

# FLOWERS

*Vineyards & Winery*

SEA VIEW RIDGE

*Estate Bottled*

PINOT NOIR

2019



**TASTING NOTES** — GORGEOUS AROMATICS OPEN ON OUR 2019 SEA VIEW RIDGE PINOT NOIR, RUNNING AN ALLURING GAMUT FROM DAMP FOREST FLOOR, COASTAL BOTANICALS, BRINY SEA AIR, AND CRUSHED-ROCK MINERALITY TO DEEP RED-ALMOST PURPLE-FRUIT. A SEAMLESS PALATE, FROM ENTRY TO FINISH, BALANCES THAT VIVID FRUIT WITH A SAVORY UMAMI QUALITY, WHILE SILKY TANNINS AND FRESH ACIDITY MERGE IN A STRUCTURED FINISH BRIGHTENED WITH A KICK OF ORANGE ZEST.

**Vintage Notes:**

The 2019 vintage at Sea View Ridge was marked by uncommon snowfall of two inches and above-average rainfall. 90 inches occurred during the winter months (50% above the five-year average), saturating the soil profiles, and leaving the ground underfoot soft and spongy. Cover crops were abundant, leading into a later than average bud break on April 7th. Spring temperatures on the coast remained cool for an extended period, with a very unseasonable 10.5 inches of rain falling in mid-May, ensuring supported soils going into the summer months. Summer months were warm and mild, with bloom occurring as expected in early June. Seasonal temperatures continued, providing even growth and ripening, promising fresh acidity. Harvest began September 12th, ending September 23rd.

**Sourcing:**

Sourced from a selection of family-owned vineyards on the Sonoma Coast as well as our Sea View Ridge

estate. Each vineyard is carefully chosen for its farming practices, coastal influence and fruit standards.

**Winegrowing Notes:**

Just 2 miles as the crow flies from the chilly Pacific Ocean, our Sea View Ridge Vineyard snakes along the first coastal ridgeline on peaks ranging from 1,400 to 1,875 feet. Its topography was shaped by ancient tectonic activity that we can thank today for a remarkable diversity of elevations, intricately varying aspects, and wildly diverse soils. Rising above the fog line during the growing season, our Sea View Ridge blocks were planted in 1998, and the mature vines now produce small berries with skins thickened from the intense sunlight. The natural concentration and complexity that result are lifted by lively acidity gifted by the cool site. All lovely in their intensity, the veritable mosaic of Pinot Noir expressions the vineyard produces allows us to blend a perfect Sea View Ridge whole.