

An artistic illustration of two white horses galloping through a sea of soft, billowing clouds. The horses are depicted in a dynamic, forward-leaning pose, with their manes and tails flowing. The clouds are rendered with delicate, swirling lines, creating a sense of movement and depth. The overall color palette is monochromatic, using various shades of white and light gray, which gives the image a clean, ethereal, and sophisticated feel.

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THOROUGHBRED WINES FROM THE PACIFIC COAST'S
MOST ESTEEMED VINEYARDS.

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OUR STORY

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Owners: Barbara Banke & Peggy Furth

Winemaker: Nikki Weerts

Viticulture Director: Shaun Kajiwarra

EXTREME VITICULTURE

High elevations, coastal winds, and rocky, nutrient-poor soils are just a few things that challenge a vineyard during growing season. These difficult conditions result in low yields, small berries, and intense, concentrated flavors in the fruit, ultimately creating a complex profile in the wines.

WINES

Like Thoroughbred racehorses, WindRacer wines show a distinct purity that comes from both variety and place. The wines are comprised exclusively of either Chardonnay or Pinot Noir, sourced from select blocks within ideally-positioned vineyards. Winemaker Nikki Weerts crafts these wines in individual lots with minimal intervention. Her goal is simple: to reveal the unique sense of place found within each of these remarkable vineyards.

- Saralee's Vineyard Chardonnay, 2018, Russian River Valley AVA - 265 cases - SRP \$65
- Alexander Mountain Estate Chardonnay, 2018, Alexander Valley AVA - 208 cases - SRP \$65
- Bloomfield Vineyard Pinot Noir, 2018, Russian River Valley AVA - 110 cases - SRP \$75
- Skycrest Vineyard Pinot Noir, 2018, Anderson Valley AVA - 206 cases - SRP \$75
- Edmeades Vineyard Pinot Noir, 2018, Anderson Valley AVA - 237 cases - SRP \$75
- Sealift Vineyard Pinot Noir, 2018 Sonoma Coast AVA - 237 cases - SRP \$75

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Extreme Viticulture Vineyard Sites



EDMEADES VINEYARD

Anderson Valley, Mendocino County

Originally planted in 1964, Edmeades was one of the first vineyards in Anderson Valley. This historic property sits on a plateau above the Navarro River, just west of the small town of Philo. High density vines are planted in clay loam soils, creating a beneficial struggle for nutrients. Chilly coastal breezes sweep in each day around 3:00 p.m., maintaining cool temperatures and allowing the grapes to ripen slowly. The result is complex flavor development ranging from red to black fruits in the Pinot Noir.

SEALIFT VINEYARD

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

Aptly named, Sealift Vineyard was created from ancient marine terraces turned up from the bottom of the ocean during tectonic movements millions of years ago. These sandy loam soils combined with cool, coastal breezes create ideal growing conditions for Pinot Noir. Just five miles from the ocean, this remote vineyard sits in the “true” Sonoma Coast, where a small enclave of dramatic vineyards struggle against the climatic forces of the Pacific Ocean to create stunning Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays.

SKYCREST VINEYARD

Anderson Valley, Mendocino County

The Skycrest Vineyard sits at 2,000 feet over Anderson Valley, pitched on the eastern ridgeline where the mountain meets the sky. Emerging from the fogline below, this steep hillside vineyard has an ideal southwest-facing aspect, which receives copious amounts of afternoon sun to balance the cool weather and high elevation. Its tough, mountainous soils are made of grey shale and decomposed sandstone with veins of quartz crystal. This fortuitous combination of climate and soil produces naturally low yields and long hang times for complex flavor development and good acid retention in the grapes.

SARALEE'S VINEYARD

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

The famous Saralee's Vineyard has a rich history and reputation for producing stunning Burgundian varietals. Located in the Russian River Valley, it sits just north of the Petaluma Gap, where wind and fog whip through daily from the Pacific Ocean, creating cool growing conditions. Designated as a heritage vineyard, grapes have been grown on the property since the 1860s. When Richard and Saralee Kunde purchased the land in 1988, they planted eight varieties over 68 acres. These vines, which are now over thirty years old, are thick and gnarled with roots that reach down deep in the ground for nutrients and water. This allows the property to be dry farmed and the result is rich, complex flavors and a vivid expression of terroir. Yields are very low, producing only a couple tons per acre (on a good year), but from this small amount, we get exceptional wines.

BLOOMFIELD VINEYARD

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

The Bloomfield Vineyard sits at the southern end of the Russian River Valley, near the town of Sebastopol, slightly overlapping with the Sonoma Coast AVA. It is our coolest vineyard and can be quite inhospitable with prevalent fog and windy conditions. The 26-acre site is planted to three Dijon clones of Pinot Noir that thrive in the cool climate. The sandy loam soils are derived from ancient marine terraces that skirted the Sonoma Coast millions of years ago, creating excellent drainage and low fertility for reduced yields. This combination of soil and climate produces elegant wines with balanced ripeness and bright, fresh profile.

ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN ESTATE

Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

With complex soils and cool sunlight, the Alexander Mountain Estate is a patchwork of micro-blocks that straddle three ridges on the western side of the Mayacamas Mountains. The vineyard is perched high above the Alexander Valley, framed by ancient oaks and towering redwoods. At elevations between 1,200 and 1,800 feet, the vineyard sits above the fog, receiving a gentle cooling influence from below while vines bask in ample sunlight from above. The diverse soils gives this vineyard its distinctive character, with a mixture of volcanic rock and sedimentary deposits. The Chardonnay displays beautiful minerality and bright acidity.

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2018 Saralee's Vineyard Chardonnay



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Sourced from two adjacent blocks within this famed vineyard, the Chardonnay shows classic aromas of golden apple and ripe pear. Toasted oak frames the fruit as the flavors extend through a creamy, round palate, lifted with hints of lemon curd across the long, lingering finish.

OVERVIEW

American Viticultural Area (AVA): Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Elevation: 60 - 110 feet

Vineyard selection: Block 45A, Block 45B

Clones: Chardonnay 96 & 17

Winemaker: Nikki Weerts

Vineyard Director: Shaun Kajiwara

WINEMAKING DATA

Harvest Dates: October 15, 2018

Varietal Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Fermentation: French oak barrels

Barrel Aging: 10 months, 38% new French oak

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.7

TA: 5.6 g/l

Total Case Production: 265

SRP: \$65

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2018 Alexander Mountain Estate Chardonnay



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Grown on the western ridge of the Mayacamas Mountains, the grapes for the Alexander Mountain Estate Chardonnay benefit from complex soils and cool sunshine. Sitting just above the fogline, the vines receive a cooling influence from below and abundant sun from above. This idyllic combination allows for complex flavor development over a long growing season. A mixture of volcanic rock and sedimentary deposits, the diverse soils impart a distinctive minerality. Sourced from two of the older blocks in the vineyard, the wine is made of 100% Chardonnay.

The mountain pedigree gives this wine its powerful aromatic expression and character. Yellow apples, fresh-squeezed Meyer lemon, toasted hazelnuts and vanilla bean give way to a soft, voluptuous texture across the palate. The finish is long and focused with stony minerality and acidity.

OVERVIEW

American Viticultural Area (AVA): Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

Elevation: 700 feet

Vineyard Selection: Block 238, Block 27

Clones: Chardonnay 4 & Upper Barn

Winemaker: Nikki Weerts

Vineyard Director: Shaun Kajiwara

WINEMAKING DATA

Harvest Dates: September 19, 2018

Varietal Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Fermentation: French oak barrels

Barrel Aging: 10 months, 33% new French oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.6

TA: 5.5 g/l

Total Case Production: 208

SRP: \$65

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2018 Bloomfield Vineyard Pinot Noir



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The Bloomfield Vineyard sits at the southern end of the Russian River Valley near the town of Sebastopol. Foggy mornings and cool, windy days allow the grapes to ripen slowly over a long growing season for complex flavor development. The sandy loam soils, derived from ancient marine terraces, have excellent drainage and low fertility, producing smaller yields of intense fruit. The result is an elegant wine with balanced ripeness and a vibrant profile.

Grapes are selected from a single block of the vineyard. Ripe cranberry and morello cherry introduce the wine, joined by fragrant spices and light mocha aromas. The palate integrates red plum, raspberry and light cinnamon notes with a rich, supple texture and medium tannins, extending into a long, refined finish.

OVERVIEW

American Viticultural Area (AVA): Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Elevation: 300 feet

Vineyard Selection: Block 13

Clones: Pinot Noir 777 & 667

Winemaker: Nikki Weerts

Vineyard Director: Shaun Kajiwara

WINEMAKING DATA

Harvest Dates: October 8, 2018

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Fermentation: French oak barrels

Barrel Aging: 10 months, 38% new French oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.5

TA: 6.0 g/l

Total Case Production: 110

SRP: \$75

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2018 Skycrest Vineyard Pinot Noir



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The Skycrest Vineyard is a steep hillside vineyard perched over the town of Boonville in Mendocino. Above the fogline, the grapes experience cool, sun-filled days and long hang times that give this wine its intense flavors and vibrant red fruit profile. The pitch of the vineyard slope requires that the grapes be handpicked, which allows for precise control over phenolic ripeness and harvesting at the peak of maturity. The resulting wine displays a rugged intensity indicative of its dramatic landscape.

