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Bibiana's sensitivity and bonding with this vineyard is clear in this outstanding collection of wines—brava!

Wayfarer 2016 Pinot Noir The Traveler

97+

From blocks 9 and 18 planted to the proprietary suitcase clone, the 2016 Pinot Noir The Traveler is pale to medium ruby-purple colored and offers a quiet intensity of a myriad of red fruit and floral notes: cranberries, Bing cherries and raspberry leaves with hints of roses, lilacs, mandarin peel, allspice and fragrant underbrush. Medium-bodied, very fine, wonderfully refreshing and bursting with red berry and floral layers, it finishes very long and very minerally.

Wayfarer 2016 Chardonnay Wayfarer Vineyard

97+

The 2016 Chardonnay Wayfarer Vineyard opens with beguiling scents of fresh ginger, orange blossoms, baking bread, toasted almonds and beeswax with a core of pineapple, grapefruit, lemon meringue pie and green mango. Medium to full-bodied, the palate explodes with tropical and citrus fruit goodness, supported by a racy line of acid and finishing on a persistent gingery note.

Wayfarer 2016 Pinot Noir Paige's Ridge

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From a single block fermented in an oak cuve, the medium ruby-purple colored 2016 Pinot Noir Paige's Ridge offers up a flamboyant nose of crushed black cherries, black raspberries and chocolate box with fragrant touches of violets, star anise, oolong tea and lavender. Medium to full-bodied, rich and super intense in the mouth, it has a firm frame of very fine-grained tannins and great freshness, finishing long.

Wayfarer 2016 Pinot Noir Golden Mean

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From Pommard and Swan clones with zero whole cluster this year, the 2016 Pinot Noir Golden Mean is medium ruby-purple colored and sings of kirsch, mulberries, black cherries and cranberries with touches of cinnamon stick, red roses, black pepper and black tea plus a waft of mossy bark. Medium-bodied, the palate has beautiful tension with a firm frame of grainy tannins and tons of red and black fruit layers, finishing on a lingering mineral note.

Wayfarer 2016 Pinot Noir Mother Rock

94+

From two co-fermented blocks, the medium ruby-purple colored 2016 Pinot Noir Mother Rock leaps from the glass with chocolate-covered cherries, peppermint, violets and black soil notes plus nuances of lilacs, Sichuan pepper, garrigue and truffles. Medium-bodied, the perfumed black cherries fill the palate, supported by plush tannins and great freshness, finishing with some baking spice notes coming through.

Wayfarer 2016 Pinot Noir Wayfarer Vineyard

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The 2016 Pinot Noir Golden Mean comes mostly from the Swan clone yet includes plenty of Pommard as well. The cuvée comes from two parcels in the estate vineyard, is cofermented (with around 10% whole cluster), and spent 15 months in 67% new French oak. It offers a more black fruited style with a huge nose of black cherries, scorched earth, charcoal, and just a hint of exotic flowers. Medium-bodied, rich, and structured, it's another wine that builds with time in the glass. Give bottles 2-3 years and enjoy over the following decade.