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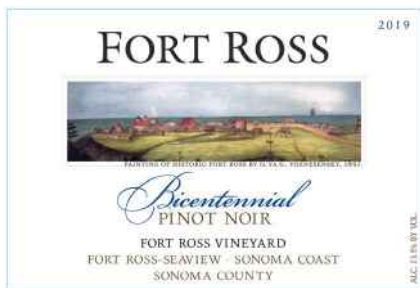
**+  
YEAR'S BEST  
PINOT NOIR**

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## Year's Best Pinot Noir

berry scents mark its freshness. The cold fruit tannins turn gentler with air, clean and lasting, suggesting this has the stamina to age. —J.G. (4,650 cases)



**92 | Fort Ross Vineyard** \$64  
**2019 Fort Ross-Seaview Bicentennial Pinot Noir** Sanguine and salty, this has a delicate, fine abrasion to its fruit tannins, hovering between the skins of golden cherry tomatoes and black cherries. Firm and juicy in the middle, this ends on notes of dried earth and crushed rock. —J.G. (220 cases)

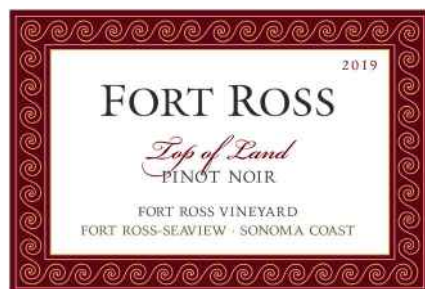


**92 | Merry Edwards** \$60  
**2020 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir** A wine with a clear shape and direction, this has a mouthwatering acidity that lifts the puff-pastry scents of oak and the rich purple berry fruit. Tannins give that fruit restraint and structure, lasting on wild-blueberry depths. It softens with air to notes of menthol and persimmon, gentle and giving. —J.G.

**91 | Gary Farrell** \$65  
**2019 Sonoma Coast Lancel Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir** Big and burly, this wine's sweetness and umami tannins combine in an interesting way. There's a cinnamon note to the oak and a mushroom savor to the fruit tannins, finishing with some elegance—gentle, creamy and soft. —J.G. (438 cases)



**91 | Elizabeth Spencer** \$38  
**2019 Sonoma Coast Special Cuvée Pinot Noir (BEST BUY)** This wine's rich, cherry crush of fruit is in the grip of its youthful tannins, lasting in notes of cherry skins and the peppery warmth of oak. There's complexity in the tannins, in scents of tree bark and leaves, and in their grand texture. A steakhouse pour, this will benefit from cellar time. —J.G.

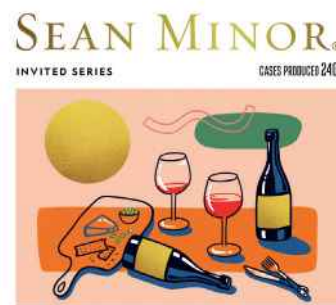


**91 | Fort Ross Vineyard** \$80  
**2019 Fort Ross-Seaview Top of Land Pinot Noir** Reductive and closed in its youth, this emerges as an elegant, long and gentle red. A touch creamy with oak, this isn't pushed, and though it may not be complex, it is clean and pretty. —J.G. (216 cases)

**91 | Marine Layer** \$45  
**2020 Sonoma Coast Lyra Pinot Noir (BEST BUY)** This has a soft, casual feel to its supple tannins and floral length of flavor, a clean wine that keeps your attention as it lasts. The sour-cherry fruit has a friendly acidity that brings you around for another sip. The tannins taste like cherry bitters, to serve with roast foraged mushrooms. —J.G. (400 cases)

**90 | Etude** \$70  
**2020 Sonoma Coast Hallberg Pinot Noir** This has a foresty feel to its notes of woody herbs and the mulberry wildness of its fruit. That fruit is red and blue, rich and sweet, then its sweetness is cut by a chinato-like spice—a quinine edge in the finish that lasts with the berry notes. —J.G. (362 cases)

**90 | Patz & Hall** \$55  
**2020 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir** This is a big wine for a braise, a supple pinot noir with wood spice that lingers along with sweet-ripened fruit. The fruit ranges from red apple to prunes, mostly in the blue and black end of the spectrum, overall pleasant and not pushed. —J.G.



**90 | Sean Minor** \$65  
**2021 Sonoma Coast Invited Series Sangiacomo Roberts Road Vineyard Pinot Noir** Purple-fruited with notes of mulberries and blueberries, their wild-fruit bitterness balanced by a tree-sap sweetness. A simple companion for duck with prunes. —J.G. (220 cases)

### CALIFORNIA AVA

**91 | Testarossa Winery** \$100  
**2020 California Niciare Pinot Noir** A well-constructed pinot, this has a dark mulled-fruit character as well as plenty of oak influence in both its flavor and structure. There's just a hint of herb overlying the dark macerated strawberry character, with a kind of sweet polished richness for glazed ham. —P.J.C. (615 cases)

### NEW YORK

**91 | Six Eighty** \$42  
**2020 Finger Lakes Pinot Noir** Light and vinous, with scents of pine, clove and cracked pepper, this tastes of strawberries dusted with peppercorns. It's dry and savory, with a pronounced wet-stone minerality that lasts. For mushroom pizza. —P.J.C. (185 cases)