



2013 ALBATROSS RIDGE ESTATE RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Edible Monterey Bay/WineOhTV

“Albatross Ridge: Wines That Soar”

“Albatross Ridge vineyard, replete with limestone and shale and reminiscent of Burgundy, keeps some pretty toney company. Located at the top of Laureles Grade, at the southwestern edge of Carmel Valley, it neighbors the vaunted Diamond T Vineyard owned by Robb Talbott...The diatomaceous soils and cool maritime winds are ideal for growing truly Burgundian style Chardonnay...Pinot finds a natural home here as well, yielding boundlessly energetic aromatics that tend towards red, not black....Hawley would be proud of the free-flying wines his great grandson is making, proving once more the incredible endurance and power of the albatross.”

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“This is a big boy wine, brooding and earthy, with flint, forest floor, mushroom and crab apple on the nose. The color hints at its robust character, filled with cheery cherry, cigar, red plum, cranberry, cinnamon, nutmeg, red currant and mocha, ending with a flourish of flint and citron. This has plenty of stuffing to age for decades.”

93 Points

-Laura Ness, January 2016

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Wine Review Online

“A big earthy nose! Damp earth and mushroom are forward over black cherry and brown spice. On the palate, great acidity brightens things and pushes the cherry and spice up over the earthy character, without covering it entirely. **This is a wow wine** if you like a dense, earthy style. **Albatross Ridge is a new player to watch!**”

93 Points

-Rich Cook, December 2015

San Francisco Chronicle

“Albatross Ridge winery finds deep meaning in coastal site”

“The warm days and cool nights coax complexity and minerality from Pinot and Chardonnay given long hang times by the Pacific 7 miles away — and **buzz among soulful sommeliers and wine lovers** seeking out grape juice different from the big, fruity, traditional California style...Garrett gets geeky as we ride around the estate’s 244 acres with glasses of beautiful 2012 Estate Pinot blended from the top 12 barrels of the vintage...Some of the town’s most progressive sommeliers are among those who savor the lean Pinots and Chardonnays over bigger, oakier alternatives...Sierra Mar manager and sommelier Sarah Kabat-Marcy elaborates. “The Pinots are elegant and complex. Both are refreshing expressions of our local terroir. The plus is knowing Garrett and his wife, Cassia, are truly devoted to their craft.”

-Mark Anderson, September 2015

PinotFile

“Moderately dark reddish purple color in the glass. A tug of oak currently spearheads this mid weight plus wine offering aromas and flavors of blackberry, black grape, cassis, spice and black tea. The fine grain tannins and acidity are well balanced and the silky texture is très Pinot.” **90-91 Points: Outstanding**

-Rusty Gaffney, January 2016

The Tasting Panel

“Smooth, ripe and juicy with savory red cherry and spice; meaty, long and balanced.” **90 Points: Outstanding**

-Anthony Dias Blue, February 2016

The Detroit News

“This Estate Reserve Pinot is made from a selection of the winery’s 12 best barrels from 2012. It’s a bigger wine than the Vivienne — it has more weight, more alcohol. It’s an earthy wine, with intense cherry, pomegranate, cola and brown cooking spice flavors with a note of old-fashioned hard Christmas candy in the aromas. **The whole package is bright and well-balanced.**”

-Sandra Silfven, January 2016

Wine Review Online

“Balances deeply-concentrated, dark fruit with a firm structure of tannin and seems built to age.”

-Mary Ewing-Mulligan, January 2016

The Daily Meal

“13 American Red Wines Great for Holiday Sharing”

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“Warm, plump cherry flavors that are fruit-forward, although not over the top — truly a generous wine.”

-Roger Morris, December 2015