuvée Annabelle tons of inner strength. With aeration, a whole range of dark red fruit, blood orange, and exotic spices explode out of the glass. On the palate flavors of lavender, rose petal jam, crushed rocks, and cardamom infuse the wine with rarely found depth. Beautifully layered fruit and tons of structure are equally enjoyable today but with time will develop.

OCCIDENTAL VINEYARD PINOT NOIR \ WEST SONOMA COAST

Acreage 3.32
Clone Occidental Calera
Elevation 820'
Aspect South
Soil Blue Schist & Quartz

The Occidental Vineyard is smack dab in the middle of the West Sonoma Coast's Grand Cru belt. Neighboring vineyards include Theriot, Summa, and Que. This site is perfect for growing Pinot Noir. South facing and staring at the Pacific Ocean results in the vineyard being drenched in the fog and cold air whipping off the sea. Cold-diffused light penetrates the canopy, gently ripening grapes. Carefully selected selection massale Calera budwood was used to highlight the unique geology here – shallow fractured blue schist soils and quartz frame this wine with intensely exotic aromas and structure that will allow this wine to age gracefully.

A singular expression of Pinot Noir is not found elsewhere.

2019 Tasting Note

Fermented with 60% whole clusters. The most impressive intensity of all our Pinot Noirs. Less broody than 2018, there are dark red fruits that give and give, with notes of Japanese nori and soy. The palate is awash with superb salinity that makes the mouth water with flavors of blackberry, wild strawberry, crushed stone, and incense aromas. Intellectual wine that gains depth and density toward a finish that feels velvety. A profound example of West Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir.

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TROUT GULCH CHARDONNAY \ SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

Acreage 2.4
Clone Mt Eden (Wente Selection)
Elevation 600'
Aspect East
Soil Sand and Lifted shallow seabed

Trout Gulch sits in a narrow slot canyon due east from the sleepy town of Aptos in the Southern Santa Cruz Mountains. The vineyard's proximity (less than 3 miles) from the Pacific Ocean makes this our coldest Chardonnay site. Cool ocean air is pushed up into the canyon in the evening and holds long into the morning, allowing the vines to ripen the grapes slowly and steadily. The uplifted oceanic floor soils are well-drained and do not retain heat, pushing the coolness deep into the root zone allowing a trickle of minerality to be absorbed daily.

The most crystalline Chardonnay we make.

Acids are high here and we've added a small amount of new oak to give the wine some additional depth.

2019 Tasting Note

Fabulous. Energy and tension drive a core of crushed rocks, Meyer lemon, freshly cut hay, and white stone fruits. Intensely saline and salty backed by a powerful acidic structure that drives flavors of dried honey, ginger, and oyster shell. Gives and gives on the finish with persistent flavors only found in Chardonnay grown so close to the ocean. New World Premier Cru Chablis.

PETER MARTIN RAY CHARDONNAY \ SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

Acreage 2.1
Clone Mt Eden (Wente Selection)
Elevation 1800'
Aspect North-northeast
Soil Franciscan Shale

Peter Martin Ray sits 1800 feet above the small town of Saratoga. This site dates to the late 1800's

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being one of the first Chardonnay vineyards to be planted in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Being perched high above the valley floors, the grapes see more sunshine than our other sites, resulting in thicker skins which bring a savory masculine note to the wine that reminds us of the great Burgundies from Puligny. Dry-farmed, extremely exposed and some of the rockiest soils we work with give this wine character not to be found in our other Chardonnays. Old vines dating back to 1971 have never been irrigated, requiring the roots to search deep into the steep hillside for water and nutrients.

2019 Tasting Note

Most complete vintage to date. Strikingly intense bouquet of lemon peel, mint and linseed, and grilled almonds. Displays wonderful definition and amplitude. The palate is beautifully balanced with a line of acidity, powerful but so elegant for this site. The wine fans out on the finish with notes of bergamot, kaffir lime, and crushed rocks. One of the best wines we have made to date from this site.

From our cellar to your table. Our sincerest thanks for your continued support of our family winery.

John and Phoebe Raytek