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Pfendler Vineyards

The chilly Petaluma Gap is the primary influence on the three vineyards at different elevations of Kimberly Pfendler's Sonoma Mountain ranch that are the source for Pfendler Vineyard's Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines. The vineyards were planted by Kimberly's late husband Peter Pfendler beginning in 1992. Peter Pfendler passed away in 2007 and Kimberly took over, hiring Pinot vineyard and winery veteran Greg Bjornstad to oversee winery operations and make the wines. Greg's Pfendler wines include Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and a Rose of Pinot Noir. The wines are truly terrific and the future continues to look bright for this brand. —*Greg Walter*



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Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2011

Medium-deep ruby color; complex, dark cherry and plum aromas with herbal and lavender notes; deep, rich plum and black cherry flavors with layered notes of earth, dried lavender and spices; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Complex, many layered Pinot with a lot to offer. Open the bottle and walk away for an hour or you'll be tempted to drink it before it really gets good.

Score: 94