

## Fall 2019 Releases Winemaker Tasting Notes

2017 Lytton Springs (Dry Creek Valley AVA, 9,200 cases)

74% zinfandel, 15% petite sirah, 9% carignane, 2% mataro; 14.8% ABV

Nose of plum, blackberry and licorice. Plentiful raspberry fruit on entry with notes of pepper sage, well coated tannins and long layered finish. JO (7/19)

2017 Pagani Ranch Zinfandel (Sonoma Valley AVA, 4,000 cases)

84% zinfandel, 7% petite sirah, 7% alicante bouschet; 14.6% ABV

Focused jammy blueberry fruit and pepper on the nose. On the palate, fresh cherry, mineral, firm acidity, balanced structure and long lingering finish. JO (7/19)

2017 Ponzo Zinfandel (Sonoma Valley AVA, 1,900 cases)

98% zinfandel, 2% petite sirah; 14.6% ABV

Nose of raspberry, guava and floral notes. Bright cherry fruit on the palate with refreshing acidity, elegant tannins and finishes with an accent of pepper. JO (7/19)

2017 Petite Sirah (Dry Creek Valley AVA, 2,400 cases)

94% petite sirah, 6% zinfandel; 13.8% ABV

Deep dark purplish-black color, peppery, floral aromas. Full bodied with rich layered plum and fig fruit on the palate. Well coated tannins and a long mineral finish. JO (7/19)

2016 Monte Bello (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 5,150 cases)

72% cabernet sauvignon, 12% merlot, 10% petit verdot, 6% cabernet franc; 13.7% ABV

Opaque purple-ruby color. Ripe blackberry fruit, barrel spice, anise, violets, and crushed limestone. Opulent mountain fruit entry, firm acid, and fine-grain, age-worthy tannins. Powerful complexity and tremendous length to the finish. EB (1/18)

2018 Grenache Blanc (Adelaida District AVA, 900 cases)

75% Grenache Blanc, 15% Picpoul, 10% Roussanne; 14.0% ABV

Pale gold color. Aromas of citrus and green plum, white flowers, complex minerals, and exotic oak spices. Lemon, pear, and tart pineapple fruits on entry, refreshing acidity, and a medium body; Long, citrus zest aftertaste. EB (6/19)

2017 Dusi Essence (Paso Robles AVA, 600 cases)

100% zinfandel, 15.1% ABV, 12% RS by weight

Deep garnet red color. Aromas of sundried cherries, candied plums, and exotic barrel spice. Opulent entry, black cherries, gravelly earth, full-bodied, lively acid, and a wonderfully long, sweet finish. EB (6/19)