

90 2011 Pfendler Vineyards Points Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Bright ruby. Cherry-vanilla, blackberry and smoky oak spices on the nose. Taut and linear on entry, then fleshier in the mid-palate, offering gently sweet dark berry flavors and suggestions of vanilla bean and mocha. Sweet and silky on a finish shaped by smooth, nicely integrated tannins. These wines are made by Greg Bjornstad, who has worked with numerous wineries as a vineyard manager and consultant, among them Joseph Phelps, Patz & Hall, Flowers, Paul Hobbs, Kistler, Kosta Browne, Peay, Peter Michael and Pisoni. —*Josh Raynolds*