

Spring 2020 Winemaker Tasting Notes

2018 Estate Chardonnay (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 2,500 cases) 100% chardonnay; 14.3% ABV
Pale sun-bleached straw color. Ripe apple and yellow plum fruit aromas, citrus blossom, and sweet baked dessert. Sensuous entry, showing appealing mountain fruit, elegance, balanced acidity, and a beautiful mineral aftertaste. EB (1/20)

2017 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 4,250 cases) 75% cabernet sauvignon, 21% merlot, 3% cabernet franc, 1% petite verdot; 14.0% ABV
Saturated purple in color. Aromas of cassis, blueberry, cola, licorice, and sweet oak. Ripe blackberry fruit entry, full bodied, rich textures, exotic spice roasted coffee, and toasted oak after taste. Complex, long, sensuous finish. EB (1/20)

2018 Geyserville (Alexander Valley AVA, 9,900 cases) 68% zinfandel, 20% carignane, 10% petite sirah, 2% alicante bouschet; 14.7% ABV
Dark ruby color. Intense blackcherry fruit aroma, exotic oak spice, cola, mint, and complex gravel earth. Intense bramble fruit entry, sensuous textural tannins, lively acid, and showing great minerality in a long finish. EB (2/20)

2018 East Bench Zinfandel (Dry Creek Valley AVA, 6,250 cases) 100% zinfandel; 14.9% ABV
Raspberry, fig with notes of vanilla on the nose. Flavors of plum and black olive give way to well coated tannins and black olive in the lingering finish. JO (1/20)

2018 Paso Robles Zinfandel (Paso Robles AVA, 5,500 cases) 100% zinfandel; 14.8% ABV
Dark garnet-red color. Aromas of ripe plum and cherry fruits, sweet oak, and complex gravel earth. Enters with sweet bramble fruit, rich tannins, toasted oak, and complex minerality. Refreshing acidity supports a long finish. EB (1/20)

2018 Three Valleys (Sonoma County, 25,000 cases) 72% zinfandel, 14% petite sirah, 10% carignane, 4% mataro; 14.5% ABV
Ruby-garnet red color. Pungent cherry and raspberry fruits, sweet oak, and complex minerals. Intense cherry fruit entry, ripe plum, lively acid, and exotic spices and barrel toast. Tannins are supple and coated by appealing fruit. Wonderfully long finish. EB (1/20)