

VIRTUAL OLDER CALIFORNIA PINO NOIR TASTING
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- 8 A. 2013 Foxen (La Encantada Vineyard) (WE 91) JJB \$49.00 3
This is a vineyard (planted with Dijon clones in 2000) on the western edge of the Santa Rita appellation—a very cool site. You should be confronted with hibiscus, Earl Grey tea, orange rind, black cherry, spiced plum and fennel bulb when you try this wine. The “experts” say that this wine started out well and should improve with age. What do you think?
- 6 B. 2013 La Voix Satisfaction Kessler-Haak Vineyard (WE 94) JJB \$50.00 4
This is a new project from Steve and Chrystal Clifton formerly of Brewer-Clifton. Plump red cherry, fine-grained clove, allspice, nutmeg, sage, kola nut and a touch of plum with a peppery finish. Planted in 2005 in the Northwest corner Sta Rita Hills with 7 Dijon clones. Experts said in 2015 it would take 3-4 years in hit peak.
- 7 C. 2013 Barden by Margerum Wine (WE 93) JJB \$70.00 8
Aromas of hibiscus, black cherry and rhubarb greet the nose on this wine from several Sta Rita Hills vineyards, alongside scents of crushed peppercorns, strawberry juice and a slightly barnyard smoked meat element. The palate should present to you dark cherry liqueur flavors.
- 5 D. 2013 Dumol Ryan Green Valley (VN 93) JJB \$80.00 1
Planted in 1981, this Russian River Ryan Widdoes Vineyard Pinot presents black currants, cherry and mushroom flavors. R Parker stated in 2016 that this wine will drink well over the next 7-8 years.
- 2 E. 2012 Bacio Divino Cellars Lucie Dutton Ranch (WA 90) JJB \$45.00 2
According to R parker this Widdoes Vineyard Pinot,” is a beauty with attractive pomegranate, plums and Asian spice” which jump from the glass and offer up cherry and blackcurrant on the palate. Do you agree?
- 3 F. 2012 Joseph Swan Great Oak (WA 92) JJB \$40.00 6
Pale ruby-brick colored, this 2012 Pinot Great Oak Vineyard has matured into a dried mulberries, kirsch and incense with nuances of dried roses and fallen leaves. The palate is full bodied and has a long finish. “Great potential!?”
- 1 G. 2010 Bernardus Pisoni Vineyard (WE 90) JJB \$35.00 7
Showcasing the Pisoni vineyard, this Pinot has ripe and savory flavors of raspberry, cherry, pomegranate, persimmon. The wine also tastes of oak in the form of vanilla and smoky butter.
- 4 H. 2012 Clos de la Tech “Domaine Valeta – Sunny Slope” (WE 93) K&L \$65.00 5
This Santa Cruz mountains wine by the tech moguls T.J. and Valeta Rodgers provides the nose with boysenberry, dried purple flowers, wet slate and a touch of bay leaf . The palate has berry, mocha and baking spice flavors along with a chalky mouth reflecting the winery’s characteristic earthiness.