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Wayfarer 2015 Pinot Noir The Traveler

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A wine that will clearly spoil you for anything else. It offers a textured creamy impression of dark plum, supple red fruit, vanilla and spice. The palate is gorgeous with lively acidity integrated with ripe fruit. A velvety core of cherry, peach, red currant and cranberry.

Wayfarer 2015 Chardonnay Wayfarer Vineyard

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A sublimely perfect nose with a notable citrus, grain and chalk that merge with a streak of vanilla, resinous honey and yellow plum. The palate entry offers a lean green and amber fruit coupled with fine acidity very well balanced throughout.

Wayfarer 2016 Pinot Noir The Traveler

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The nose is a silky red berry with polished, dusty cherry, sappy plum and graphite. Everything is beautifully put together with notes of conifer and cedar. The palate is as focused as the nose with a gentle silkiness that weaves throughout despite notable tension in the components. Fresh fruit, spice, tobacco and lingering boysenberry on the finish.

Wayfarer 2016 Chardonnay Wayfarer Vineyard

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The nose is a lively Meyer lemon, pineapple, polished vanilla and chalk with notes of dried flower and honeycomb. The palate is a full and ripe pineapple with substantial white stone fruit, grain and notes of licorice in the core finishing with a silky crème brulee.

Wayfarer 2016 Pinot Noir Golden Mean

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The nose is a ripe dark cherry and blue fruit, tobacco with a core of richer velvet-like notes of boysenberry, conifer and wood spice. The palate entry is a well-focused spiced black plum with notes of tobacco and silky red cherry. Very nice structural emphasis on red fruits and gentle florals.

Wayfarer 2016 Pinot Noir Mother Rock

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The nose is a vivid swirl of mixed dark stone fruit and berries with spice, graphite and garrigue. The palate entry offers lavender, cherry and tobacco with a velvet-like core that picks up soaked cherry, vanilla and dynamic blue fruit silkiness.

Wayfarer 2015 Pinot Noir Wayfarer Vineyard

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The nose is punctuated with black plum and currant with notes of licorice and blackberry over supple spice and red raspberry. The palate is well-structured on entry with a subtle wild blackberry. Clean and linear in the core with a mid-palate of fresh, well-defined fruit finishing dry with heightened notes of fruit in the finish.

Wayfarer 2016 Pinot Noir Paige's Ridge

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The nose is a delicate floral that plays off earth, slate and graphite. The palate entry is beautifully formed, sculpted with a strawberry, plum, tobacco and blueberry in the core. This wine stays with you for a good two minutes.

Wayfarer 2016 Pinot Noir Wayfarer Vineyard

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The nose is licorice, dark cherry, spice box, cedar with notes of blueberry, cranberry and curacao. The palate entry is dry tea-like strawberry, plum and soaked cherry. Youthful structure of fine-grained oak and tobacco accented with dark chocolate.