

Cleo Pahlmeyer, Proprietor

Nestled beyond a ridgeline towering 1,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean, Wayfarer Vineyard is an oasis in a remote landscape of redwood forest and winding mountain roads. Wayfarer Pinot Noirs and Chardonnay hail from this single estate vineyard in Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast's most dramatic appellation.

Vintner Jayson Pahlmeyer purchased Wayfarer in 1998 after being introduced to it by winemaker Helen Turley. Renowned vineyard developer David Abreu designed the vineyard as 30 one-acre blocks, each dedicated to an individual clone. The vineyard was completed in 2002 but it wasn't until more than ten years later that Cleo Pahlmeyer, Jayson's daughter, introduced the first Wayfarer estate wines. Todd Kohn joined the Pahlmeyers as assistant winemaker in 2013, and in 2017 Cleo took the helm of her family's wine business and appointed Todd winemaker.

Wayfarer thoughtfully incorporates organic and sustainable viticulture, recognizing that the highest-quality fruit comes from vineyards farmed for the long-term health of the land. Produced in limited quantities, Wayfarer wines are vibrant upon release and cellar beautifully for years to come.



Estate Pinot Noir Wayfarer Vineyard

A complex Pinot Noir comprised of 11 clones, this is Wayfarer's prime expression of time and place. A culmination of detailed farming practices, natural fermentation and precise punch downs, this wine has soaring aromatics and detailed structure.



'Golden Mean' Pinot Noir Wayfarer Vineyard

A balance of opposites, this wine is a blend of Pommard and Swan clones. Pommard brings strength in texture and powerful aromatics, while Swan encapsulates elegance with ethereal floral expressions.



'Mother Rock' Pinot Noir Wayfarer Vineyard

A co-fermentation of Mount Eden and Dijon clones, this wine is laser-focused. With intense red fruit, raspberry and pomegranate, the dense palate and mineral finish are reminiscent of the vineyard's sandstone substrate.



'The Traveler' Pinot Noir Wayfarer Vineyard

From vine cuttings that traveled across the Atlantic, this is Wayfarer's most vibrant Pinot Noir. This wine has an incredible range of aromatics from floral and fruity to earthy and mineral, with elaborate length and fine tannin structure.



'Paige's Ridge' Pinot Noir Wayfarer Vineyard

From a single block planted to clone Dijon 667, this wine is an opulent expression of dark fruits, herbs and spice. Fermentation in an oak cuve rounds out the edges of this incredibly textured and effusive wine.



Estate Chardonnay Wayfarer Vineyard

Expressive aromatics and a voluminous palate are complemented by beautiful natural acidity in the Chardonnay. A true expression of Wayfarer Vineyard, it is blended from four clones and is made with native yeast barrel fermentation and 100% malolactic fermentation.

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CHARDONNAY CLONES:

Berlenbach Old Wente Dijon 95 Hyde Mount Eden

PINOT NOIR CLONES:

Bacigalupi Old Wente Dijon 115, 667, 777 Hirsch Hyde Old Wente Mount Eden Pommard 4, 5 Swan Wayfarer

ACRES PLANTED:

8.5 Chardonnay (shaded white)21.5 Pinot Noir

VINE SPACING: 6' x 3' SOIL: 100% Goldridge

