

Cycles GLADIATOR



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2018 Pinot Noir

Appellation: California (34% Edna Valley, 24% Napa Valley, 20% Santa Barbara County, 12% Monterey County, 10% Anderson Valley)

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 13.5% **TA:** 6.5 g/L **pH:** 3.40

Oak Regimen: 14 months in 20% new French wood. Balance in neutral oak.

Vintage Notes: 2018 provided ideal growing conditions for this early ripening varietal. It was a moderate summer throughout California allowing for balanced sugars and acidity.

Winemaker Notes: "It slipped down my throat like the little Lord Jesus dressed in velvet pantaloons" is a 400 year-old quote attributed to the Carmelite nuns of Burgundy when they described the sensation of drinking wine from their Burgundian vineyards. This may or may not be legend, but I've paraphrased this quote for years to describe my feelings when I drink wine from this grape.

Tasting Notes: Beautiful aromatics of cherry with a hint of sexy toasted oak. The flavors are lush and sweet with notes of black cherry, pomegranate, and strawberry. The acidity is well balanced and helps preserve the sensation of velvet well into the

Cycles Gladiator was founded in 2005 with the mission to create high quality, affordable wines that honor the iconic artwork on the label by empowering and inspiring women. Proudly sourced from some of California's top winegrowing regions, award-winning winemaker Adam LaZarre crafts each wine with passion and care from grape to glass.

