

# Fall 2018 Releases Winemaker Tasting Notes

# 2016 Lytton Springs (Dry Creek Valley, 11,280 cases)

69% ZINFANDEL, 23% PETITE SIRAH, 6% CARIGNANE, 2% MATARO; 14.4% ABV Complex aromas of vanilla, raspberry and black pepper. Full bodied with firm acidity, focused blackberry fruit and an elegant lingering finish. JO 7/18

### 2016 Pagani Ranch Zinfandel (Sonoma Valley, 3,470 cases)

88% ZINFANDEL, 9% PETITE SIRAH, 3% ALICANTE BOUSCHET; 14.8% ABV Black cherry, pepper and chaparral on the nose. Briary red fruit, well defined, chalky tannins and refreshing acidity on the palate. Long sensuous finish. JO 7/18

# 2016 Ponzo Zinfandel (Russian River, 2,300 cases)

97% ZINFANDEL, 3% PETITE SIRAH; 14.7% ABV

Inviting jammy fruit with pepper and mint on the nose, medium bodied with soft elegant tannins, minerally raspberry fruit. Notes of allspice and chaparral on the finish. JO 7/18

### 2016 Lytton Estate Petite Sirah (Dry Creek Valley, 2,700 cases)

100% PETITE SIRAH; 13.8% ABV

Opaque purple in color, smoky and minerally on the nose. Well coated tannins integrate on the palate with black currant and plum fruit. Finishes with notes of eucalyptus and mint. JO 7/18

#### 2015 Monte Bello (Santa Cruz Mountains, 4,400 cases)

77% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 11% MERLOT, 7% PETIT VERDOT, 5% CABERNET FRANC; 13.5% ABV

Dark ruby in color. Cassis and blackberry aromas, barrel spice, fennel, scented juniper and cedar. Rich mountain fruit on entry, violets, black olive, refreshing acidity, and elegant tannins. Strong minerality in a long finish. EB (1/18)