

Best New Releases from Sonoma and Beyond

featuring Drew

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Drew

These are some of the most impressive wines I have tasted from Jason Drew. The 2017 Pinots in particular are superb.

2017 Fog Eater Pinot Noir

The 2017 Pinot Noir Fog Eater is gorgeous and also one of the finest wines I have tasted from Jason Drew. Bright, floral and beautifully lifted, it is all class. Freshly cut roses, raspberry and mint give the 2017 its distinctive, high-toned personality. The fog Eater is an especially gracious, refined Anderson Valley Pinot. I loved it. **(95 points)**

2017 Wendling Vineyard Pinot Noir

The 2017 Pinot Noir Wendling Vineyard shows why this is one of the very finest vineyard sites in Anderson Valley and in California. Deep, racy and bold, with striking fruit density, the 2017 is simply stunning in its beauty. Blood orange, red cherry jam, pomegranate, wild flowers and spice build as this rich, nuanced Pinot shows off its many charms. What a wine! **(96 points)**

2017 Morning Dew Ranch Pinot Noir

The 2017 Pinot Noir Morning Dew Ranch is airy and lifted in feel, with a lovely sense of translucence. Rose petal, mint, lavender and sweet red berry all lift from the glass in this gracious, understated Pinot from Jason Drew. **(92 points)**

2017 Valenti Ranch Pinot Noir

The 2017 Pinot Noir Valenti Ranch is a pretty, relatively small-scale wine. Floral and lifted, displaying lovely detail, it is one of the quieter Pinots in the range. Freshly cut flowers, mint and red berry fruit add an air of sensuality to this expressive, mid-weight Pinot. **(93 points)**

2017 Estate Field Selections Pinot Noir

The 2017 Pinot Noir Estate Field Selections is another standout in this range. Dark red

cherry, blueberry, mint and floral notes flesh out this expressive, beautifully layered Pinot. A wine of resonance, texture and depth, the 2017 is absolutely delicious and incredibly inviting. **(95 points)**

2017 Estate Mid-Slope Pinot Noir

The 2017 Pinot Noir Estate Mid-Slope is a deep, potent wine. Black cherry, licorice, cloves and menthol add to its virile, brooding profile. Dense, meaty and powerful, with tons of depth and pure power. I would prefer to cellar this sturdy Pinot for at least a year or two. **(94 points)**

2017 Estate Mid-Elevation Pinot Noir

The 2017 Pinot Noir Mid-Elevation is laced with bright, red/purplish berry fruit and sweet floral notes. It offers a striking combination of fruit richness and perfume, and silky tannins add to its considerable charms. **(94 points)**

2017 Valenti Ranch Syrah

The 2017 Syrah Valenti Ranch is a powerful yet sleek wine with good depth and balance. Inky blue/purplish berry fruit, lavender, mint and black pepper grace this savory, mid-weight Syrah. The Valenti Ranch Syrah is far more convincing than the Perli. **(92 points)**

