



# JEB DUNNUCK

## **97 Points** - 2018 Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir

A gem of a wine, the 2018 Pinot Noir Gap's Crown Vineyard comes from one of the great sites on the Sonoma Coast and saw a touch of stems (10%) and 50% new French oak. Tasting like a mix of a Russian River Valley Pinot Noir with its richness and depth and a Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir with its elegance and finesse, this brilliant wine is loaded with wild strawberry and darker berry fruits intermixed with lots violets, spice, pine cone, and forest floor aromas and flavors. It packs plenty of richness and depth on the palate, has awesome tannins, a stacked mid-palate, and no shortage of length on the finish. Don't miss it!

## **95 Points** - 2018 Rodgers Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir

Seeing 20% stems and 50% new French oak, the 2018 Pinot Noir Rodgers Creek Vineyard gives up a rocking perfume of sweet raspberry and cranberry fruits intermixed with spicy, pine/forestry, and floral aromas and flavors. It's elegant on the palate, with medium-bodied richness, and has good acidity and silky tannins. From a site on the Sonoma Coast, drink this puppy any time over the coming 7-8 years.

## **95 Points** - 2018 Sangiacomo Vineyard Pinot Noir

Another Sonoma Coast release, the 2018 Pinot Noir Sangiacomo Vineyard was completely destemmed and brought up in 50% new French oak, bottled unfinned and unfiltered. Gorgeous wild strawberry and raspberry fruit gives way to more spice, forestry, and sappy flower nuances. Tight, vibrant, and lengthy on the palate, with classic Sonoma Coast minerality, it's beautifully done and will evolve of a decade.

## **95 Points** - 2018 Walala Vineyard Pinot Noir

The 2018 Pinot Noir Walala Vineyard comes from a ridgeline vineyard sitting at 1,200 feet in elevation near the town of Annapolis, in the northern part of the Sonoma Coast. This is another impeccably balanced, elegant wine from this talented team. Impressive wild strawberry, candied orange peel, spice, and floral notes all emerge from the glass. With good acidity, polished tannins, and a great finish, it's going to be even better this time next year and see its 10th birthday in fine form.

## **95 Points** - 2018 Reuling Vineyard Chardonnay

From a site just off Highway 116 between Graton and Forestville, the 2018 Chardonnay Reuling Vineyard is a complete, beautifully balanced Chardonnay from this team. Baked apples, brioche, white flowers, and spicy notes dominate the bouquet, and it's flawlessly balanced, with both richness and freshness. As with all these 2018 Chardonnay from Sojourn, it shows the forward, charming, yet balanced style of the vintage beautifully.

## **94 Points** - 2018 Riddle Vineyard Pinot Noir

The 2018 Pinot Noir Riddle Vineyard comes from the Green Valley, not far from the town of Occidental. All destemmed and aged in 50% new French oak, it's more reserved aromatically yet has good density and richness in its black cherry and mulberry fruit. Showing plenty of sappy herbs, violet, and floral notes, it's medium-bodied and has terrific balance, with a nicely structured, tight vibe on the palate that's going to evolve for 7-8 years.

### **94 Points - 2018 Ridgetop Vineyard Pinot Noir**

From a vineyard owned and managed by Thomas Rivers Brown and Fred Schrader, the 2018 Pinot Noir Ridgetop Vineyard reveals a medium ruby/translucent hue as well as a pretty bouquet of framboise, strawberry tart, minty herbs, and loamy earth. It's another incredibly elegant, ethereal 2018 with nicely integrated acidity, terrific balance, and a great finish. I wouldn't be surprised to see this keep for over a decade.

### **94 Points - 2018 Gap's Crown Vineyard Chardonnay**

The 2018 Chardonnay Gap's Crown Vineyard is cut from the same cloth with its rich orchard fruits and subtle toasty notes, yet it has a touch more purity, focused, and precision on the palate. Beautifully balanced, with plenty of concentration and length. It's going to evolve gracefully and should easily evolve for 7-8 years in cold cellars.

### **93+ Points - 2018 Reuling Vineyard Pinot Noir**

Strawberry, raspberry, white flowers, and plenty of spice emerge from the 2018 Pinot Noir Reuling Vineyard. This elegant, silky effort is medium-bodied, has terrific balance, present tannins, and good acidity. It's one of the more ethereal, focused wines in the lineup and is going to evolve for 7-8 years, if not longer.

### **93 Points - 2018 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir**

The same could be said for the 2018 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, which has a slightly fresher, more floral, raspberry-laced perfume as well as lots of pine and foresty nuances, medium to full body, a tight, vibrant texture, and a great finish. It's another beautiful wine that should evolve for 5-7 years or so.

### **93 Points - 2018 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay**

Brought up in 40% new French oak, the 2018 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard is another richer styled white with impressive white currant, sautéed apple, white flower, and spice aromas and flavors. Offering plenty of fruit, medium to full body, a rounded mouthfeel, and good acidity, it's another terrific 2018 to drink over the coming 4-6 years.

### **92 Points - 2018 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir**

Moving to the reds, there are two appellation releases. Starting with the 2018 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley, it was destemmed and brought up in 50% new French oak. It would be a great introduction into Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, as it has all the classic characteristics I associated with the region: a spicy, cola, complex red-fruited bouquet, medium to full body, good freshness and purity, and a great finish. Drink it over the coming 4-5 years.

### **92 Points - 2018 Wohler Vineyard Pinot Noir**

All destemmed and brought up in the standard 50% new French oak, the 2018 Pinot Noir Wohler Vineyard is one of the lighter colored releases, yet it still has plenty of oomph in its raspberry, cherry, spice, and floral aromas and flavors. It's elegant, medium-bodied, nicely balanced, and a rock-solid effort that's going to evolve for 4-6 years.

### **92 Points - 2018 Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay**

The 2018 Chardonnay Sangiacomo Vineyard offers a bigger, richer style. Lots of apple pie, brioche, honeysuckle, and toasted almond notes dominate the bouquet, and it's medium to full-bodied, has loads of fruit, and shows the rounded, mouthfilling, silky style of the vintage beautifully.