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2012 PINOTS A YEAR OF PLENTY

California's 2012 vintage was almost too easy. Our West Coast editors weigh in on the best Pinot Noirs of the year.

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In 2012, when it came to making great Pinot Noir, Mother Nature didn't stand in the way. With kind weather throughout the growing season, grapes were able to hang until wine-makers were ready to pick. The challenge was

TOP NAPA AND SONOMA PINOTS

EMERITUS

92 Emeritus

2012 William Wesley (Sonoma Coast)

Fresh in tart strawberry, owner Brice Jones' Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir hails from a vineyard 950 feet above the town of Annapolis near the coast. Its profile reflects its provenance, an earthy spiciness buoyed by tingling acidity and lengthy, leathery finish. Editors' Choice.

abv: 14.1%

Price: \$68

\$5.99



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