



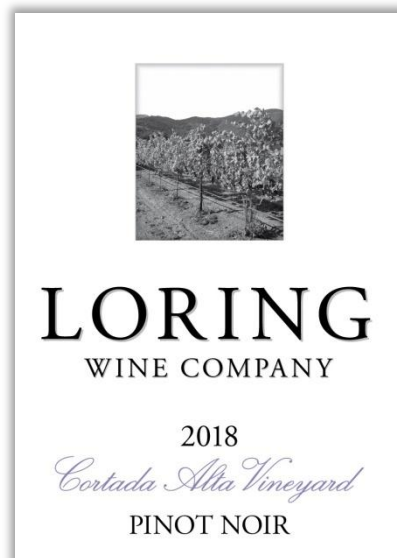
Loring Wine Company

2018 Cortada Alta Vineyard

Pinot Noir

Wine Details

AVA	Santa Lucia Highlands
Clones	23, 828
Alcohol	14.3 %
pH	3.61
Barrel Program	Aged 10 Months in French Oak (15% New)
Cases Produced	400



John Peterson approached us a few years ago about sourcing fruit from his then just planted Cortada Alta Vineyard. I took a look at the site and was amazed at the potential. It's waaaaay up the hillside in the Santa Lucia Highlands, and is actually the highest elevation site in the AVA. It takes FOREVER to drive up to it, and when you get there, you feel like you're on top of the world.

Reviews

PinotFile

93-94 Points

Moderate garnet color in the glass. Aromas of spiced black cherries lead to an elegantly-styled, mid weight wine that charms with fine-tuned acidity and juiciness. The flavors of black cherry and black raspberry are infused with spice and linger on the palate through an uplifting finish. The tannins are suave, the mouth feel is polished and the overall impression is one of gracious harmony. Still terrific when tasted the following day from a previously opened and re-corked bottle.

Connoisseurs' Guide

91 Points

Concentrated black cherries from beginning to end, this relatively mouthfilling effort is as well-structured as it is out-and-out juicy with finely fit acidity and integral tannins in support of its marvelously rich and continuous fruit. It is, to be sure, a showy wine at the moment, but its virtues go well beyond its considerable present appeals, and there is little question but that it has the potential to gain in complexity and impress even more with upwards of a half-dozen years of additional age.

Wine Enthusiast

93 Points