

# 2018 Martin Rayproduct-pdf - Pinot Noir Synthesis Russian River Valley - Martin Ray Pinot! James Suckling 93pts, WAS \$45.....

## Why We're Drinking It

Gotta jump on this one! Not too much to go around!

Martin Ray was a pioneer, dedicated to crafting single varietal, region specific wine from 1943 through 1972 in Saratoga, in the heart of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Mentored by Paul Masson, he took a Burgundian approach to his winemaking, and developed what is now one of the most historical properties in California, known as Mount Eden. Nearly twenty years later, Courtney Benham stumbled upon 1500 cases of Martin Ray wine in a San Jose warehouse. Courtney purchased the brand, and since 1990 has been committed to the production of artisanal wines worthy of the Martin Ray name. In 2003, Martin Ray Vineyards & Winery made its home in the Russian River Valley, on the edge of Green Valley at one of the oldest continually working wineries in California.

A STEAL at this price. Cola, strawberry, dried cherry, incense and red whips, with a silky, perfumey texture. So good! While it lasts!

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## Tasting Notes

"Fresh plum and raspberry, with an undercurrent of pomegranate juice. Bing cherry and birch beer, with cola and a hint of graham cracker. Vibrant acidity and a mineral driven edge with touches of graphite on the finish."

### APPELLATION

Russian River Valley, California

### ALCOHOL

14.20

### SIZE

750ml

### BLEND

Pinot Noir

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## Ratings

### James Suckling, 93 points

*"Attractive aromas of currants and blueberries with dried flowers, following through to a full body with firm, chewy tannins that are rather dusty in texture. Hints of sandalwood. Give it a year or two to soften. Drink after 2021."*

### Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 91 points

*"Medium ruby, the 2018 Pinot Noir Synthesis features scents of crushed blackberries and cranberries with notes of pomegranate, Earl Grey tea leaves and earth. The palate is light-bodied with delicate, perfumed fruits, a soft, fresh frame and long finish. 1,800 cases produced."*

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