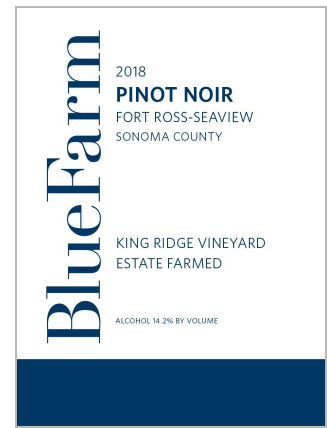


## 2018 Pinot Noir, King Ridge Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview

**Case Production:** 142 / **SRP:** \$85.00

King Ridge vineyard is tucked away on the northwestern reach of the Sonoma Coast. The AVA is Fort Ross-Seaview. At 1100 ft elevation and 5 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, King Ridge Vineyard is worth a journey. We are excited to be working with 2 acres of this spectacular vineyard. Tightly spaced vines on Goldridge soils, superbly farmed, create wines that have tension and richness; balance and edginess.



Closest Town: Cazadero

AVA: Fort Ross - Seaview

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Planted: Early 2000s

Clone(s): Pommard & Bacigalupi Old Wente

Rootstock: 420 A & 3309

Soil Type: Goldridge

Aspect: Pommard/East Sloping &

Bacigalupi Old Wente/East Sloping

Row Orientation: East

### The Vintage

2018 was one of our cooler vintages in the last decade, with extended ripening and slow flavor development. Comparing temperatures, 2018 never climbed over 95 degrees and reached the low 90's only 5 times. In 2017, we saw 10 days of temperatures above 95 degrees, and, to put that into greater context, we saw heat spikes like that only 19 times throughout the entire 1990s. When we talk about vintage, rainfall and temperature are the drivers that define the journey of flavor development and expression. As a grower, I try to adjust those variations by using tools such as canopy management, irrigation, and thinning. 2018 was an easy year, but on the heels of 2017, we had to be patient. Our harvest began 2 weeks later than 2017, starting with the Chardonnay from the Laceroni Vineyard and the Pinot Noir from our 1861 Vineyard. The Anne Katherina and King Ridge vineyards came in at the end of September. The wines showcase the moderate growing season with deep fruit flavors, layers and a delicious suppleness. I am in love with the 2018s. They come close to the perfect wine; sophisticated and nuanced. – Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2018

Harvest Date: September 28th

Harvest Brix: 25.8

Harvest pH: 3.51

Harvest TA: 6.6

Barrel Program: 67% New French Oak: Atellier,

Cadus, Francois Freres

Bottling Date: March 2020

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.8

Case Production: 142

SRP: \$85

### Blue Farm

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 30-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

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