

Spring 2019 Releases Winemaker Tasting Notes

2017 Chardonnay Estate (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 2,750 cases)

100% chardonnay; 14.2% ABV

Sunbleached straw color. Pineapple, melon, honeysuckle, and citrus. Appealing fruit entry. Refreshing acidity, with an elegant texture. Long, smooth finish. EB (12/18)

2017 Paso Robles Zinfandel (Paso Robles AVA, 3,500 cases)

100% zinfandel; 15.1% ABV

Deep garnet color. Black cherry and plum fruit aromas, pepper spice, and toasted oak. Ripe cherry fruit entry, medium-full bodied, rich tannins, with lively acidity. Long spicy finish. EB (12/18)

2017 East Bench Zinfandel (Dry Creek Valley AVA, 5,300 cases)

100% zinfandel; 14.9% ABV

Ripe blackberry, cocoa and mint on the nose. Brambly red fruit palate with a tannic grip, finishes with notes of chapparel and licorice. JO (2/19)

2017 Geyserville (Alexander Valley AVA, 9,500 cases)

68% zinfandel, 18% carignane, 12% petite sirah, 2% alicante bouschet; 14.5% ABV

Dark ruby color. Aromas of ripe black cherries and plum, sweet oak, mint, and gravel earth. Rich bramble fruit entry, round and supple tannins, refreshing acidity, and layered complex fruits in a long finish. EB (12/18)

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 5,900 cases)

77% cabernet sauvignon, 19% merlot, 2% petit verdot, 2% cabernet franc; 13.8% ABV

Saturate purple in color. Aromas of cassis, blueberry, cola, licorice, and sweet oak. Ripe blackberry fruit entry, full bodied, rich textures, exotic spice and toasted oak. Complex, long, sensuous finish. EB (1/19)

2017 Three Valleys Sonoma County (Sonoma County, 15,750 cases)

73% zinfandel, 15% petite sirah, 10% carignane, 2% Grenache; 14.5% ABV

Deep garnet color. Fresh raspberry and cherry fruits, barrel spice, clay minerals, and fresh mint. Sweet red berry fruit entry, medium body, lively acid, and supple tannins. Long, elegant finish. EB (2/19)