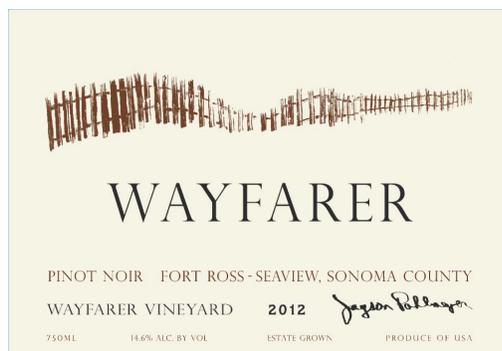


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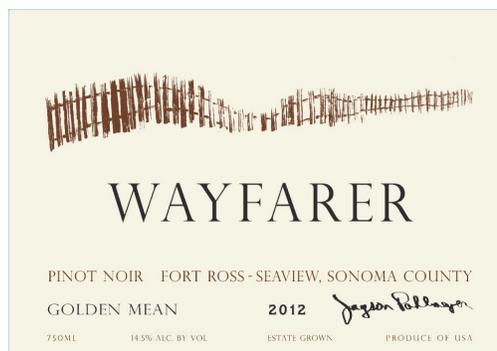
95 pts

Dark cherries, red stone fruits, menthol, flint and sweet spices all race out of the glass as the 2012 Pinot Noir Wayfarer Vineyard shows off its personality. Exotic and vibrant on the palate, the 2012 dazzles from the very first taste. The combination of sumptuous fruit and Sonoma Coast minerality is simply compelling. What a beautiful wine this is. The 2012 is power and class personified.

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Wayfarer 2012 Pinot Noir Golden Mean Sonoma Coast, Sonoma, USA



93+ pts

A more masculine, virile expression of Sonoma Coast Pinot emerges from the 2012 Pinot Noir Golden Mean. Dark cherries, new leather and savory herbs blossom in a big, broad-shouldered wine endowed with tremendous power. The 2012 was bottled just two weeks before this tasting, so it is still a bit shocked, but super-impressive just the same. There is plenty of upside here.

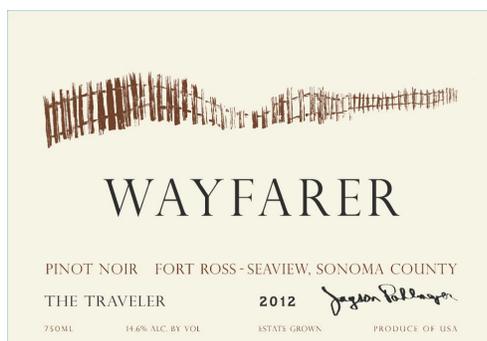
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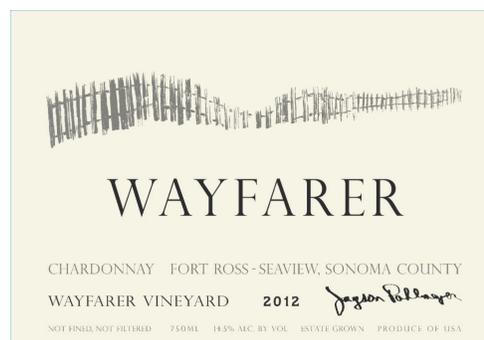
92 pts

The 2012 Pinot Noir The Traveler is the richest and most powerful of these wines. Made with clonal material sourced from one of Burgundy's top sites, the Traveler is layered with black stone fruit, cherries, menthol, cola and licorice. The Traveler was just bottled, so it will be interesting to see what the next 6-12 months bring. Today, I see a little less finesse than in the two other Wayfarer Pinots.

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Wayfarer 2012 Chardonnay Wayfarer Vineyard Sonoma Coast, Sonoma, USA



92 pts

The 2012 Chardonnay Wayfarer Vineyard impresses for its energy and focus. Grapefruit, lemon oil, pears, chalk and white flowers all take shape in the glass. Today, the 2012 is a bit compact and closed in on itself, which is surprising for the year, even on the coast. This is a terrific first effort, though. There is every reason to think future vintages will be even better.

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