



Blue Slide Ridge Pinot Noir | Fort Ross - Seaview 2019

GROWING YEAR

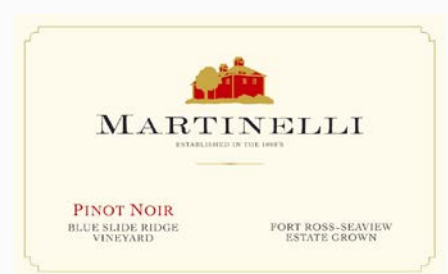
The 2019 season was overall very cool with record rainfall in Sonoma County in February. The vines however, were not affected by this because they were still dormant at the time. Similar to the 2018 season, spring and summer were moderate in temperature and ripening developed gradually and under minimal stress. This year was in fact so similar to 2018 that we began harvest the same day, on September 10th. Unfortunately another wildfire hit the region at the end of October, but luckily none of our vineyards were affected. The winery and many staff were evacuated, but we were able to keep an eye on the new vintage with a skeleton crew. The quality was not impacted and we are very excited at the concentration of flavors in this vintage.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Blue Slide is named for its magnificent formations of blue rock. Directly below the vineyard a sheer cliff drops into the small winding "Marshall Creek", showing off great cerulean shards jutting out from beneath the earth's surface. In 1995 Lee Sr. and Carolyn Martinelli planted this six acre vineyard of Pinot Noir on a steep slope, under the guidelines of Helen Turley. This site was once prime grazing land for sheep, located on the second ridge inland from the Pacific coastline.

TASTING NOTES

Complex aromas of blueberry, plum and fresh roasted coffee are found in the nose. The superbly balanced palate is mouthwatering and long with flavors of black cherry and a touch of baking spice.



2019 Vintage

- 96 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 95 points - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

2018 Vintage

- 96 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 93+ points - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

2017 Vintage

- 95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 96+ points - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

Winemaker:
Courtney Wagoner

Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Case Production: 271