



## Hello

We get a lot of questions about which wines are our favorite. Whether it is one of our wines or a favorite from our neighbors, we love finding wines that really shine at certain points in their maturation. And we want to share our “staff picks” with you. Each month we’ll share a wine picked by one of our team as their favorite wine currently in our line up. Whether it is a new release or a library wine, we can help you discover wines that are at their peak.

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ALAN'S STAFF PICK:

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To kick off our “Staff Picks” feature I think it is fitting to feature the [Cartograph Estate 2016 Pinot noir](#) as my pick for February. In 2016 we purchased a mature Pinot noir vineyard and this is the first wine from those vines under the Cartograph label. I’m thrilled at how wonderfully this wine has integrated over the six-plus years in bottle.

As a young wine it was bursting with fruit aromatics. These fruity notes have settled into the background and the primary aromatics are now earthy, dried leaves and fresh cut cedar. Just behind these autumnal aromas are pretty floral notes of orange blossom and violets. That dark cherry from its youth is still hovering in the background. As much as I love the balance between earth and fruit components on the nose, the real story is the complexity that comes at you on the first sip. What was savory on the nose becomes supple and round on the palate. While it’s easily enjoyed without overthinking, this is a Pinot geek’s wine. Mouthwatering acidity and plentiful tannins stretch the finish on this gem.

If you want to experience a California Pinot at its peak, this is a great place to start. Spend some time with this one to uncover all the little things going on behind the scenes.

We have one case of this wine at the tasting room and a bit more in our library so the 2016 Cartograph Estate Pinot won’t be around for long. Join us for a glass at the [tasting room](#), [purchase](#) a bottle via our website, or give us a call at the tasting room (707.433.8270) to hold a bottle or two for you.



Price: \$68, Cartograph Circle: \$57.80

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Cheers,

Alan

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