

"I always enjoy tasting Clos de la Tech wines, as they are so highly individual. Readers will find opulent, dense Pinots that are quite different from the style most producers are going for. There is plenty of fruit, density and oak. Clos de la Tech also gives their wines a few years in bottle prior to release, which means the wines show more complexity than is typical upon release."



2016 Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountain Estates

Release Price: \$65 | Color: Red | Drinking Window: 2022 - 2028 | 94

"Rich, deep and effusive, the 2016 Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountain Estates is a fabulous introduction to the Clos de la Tech wines. Black cherry, mocha, chocolate, licorice, leather and sweet spice are all dialed up. Readers can expect an opulent, full-throttle Pinot that is all about exuberance. This is an exceptional vintage for the Santa Cruz Mountains bottling."



2016 Pinot Noir Domaine Lois Louis Côté Sud

Release Price: \$95 | Color: Red | Drinking Window: 2024 - 2031 | 94

"The 2016 Pinot Noir Domaine Lois Louis Côté Sud brings together all the best qualities of this wine. Effusive in its aromatics, with superb depth and tons of resonance, the Côté Sud is so expressive today. Like all these wines, it offers up plenty of dark Pinot fruit, chocolate and sweet oak flavors to match all that opulence."



2016 Pinot Noir Domaine Valeta Sunny Slope

Release Price: \$95 | Color: Red | Drinking Window: 2024 - 2031 | 93

"The 2016 Pinot Noir Domaine Valeta Sunny Slope offers up a heady melange of dark red fruit, spice, leather, cedar, mocha, tobacco, incense and orange peel. Wild and exotic, the Sunny Slope is another terrific, full-throttle wine in this range from Clos de la Tech. Plush, silky contours round out the substantial finish."



2016 Pinot Noir Domaine Lois Louise Twisty Ridge

Release Price: \$95 | Color: Red | Drinking Window: 2022 - 2028 | 93

"The 2016 Pinot Noir Domaine Lois Louise Twisty Ridge is the most delicate and perfumed of the Pinots. There's terrific aromatic presence that gives the 2016 its signature. The oak is a bit overpowering, which dries out the fruit just a bit while accenting the wine's mid-weight structure. I would prefer to drink this first among the 2016s."



2016 Pinot Noir Domaine du Docteur Rodgers

Release Price: \$150 | Color: Red | Drinking Window: 2022 - 2028 | 90

"The 2016 Pinot Noir Domaine du Docteur Rodgers is dense, powerful and massively extracted. It is without question the most potent of these wines, but richness is never in short supply here, so the Docteur Rodgers feels pushed. There is just enough fruit to handle the heavy oak and torrefaction flavors."