

BIG BASIN

VINEYARDS

Our approach to winegrowing is rooted in the earth and refined by hand. Great wines are grown, not made so we farm organically, harvest by hand, ferment with native yeast, avoid filtering or fining and use minimal sulfur. Ocean breezes, rocky soils, mountainous terrain establish the Santa Cruz and Gabilan Mountains as exceptional winegrowing terroir. Each vineyard we work with has a unique personality that inspires us to let them speak for themselves. Our steep windswept hillsides first planted over 100 years ago are now planted to Pinot Noir, Syrah, Grenache, and Roussanne. Founder and winemaker Bradley Brown has evolved the style at Big Basin to produce wines with more energy, intensity and dimension that speak clearly of their mountain origins.



2017 COASTVIEW VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

GABILAN MOUNTAINS (MONTEREY COUNTY)

VINEYARD

The Coastview Vineyard is located on a mountain top overlooking Monterey Bay with decomposed granite and limestone soils. In 2008, I convinced Coastview's owner John Allen to bud-over some existing Syrah vines which were having trouble getting ripe to Pinot Noir. Our Pinot comes from two blocks that face North and East. Sheep graze the vineyard during the winter months and the owner is practicing organic viticulture.

WINEMAKER NOTES

2017 was an excellent vintage in virtually all respects. A good set during Spring flowering set us up for good yields. Temperatures remained fairly moderate all year until just before harvest when a substantial heat spike impacted some vineyards. Fortunately, the high elevation, mountain top exposure and proximity to Monterey Bay of the Coastview Vineyard helps moderate those heat spikes. This is our ninth vintage of Coastview Pinot Noir and we can definitely say that experience with a vineyard counts when it comes to getting the most out of it. We have worked hard in the vineyard to ensure proper management to obtain the lignified canes we need to use whole cluster without any intrusive or dry tannin. All of the pieces are there in the balance that delivers a compelling and age worthy wine.

Vine Age:

19 years

Elevation:

2200 ft

Aspect/Slope:

North and East;
15%-30%

Soil:

Decomposed quartz
diorite and limestone

Clones:

Pinot Noir 113, 114,
115, 667, 777, Swan
and "Pisoni

Fermentation:

Native primary &
Malo-lactic

Alcohol:

13.5%

Elevage:

17 months in French
oak barrels

No filtration or fining

Cases Produced:

290

Retail Price:

\$55



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