

OCCIDENTAL

2018 Bodega Headlands Vineyard 'Cuvée Elizabeth'

: 57HG'C: 'BCH9

Vine age of over twenty years, Steve Kistler has produced pinot noir from this vineyard since 2004

Planted with 20-acres of pinot noir

Vineyard is Certified Sustainable

All Occidental vineyards are grafted with proprietary *massale* selections developed over three decades

Native yeast fermentation

Native ML fermentation

Made from only free-run juice; Occidental does not own a press

Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered with a minimum level of SO2

TASTING NOTES

High-pitched aromas of red fruits and florals - tiny red raspberry, tart cherry, rose petal

An enticing and elegant wine with a lacy structure and oyster shell minerality

Salty red-berry flavors linger on the palate - Steve Kistler

VINEYARD DETAILS

Vineyard: Planted in 1999 by Steve Kistler

Clonal material: Proprietary *massale* selections

Yields: 1.5 tons per acre in 2018

Rootstock: 101-14, 420a

Orientation: West/Southwest, on first ridge facing the Pacific Ocean

Soils: Goldridge, sandy loam soils over marine sediment and fossils

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Hand-harvested at night

Hand-sorted first as clusters, then as individual berries

Fermentation: No cold soak, native yeast fermentation, minimal punchdowns, open top 4-ton fermenters are drained after 18-21 days

Aged in 30% new Francois Freres barrels for 12 months, un racked until moved to bottling tank

Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered

Alcohol: 13.4%

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The 2018 Bodega Headlands Vineyard Cuvée Elizabeth is an ethereal, precise wine that perfectly balances energy and grace.

The growing conditions on the coast were ideal in 2018. The summer months were cooler than normal and these mild, slow ripening conditions lasted until mid-September when our vineyards reached the early edge of ripeness and we began to pick. For the next ten days, temperatures remained below normal and we were able to continue picking at a comfortable pace. This allowed us to process fewer tons each day, maximizing the percentage of intact, whole berries in our fermenters and keeping the juicing of the berries during de-stemming to a minimum. This set the stage for a very gradual start to fermentation.

We believe this encourages the production of high-toned, red-fruited, lacy and extremely vivid aromatics and flavors, which are the signature of our coastal vineyards.

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"The 2018 Pinot Noir Bodega Headlands Cuvée Elizabeth is a gorgeous, elegant wine. Hints of rose petal, cinnamon and crushed red berry fruit all grace this lithe, understated Pinot Noir. In its first impression, the Cuvée Elizabeth is the most aromatic and lifted of these wines, but it gains volume and darker tonalities of fruit with aeration. If opened young, the 2018 will benefit immensely from being opened in advance."

96 points - Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, January 2021

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2018 Occidental Station Vineyard

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Vine age of over twenty years

All Occidental vineyards are grafted with proprietary *massale* selections developed over three decades

Fermented with 30% whole-cluster

Native yeast fermentation

Native ML fermentation

Made from only free-run juice; Occidental does not own a press

Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered with a minimum level of SO2

TASTING NOTES

Striking aromas of boysenberry, violet, and cassis. Superb concentration and intensity on the palate without any dimension of weight.

Deep, powerful, and bursting with energy. A strong sense of minerality infuses the purple flavors with terrific drive and tension.

Finishes very long and silky with a rising violet perfume. - Steve Kistler

VINEYARD DETAILS

Vineyard: Planted in 1998 by Steve Kistler

Clonal material: Proprietary *massale* selections, including some Calera and Swan

Yields: 2 tons per acre in 2018

Rootstocks: 101-14, 420a

Orientation: North/South

Soils: Goldridge, iron-rich sandstone soils mixed with stony pebbles

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2018 Occidental Station Vineyard

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"The 2018 Pinot Noir Occidental Station is a dense, packed Pinot. Its huge core of fruit gives the Occidental Station tons of inner strength. Readers will have to be patient. Time in the glass brings out a whole range of inky red fruit, blood orange, exotic spice aromas and flavors, with swaths of tannin that wrap it all together. As always, the Occidental Station is quite a different beast from the other wines in the range, as it emerges from a site about fifteen miles from the winery that is quite a bit warmer and therefore lends a decidedly more exotic, ripe personality to the flavors. Even so, there is plenty of supporting structure and minerality to balance things out."

98 points - Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, January 2021

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2018 Running Fence Vineyard 'Cuvée Catherine'

: 57HG'C: BCH9

From Occidental's newest vineyard on the same ridgetop as neighboring Bodega Headlands Vineyard

Planted with 65-acres of pinot noir

Vineyard is Certified Sustainable

All Occidental vineyards are grafted with proprietary massale selections developed over three decades

Native yeast fermentation

Native ML fermentation

Made from only free-run juice; Occidental does not own a press

Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered with a minimum level of SO2

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant ruby in the glass with a touch of violet

A distinct brininess and iodine character conveys a subtly wild aspect to the wine

There is tension between the vivid blood orange and black raspberry flavors and persistent minerality

An outstanding, marine-influenced pinot noir. - Steve Kistler

VINEYARD DETAILS

Vineyard: Planted in 2012 by Steve Kistler

Clonal material: Proprietary massale selections

Yields: 1.25 tons per acre in 2018

Rootstock: Riparia Gloire

Orientation: West/Southwest, on first ridge facing the Pacific Ocean

Soils: Goldridge, sandy loam soils over marine sediment and fossils

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2018 Running Fence Vineyard 'Cuvée Catherine'

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"The 2018 Pinot Noir Running Fence Vineyard Cuvée Catherine is endowed with serious depth and intensity that give it a real feeling of vertical depth. The fruit profile leans towards the more blue/purplish realm, but it is the wine's understated richness that is impossible to miss. Bright saline notes underpin it all, leading to a beautifully sculpted finish that resonates with tremendous mineral intensity. In a word: dazzling. The Cuvée Catherine emerges from vines that surround the tasting room."

