

# RAEN

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We are honored to share the latest accolades for our 2019 RAEN wines. This vintage marks 100 consecutive harvests for the Mondavi family. As we look to define the next 100 years, we've adorned the label with the endangered Monarch Butterfly, reminding us of our connection and responsibility to nature and the land.

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James Suckling writes: "A RAEN Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Fort Ross-Seaview Sea Field Vineyard 2019 from Carlo Mondavi, the grandson of the late Robert Mondavi and son of Tim Mondavi of Continuum, was off the charts in quality. It not only highlighted the excellent work Carlo Mondavi is doing in his coastal vineyards, but also showcased the 2019 vintage for the region, following an outstanding 2018. His other two pinots and one chardonnay were also top-of-the-line."

## **2019 Sea Field Vineyard Pinot Noir, Fort Ross-Seaview – 99 points**

This is really refined with black tea, rose petals, orange and blue fruit. It's medium-bodied with wild-strawberry and forest-floor flavors. Medium-bodied with great vibrancy and beautiful tannins running through the center palate, which is stitched into the wine. Long and true. 100% whole-cluster fermentation. Subtle and energetic. Better after 2025.

## **2019 Charles Ranch Vineyard Chardonnay, Fort Ross-Seaview – 98 points**

This is really something on the nose with dried fruit, such as pineapple, peach and some cooked apple. Hints of cream and crushed stone. Full-bodied, layered and intense with phenolic tension and beauty. It's so long and firm with ultra fine tannins that provide layers and a wonderful mouth feel. Superb. So gorgeous now, but will improve beautifully with age.

## **2019 Bodega Vineyard Pinot Noir, Freestone Occidental – 97 points**

This is a rich, chunky red with blackberry, mushroom and bark character. It's full-bodied and intense with so much blackberry. Some sea moss, iodine and even sea weed. This needs time to open and come out of its cocoon. Try after 2024.

## **2019 Royal St. Robert Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast – 97 points**

The aromas of strawberry and raspberry with conifer and hints of bark are impressive. Full-bodied, but so reserved and linear with super long, tightened tannins that melt into the wine. 100% whole cluster. Drinkable now, but much better to wait a year or three.