A lively red cherry and cranberry fruit profile evolves with intense grip and power on the palate. The bright texture extends across the long finish, carried by firm tannins and notes of clove and spice.

OVERVIEW

American Viticultural Area (AVA): Anderson Valley, Mendocino County

Elevation: 2,000 feet

Vineyard Selection: Block 42, Block 49

Clones: Pinot Noir 777 & 667

Winemaker: Nikki Weerts

Vineyard Director: Shaun Kajiwara

WINEMAKING DATA

Harvest Dates: September 28, 2018

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Fermentation: French oak barrels

Barrel Aging: 10 months, 33% new French oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.5

TA: 5.9 g/l

Total Case Production: 206

SRP: \$75

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2018 Edmeades Vineyard Pinot Noir



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The historic Edmeades Vineyard sits on a plateau above the Navarro River, just west of the small town of Philo. High density vines are planted in clay loam soils. This causes a beneficial struggle for nutrients and the development of rich, concentrated flavors in the fruit. From the nearby ocean, chilly coastal breezes sweep in each day around 3pm, maintaining cooler temperatures and allowing the grapes to ripen slowly.

The bright red raspberry, bing cherry and savory herb complexity display signature Mendocino character. Across the palate, the texture is juicy and rich, with subtle earthiness and smooth tannins. The finish is long and vibrant.

OVERVIEW

American Viticultural Area (AVA): Anderson Valley, Mendocino County

Elevation: 300 feet

Vineyard Selection: Block 14, Block 15

Clones: Pinot Noir 777 & 667

Winemaker: Nikki Weerts

Vineyard Director: Shaun Kajiwarra

WINEMAKING DATA

Harvest Dates: September 24, 2018

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Fermentation: French oak barrels

Barrel Aging: 10 months, 42% new French oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.6

TA: 5.1 g/l

Total Case Production: 237

SRP: \$75

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2018 Sealift Vineyard Pinot Noir



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Just five miles from the Pacific Ocean, the Sealift Vineyard sits in the “true” Sonoma Coast, where a small enclave of dramatic vineyards thrive in this cool climate, creating stunning Pinot Noirs. The sandy loam soils were shaped from ancient marine terraces turned up from the bottom of the ocean during tectonic movements millions of years ago, which resulted in well-drained, nutrient-poor soils perfect for concentrated flavor development.

Rich and complex, the Sealift Pinot Noir opens with intense aromas of blackberry and ripe raspberry with hints of clove, cocoa and herbs. A powerful expression of raspberry, sage and cardamom with a deep intensity on the palate and a long, complex finish.

OVERVIEW

American Viticultural Area (AVA): Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

Elevation: 600 feet

Vineyard Selection: Block 18B, Block 20

Clones: Pinot Noir 777 & 667

Winemaker: Nikki Weerts

Vineyard Director: Shaun Kajiwara

WINEMAKING DATA

Harvest Dates: September 24, 2018

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Fermentation: French oak barrels

Barrel Aging: 10 months, 42% new French oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.6

TA: 5.1 g/l

Total Case Production: 237

SRP: \$75

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**Barbara Banke &
Peggy Furth
Co-founders**

Drawn together by their common interests, Barbara Banke and Peggy Furth have been friends for decades. Whether they are taking daily morning walks together in Sonoma's wine country or raising millions of dollars for local charities, these two women have an amazing relationship, rooted in friendship, that's proven to be simply unstoppable in business as well. Their newest venture, WindRacer Wines, comes from their shared passions for horses and wine. It also exemplifies their dedication to excellence in everything they do.

Bright and tenacious, both women built successful independent careers long before getting involved in the wine industry, then poured their talents into family businesses to create world class wineries. Before working with her late husband, Jess Jackson, to develop Jackson Family Wines, Barbara was a Land Use and Constitutional Law Attorney. She spent more than a decade arguing cases before the United States Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal. That background ultimately helped her grow the Jackson's vineyard holdings with world-class properties. Likewise, Peggy held the distinction of being the first female executive at Kellogg's as Vice President of Public Affairs. This business acumen became especially important as she and her late husband, Fred Furth, founded and grew Chalk Hill Estates & Vineyards. From the beginning, she had a hand in all aspects of the family business and later took over all winery operations.

Entrepreneurs at heart, Peggy and Barbara have worked together for years on multiple ventures. They have both been actively involved in supporting and raising funds for a variety of foundations and nonprofits for families and children. In 2004, they founded the Imagine Wine Auction (now known as Sonoma Paradiso), which raised upwards of \$6 million for local children's causes. They also are the visionaries and co-authors behind the innovation at Sonomaceuticals and WellVine™, which creatively uses grape pomace for highly nutritious food ingredients. In 2020 they launched a luxury winemaker's chocolate company, Vine to Bar, featuring WellVine™ Chardonnay Marc.

