



Drew Family Wines

as reviewed by Jim Gordon

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Drew 2015 Estate Field Selections Pinot Noir (Mendocino Ridge)

It's hard to imagine a wine with more personality and complexity than this absolutely intriguing mountain-grown Pinot. It continues to surprise and delight in layers of exotic mint, violet, ripe cherry and berry tones that carry through to the vibrant finish. Superb balance comes from firm tannins and ample acidity, with vivid fruit and savory flavors on top of a medium body. **(97 points, Cellar Selection)**

Drew 2015 The Fog-Eater Pinot Noir (Anderson Valley)

This wine is practically enchanting with its myriad aromas, lively texture and layers of intricate fruit, spice and woody flavors. It offers tones of tart red cherry, rhubarb and cranberry, with enough body and richness to nicely balance those lean characteristics. **(95 points, Editors' Choice)**

Drew 2015 Morning Dew Ranch Pinot Noir (Anderson Valley)

This multi-dimensional wine shows off beautiful complexity in the aromas and flavors and creates a very distinctive personality. Black tea, rhubarb and oak spices waft up from the glass and black cherry, clove and bay leaf swirl through the flavors. It's not too full bodied, has a great sense of balance, and good length on the finish. **(95 points, Cellar Selection)**

Drew 2015 Valenti Ranch Syrah (Mendocino Ridge)

This concentrated but not overly ripe wine tastes like it's from a cool climate. It has great balance and lots of subtleties to explore. The color is very deep and dark, the aromas recall

pencil shavings, earth and roses, and delicious and dry blackberry and dark chocolate emerge on the palate. The vineyard is on a mountainside above Anderson Valley and also produces wonderful Pinot Noir. **(94 points, Editors' Choice)**

Drew 2015 Valenti Ranch Pinot Noir (Mendocino Ridge)

Very fruity and also well-balanced, this red-cherry and cranberry scented wine from a small, high-elevation vineyard has medium to full body, lots of freshness in the aromas and flavors and a tangy, lively texture that keeps it feeling refreshing on the palate. It is distinctive and appetizing to sip. **(93 points)**

Drew 2015 Fashauer Vineyards Pinot Noir (Anderson Valley)

Just-ripe and robust, this is a relatively big Pinot that tastes rich and feels full bodied, while not overdoing it. Firm tannins and good acidity support complex black tea, black cherry and clove flavors that seem to expand on the palate and linger nicely through the finish. With structure like this it's a good bet to age; best after 2022. **(93 points, Cellar Selection)**

Drew 2016 Mid-Elevation Pinot Noir (Mendocino Ridge)

Floral, savory aromas and good, juicy red and black-cherry flavors are lifted by racy acidity and moderate tannins in this medium-bodied wine. It has a tangy lip-smacking texture, fine balance and reveals more nuances with each sip. **(92 points)**

Drew 2015 Valenti Ranch Chardonnay (Mendocino Ridge)

This wine, from a tiny mountainside vineyard, has an especially deep gold color, bold aromas of orange zest and peaches, and rich but bright fruit flavors shaded by mineral and spice notes. It feels full in body and viscous in texture, giving a lot of palate impact. **(91 points)**

Drew 2015 The Ornbaun Syrah (Mendocino Ridge)

Serious ripeness and juiciness stand out in this deep-colored medium-bodied wine grown at high elevation. It smells earthy and lightly oaky, and tastes very fruity and generous, flooding the palate with jammy blackberry and black cherry flavors. **(91 points)**

