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.

Alcohol :13,20 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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.

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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.

94 James Suckling

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.