For both Barbara and Peggy, raising and riding top flight horses is a passion and business as important as their wine businesses. At Chalk Hill, Peggy built an exquisite indoor equestrian center and show ring for her international dressage horses. Barbara took on the race track and established the family's Lexington-based equestrian racing stables, Stonestreet Farm, in Kentucky where she raises world class race horses.

WindRacer Wines is the culmination of Barbara and Peggy's lifelong passions, producing luxury wines from extreme vineyard sites with dedication and hard work to make the very best. From these handpicked vineyard lots they produce Thoroughbred wines from the Pacific Coast's most esteemed vineyards.

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Nikki Weerts
Winemaker

Like raising an elite racehorse, producing a world-class wine requires a skilled hand to turn the pedigree into a champion. Confident, precise and hands-on, WindRacer Winemaker Nikki Weerts transforms the raw beauty and power of these grapes into refined, elegant wines.

Nikki's passion for wine began at an early age. Growing up in Cape Town, in the heart of South Africa's wine country, she spent weekends helping her dad, who was a hobby winemaker. She went on to get her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Oenology at the University of Stellenbosch. Following graduation, she began working at Uva Mira Vineyards with back to back vintages in South Africa and abroad (New Zealand and the US). A few years later, she joined Rupert and Rothchild as Assistant Winemaker. Working with both of these well-known Chardonnay producers, Nikki's experience with the variety grew, along with her love for its depth and versatility.

Nikki moved to California in 2013. Here she consulted with several wineries before meeting Barbara Banke and Peggy Furth. At the time, WindRacer was just an idea being tossed around the kitchen table by a few passionate individuals. "Making good wine is a combination of factors," says Nikki. "The most important being the energy behind it." Recognizing the enthusiasm and motivation of those around her, she jumped at the opportunity to create these new, exciting wines from the ground up.

WindRacer is a natural fit for Nikki, who has always been attracted to Burgundian varieties, one for its versatility the other for its flawless expression of place. "I have a history with Chardonnay and have always loved the way it acts as a canvas for a winemaker's style, while Pinot Noir is the ultimate expression of a site. With minimal intervention and no manipulation, the delicacy and character of the Pinot Noir grape can be captured perfectly in the glass."

As the winemaker for WindRacer, Nikki's goal is to capture the beauty of these extreme vineyard sites. "It's a privilege to have access to this fruit," she admits. "The talented team behind these vineyards works tirelessly to produce exceptional quality. My job is simply to capture the incredible profile and pedigree of this fruit for others to experience." With this in mind, she prefers to pick the grapes as soon as physiologically ripe to preserve the freshness, creating wines with a lower alcohol and bright, natural acidity.

Nikki currently splits her time between California and South Africa with her husband and two girls. In her free time, you can find her cycling or running.

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Shaun Kajiwara
Viticulture Director

The challenging North Coast vineyards have met their match in Viticulture Director Shaun Kajiwara. For WindRacer, Shaun farms these remote sites with an eye for specific rows within each block to dedicate to these Thoroughbred wines.

The inspiration for Shaun's career started with bananas. Growing up in Oahu, Hawaii, he would spend weekends and holidays at his uncle's tropical fruit nursery in Waimanalo, where he learned how to propagate and grow trees, but his favorite job was always harvesting the bananas and selling them to the local market. After attending Punahou School, he went to the University of Washington, where he graduated with a B.S. in Biochemistry.

Following his interest in wine, Shaun took a harvest job at Stonestreet Winery in 2007. He worked a few years in the cellar, and during the growing season he headed into the vineyards. "I quickly realized that great wines are made from great vineyards," says Shaun. "It reminded me of how much I enjoyed working on the farm when I was younger, and it felt like a natural decision to pursue a career in grape growing." When he first started working in the vineyards he joined a hand labor crew. "It was hard work - pruning, suckering and harvesting Monday through Saturday, 10 hours a day." Shaun quickly learned how important this detailed work was to the health and quality of a vineyard. "I also gained a whole lot of respect for how skilled the veterans were at this job," he says.

Those early days set Shaun up perfectly for working with WindRacer's vineyards, which are on steep, rugged hillsides in remote North Coast locations that require extreme viticulture and extra effort to farm. It takes a certain kind of person that delights in foggy mornings, bracing coastal winds and hand labor during long, warm summer days. "The vines that are grown on these extreme sites struggle to make a living," says Shaun. "But the small amount of grapes harvested from these vines make complex and delicious wines. It's hard work - but the result is immensely satisfying."

Shaun lives in Sonoma County with his wife and children. He enjoys cycling, reading and listening to classical and jazz music when he is away from the vineyards.
