



B. Kosuge Wines

2018 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

I've written elsewhere that if 2017 was one of the hardest vintages in recent memory, 2018 was one of the easiest. Few heat spikes, normal winter rain, and forgiving weather throughout the growing season led to one of the more civilized harvests in my many years of making wine. While hotter years often lead to red wines of great concentration and color, cooler years typically yield less dense wines with fresher flavors and more pure aromas, and this is exactly what we got in 2018.

Every spring I go through every barrel to determine which wines I will bottle, and how much of each. From the Sonoma Coast I make up to three different wines, Hirsch Vineyard, The Habitat and the Sonoma Coast blend. The two criteria the wines need to meet are 1) are the individual wines worthy of vineyard designation and 2) which combination of blends and single vineyards yields the best overall wines. In 2018, I was able to set aside a couple of barrels of Hirsch to bottle separately, but the remaining barrels were better when I blended them all together. As is often the case, good wines when combined together yield a wine that is better than any of the component parts.

175 cases bottled.