



Hyde de Villaine

Hyde de Villaine Ysabel Pinot Noir is a poetic expression of Sonoma Mountain's terroir, blending floral elegance with a vibrant depth that speaks to the vineyard's high-altitude character.



94
James
Suckling



Ysabel Pinot Noir 2018

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

Ysabel Pinot Noir 2018 is sourced from the **Van der Kamp Vineyard** on **Sonoma Mountain**, an area celebrated for its cool-climate conditions and diverse soils. The vineyard, located at an elevation of **1,400 feet above Kenwood**, benefits from southeastern exposure, ensuring optimal sunlight for grape ripening while retaining vibrant acidity due to cooler nighttime temperatures.

The vines, aged **18 to 19 years**, are rooted in **Speckles loam and volcanic tuff soils**, which provide excellent drainage and contribute to the wine's minerality and complexity. This 3-acre block is carefully managed to produce low yields of high-quality fruit, embodying the unique character of Sonoma Mountain.

Winemaking

Ysabel Pinot Noir 2018 is made from **100% Pinot Noir**, harvested on **September 14, 2018**. The grapes underwent fermentation with precision to capture the vineyard's distinctiveness. The wine was aged for **18 months in French oak barrels**, with **20% new oak**, allowing for subtle integration of wood flavors while maintaining the purity of the fruit.

This Pinot Noir was bottled **unfined and unfiltered** on **March 13, 2019**, preserving its natural texture and complexity. With an alcohol level of **13.2%**, this wine is a perfect balance of power and elegance.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby with a translucent brilliance.
- **Aroma:** Enchanting floral notes of rose perfume, pink peppercorn, and green tea, layered with hints of pomegranate, macerated strawberry, and weathered cedar.
- **Palate:** Cranberry and wild raspberry flavors intertwine with well-defined tannins, offering a texture reminiscent of Chinese five-spice. Herbal undertones of thyme and rosemary add depth, while vibrant acidity provides a clean, structured finish.
- **Finish:** Long and refined, with evolving complexity and freshness.

Alcohol :13,20 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



VOYAGEURS DU VIN

DISTRIBUTED BY

WWW.VOYAGEURSDUVIN.COM



Ysabel Pinot Noir 2018

Did you know?

The name **Ysabel** honors a family matriarch and celebrates the Hyde family's **Spanish-California heritage**. The Hyde de Villaine crest, derived from the de la Guerra family of Spain, has adorned every bottle since the winery's founding in 2000.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck confit with cherry reduction:** The wine's vibrant acidity and red fruit notes enhance the richness of the duck and the sweet tanginess of the sauce.
- **Herb-crusted lamb chops:** The herbal undertones of the wine harmonize beautifully with the earthy flavors of the lamb and fresh herbs.
- **Mushroom and thyme tart:** The earthy complexity of mushrooms complements the wine's mineral-driven and herbal notes.
- **Seared salmon with fennel and citrus glaze:** The wine's freshness and layered flavors pair well with the rich, savory fish and bright citrus accents.



James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2018)

A solid wine with tile, iron, spice, clove and strawberry character. Full-bodied and very chewy, but shows freshness and brightness. Rather muscular. More about the tannins here. Flavorful finish. Needs two or three years to soften. Drink after 2022.



VOYAGEURS DU VIN

DISTRIBUTED BY

WWW.VOYAGEURSDUVIN.COM