

BRICK & MORTAR MANCHESTER RIDGE PINOT NOIR, MENDOCINO RIDGE



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Manchester Ridge Vineyard, the highest Brick & Mortar works with, sits at a 2,000 foot elevation due west of Anderson Valley and about four miles from the Pacific Ocean, surrounded by majestic redwood trees. On the ridge tops of the Pacific Coast mountain ranges, this vineyard resides above the fog throughout the year. The maritime influence coupled with the bright yet cool sun on the coast increases the hang time of the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, further elevating the bright minerality imparted by the Goldridge soils. Unpredictably blustery, cold and ever-changing, the climate at Manchester Ridge Vineyard is by far the most challenging of all of the vineyards they work with but the rewards are amongst the greatest.

Old-world refinement. New-world roots. Founded in 2011, brick & mortar focuses on single-vineyard Chardonnay, Pinot Noir & Syrah from select high-elevation Napa, Sonoma & Mendocino vineyards. Their wines are elegant, balanced & food-friendly. Like the great European wineries, they believe that the best wines express a unique time & place. So they let each of their distinct vineyards speak for themselves, with minimal intervention. They pick early, ferment with native yeasts & use oak & sulfur judiciously, resulting in low-alcohol wines of grace & finesse.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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