98 points - Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, January 2021

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2018 SWK Vineyard

: 57HG'C: BCH9

Vine age of over twenty years

SWK Vineyard block is the highest, steepest section of the Bodega Headlands Vineyard

Vineyard is Certified Sustainable

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Native yeast fermentation

Native ML fermentation

Made from only free-run juice; Occidental does not own a press

Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered with a minimum level of SO2

TASTING NOTES

High-toned and heady all at once, savory as well as floral

Equal parts red and black fruited, the wine is totally harmonious

Aromas of thyme, crushed stone, sea water, flavors like tiny alpine strawberries

Expresses a tremendous depth of flavor, more linear than rounded

Finishes long and hauntingly persistent - Steve Kistler

VINEYARD DETAILS

Vineyard: Planted in 1999 by Steve Kistler

Clonal material: Proprietary *massale* selections

Yields: 1 ton per acre in 2018

Rootstock: 101-14

Orientation: West/Southwest, on first ridge facing the Pacific Ocean - this vineyard block is most exposed to prevailing winds and fog

Soils: Goldridge, sandy loam soils over marine sediment and fossils

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2018 SWK Vineyard

No other Occidental pinot noir is so salty and mineral-rich in character as the 2018 SWK Vineyard. This wine is nervy, chiseled, tightly-wound.

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"The 2018 Pinot Noir SWK Vineyard, from the high, steeped section of the Bodega Headlands ranch, is one of the most hauntingly beautiful, mesmerizing wines I have tasted from Occidental. A Pinot of majestic complexity and nuance, the 2018 possesses stunning depth and intensity right out of the gate. Lavender, spice, crushed rocks, mint and blood orange infuse the 2018 with magnificent depth. The 2018 SWK has it all; captivating aromatics, beautifully layered fruit, and tons of structure. It is another fabulous wine from this benchmark Pinot vintage on the Sonoma Coast."

100 points - Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, January 2021

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2019 Freestone-Occidental



: 57HG'C: 'BCH9

Produced entirely from estate-fruit from Occidental's coastal vineyards

Vineyards are Certified Sustainable

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Native yeast fermentation

Native ML fermentation

Made from only free-run juice; Occidental does not own a press

Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered with a minimum level of SO2

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Freestone-Occidental wine shares the same winemaking techniques as our vineyard designated pinot noirs

The 2019 Freestone-Occidental offers a superb balance of bright, primary red fruits and saline elements

It conveys outstanding energy, precision and lift in the mouth and finishes vibrant and long with beautifully sculpted tannins. Its modest alcohol (13.5%) makes this wine a perfect complement to any meal

It is delicious now and will develop nicely in bottle - Steve Kistler

VINEYARD DETAILS

Vineyards: Bodega Headlands, Bodega Ridge

Proprietary *massale* selections

Yields: 1.5 tons per acre in 2019

Rootstocks: Riparia Gloire, 101-14

Orientation: West/Southwest, on the first ridge from the Pacific Ocean

Soils: Sandy loam and gravelly soils over marine sediment and fossils

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Hand-harvested at night

Hand-sorted first as clusters, then as individual berries

Fermentation: No cold soak, native yeast fermentation, minimal punchdowns, open top 4-ton fermenters are drained after 18-21 days

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Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered

Alcohol: 13.5%

2019 Freestone-Occidental

The 2019 Freestone-Occidental is a precise, site-specific pinot noir that clearly reflects its place of origin. The 2019 growing season was ideal for growing world-class pinot noir. The summer months were cooler than normal and these mild, slow ripening conditions (with very little disease pressure) lasted until mid-September when our vineyards finally reached the early edge of ripeness and we began to pick. For the next ten days, temperatures remained below normal and we were able to continue picking at a comfortable pace, just as each block reached its optimum degree of ripeness - a winemaker's dream that seldom comes true.

The 2019 Freestone-Occidental wine shares the same winemaking techniques as our vineyard-designated pinot noirs. The Freestone-Occidental wine approaches the quality of our best vineyard designates. One important reason for this is that each year, we are harvesting more fruit from our young Bodega Ridge Vineyard, which has nearly reached full production. Soon we will reach our goal of sourcing all the fruit for the Freestone-Occidental wine from our coastal Bodega Headlands and Bodega Ridge vineyards. As a result, the 2019 Freestone-Occidental carries the elusive, signature saline quality of our ridge top vineyards that makes them so compelling.

The 2019 Freestone-Occidental is finely-etched, high toned, but with a touch more flesh on its bones than the 2018 expression. Crystalline, bright, mouthwatering, with a salty mineral finish, the 2019 Freestone-Occidental evokes juicy red/purple berries and a near perfect balance of finesse and energy.