

LESTER 2018 'MERCURIO' PINOT NOIR SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of pomegranate, raspberry and wild game on the nose. Fine tannins with gentle grip. The lifted acidity is framed with a lush, silky mouthfeel. The palate is loaded with flavors of black cherries, mint and orange zest, finishing with plums and cinnamon.

WINERY INFO:

After discovering his dream ranch was naturally suited for a vineyard, Dan and Pat Lester planted Lester Family Vineyards in 1998. Well-known for producing a variety of expressions of Pinot Noir, Syrah and Chardonnay from a single plot of land, these vines have produced some of Santa Cruz Mountains' most desired and award-winning wines. Today these grapes are the sole source of Lester Estate Wines.

The Lester Family Vineyard was planted in the rolling hills of Corralitos about three miles from Monterey Bay. The sun which bathes this south-facing slope is moderated by the cooling air and fog from the Monterey Bay just a few miles away. This microclimate is ideal for producing Pinot Noir which expresses transparency to site and impeccable balance at naturally low alcohol levels. Vineyard Manager Prudy Fox farms the vines meticulously by hand. Deficit irrigation and the nutrient poor sandy clay loam soils result in naturally low yields of about two tons an acre.

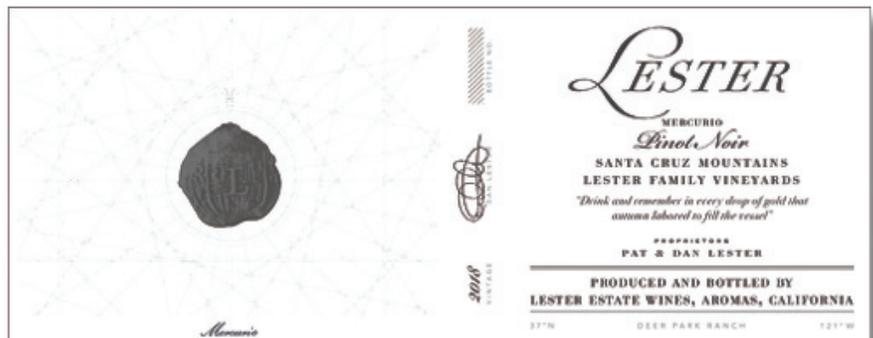
WINE STATS:

Aging: 10 months on the lees in French oak barrels, 30% new

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.62 **TA:** 0.68 g/100mL

Production: 267 cases



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Regular Price. . . . \$54.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$49.49

AEQUOREA 2021 'SEAFARER' PINOT NOIR SAN LUIS OBISPO COAST

TASTING NOTES:

The 2021 Pinot Noir Seafarer is another pure, elegant wine. Bright red and blue fruits, classy leather, spice, and floral notes all emerge from the glass, and it's medium-bodied and has a balanced, elegant mouthfeel, sweet tannins, and a great finish. 91-93pts, Jeb Dunnuck

WINERY INFO:

Latin for "Of The Sea," Aequorea began in 2011 as a search for vineyards that ventured deep into the coastal no man's land where we were raised. Here, on this foggy, windswept coast west of the Santa Lucia Mountains, we work with a group of dedicated growers who possess a shared passion for farming closer to the ocean than most anywhere else in California. From these special sites we focus on single-vineyard Pinot Noirs and aromatic white wines that are transparent of their terroir and the extremity of where they lie. All of the vineyards are no more than 6 miles from the ocean, blanketed by a thick marine layer in the summer which recedes each afternoon as cool breezes arrive off the Pacific.

Each year we create Seafarer as a blend of fruit from our coastal vineyards to create a truly harmonious wine that showcases why we make wine here on the coast. The goal is to create a wine that is more about overall texture, depth, and coastal complexity than individual site expression. In 2021, the blend is based around four vineyards: Rincon, Spanish Springs, Derbyshire, and Greengate Vineyards, all of which are less than 6 miles from the Pacific Ocean, making them some of the most coastal vineyards in all of California.

WINE STATS:

Aging: 9 months in 100% French oak barrels, 20% new

Alcohol: 14%

Production: 371 cases



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Regular Price. . . . \$39.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$35.99
