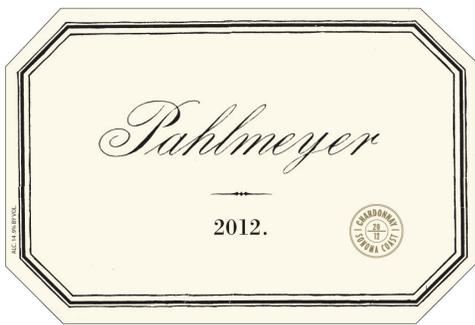


Producer commentary

Vintages 2011 and 2012 represent a transition at Pahlmeyer. The 2011s were started by Erin Green and finished by Kale Anderson, who also makes Pahlmeyer's Napa Valley wines. Beginning in 2012, winemaking duties at Pahlmeyer have been divided between Anderson, who now focuses exclusively on the Napa wines, and Bibians Gonzalez-Rave, who is in charge of all the Sonoma wines. At the same time, Pahlmeyer is bottling a number of Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs from their Wayfarer property in the Fort Ross-Seaview AVA separately. Those new releases are reviewed here. It's certainly exciting times at Pahlmeyer. The future looks very bright.

Pahlmeyer 2012 Chardonnay Sonoma Coast, Sonoma, USA



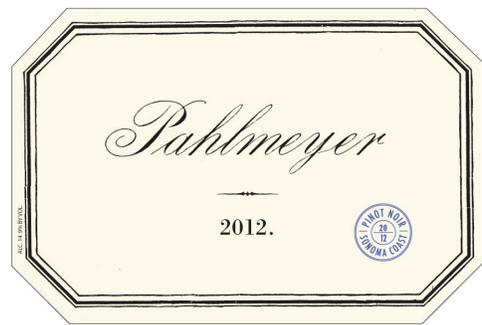
93+ pts

The 2012 Chardonnay was bottled just two weeks before this tasting. Lemon, almonds, spices, butter and French oak blossom effortlessly in the glass. A creamy, voluptuous, full-bodied Chardonnay, the 2012 boasts superb depth and volume all the way through to the oily, textured finish. Here, the heavy toast barrels are in evidence, but the wine seems to have more than enough stuffing to handle the oak. I can't wait to see how the 2012 ages.

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Pahlmeyer 2012 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, Sonoma, USA



94 pts

The 2012 Pinot Noir is drop-dead gorgeous. Dark red cherry, plum, stone fruit, menthol, cloves and spices are all woven together in a layered, sumptuous wine bursting with class and balance. This is a striking wine in every way. The 2012 is the first vintage made by new winemaker Bibiana Gonzalez-Rave, and it is fabulous.

Gonzalez-Rave aged the 2012 in Francois Freres barrels, 85% new. Stylistically, the Pahlmeyer Pinot is a littler juicier and more textured than the wines Gonzalez-Rave is making at Wayfarer. She has done an equally fabulous job here. What a beautiful wine this is.

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