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MINDEGO RIDGE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2023 Santa Cruz Mountains

VINTAGE NOTES

A wet winter brought 150% of average rainfall, followed by an extended, cooler spring that delayed bud break and set the vineyards nearly four weeks behind a typical growing season. This pace continued through a moderate summer, free from extreme heat, allowing for slow, even ripening. Harvest began in early October—almost a month later than the previous year—resulting in a long, mild growing season that nurtured deep complexity, refined structure, and exceptional balance in the fruit.

WINEGROWING NOTES

Mindego Ridge Vineyard is a hidden gem in the western forests of the Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, near the town of La Honda. Perched at nearly 1,000 feet in elevation and just eight miles from the Pacific Ocean, this ten-acre, dry-farmed vineyard benefits from cool maritime influences, southern exposures, and fractured shale-based soils. Planted in 2009 to a dynamic selection of new Dijon clones, Mindego Ridge thrives in the region's cool, wet climate. Surrounded by towering redwoods, this meticulously tended vineyard is the passion project of owners Dave and Stacey Gollnick, producing wines of remarkable elegance and site expression.

TASTING NOTES

This wine presents a radiant medium ruby red hue with a delicate pinkish rim. The nose is fresh and expressive, showcasing pure fruit aromas of pomegranate, dark cherry, and cranberry, elegantly layered with notes of dried leaves, cocoa, fennel, and a hint of savory spices. The palate offers a medium-bodied structure, unfolding vibrant flavors of rhubarb, cranberry, and Bing cherry, seamlessly complemented by earthy nuances of leather, crushed rock, anise, and the subtle bitterness of black tea. The finish is refined and lingering, balancing bright fruit with depth and complexity.

Appellation: Santa Cruz Mountains

Fermentation: Open-top stainless steel

Vineyard: Mindego Ridge

Aging: 11 months in French oak barriques (44% new)

Soil Composition: Fractured shale

Alcohol: 13%

Clones: 943, 667, Calera

Production: 103 cases

