

Fall 2020 Releases Winemaker Tasting Notes

2018 Lytton Springs (Dry Creek Valley AVA, cases)

72% zinfandel, 18% petite sirah, 8% carignane, 2% mataro; 14.5% ABV

Blackberry, pepper and licorice notes on nose. Full-bodied with ripe plum, well integrated tannins and long, lingering finish. JO (6/20)

2018 Pagani Ranch Zinfandel (Sonoma Valley AVA, cases)

84% zinfandel, 9% alicante bouschet, 7% petite sirah; 14.9% ABV

Enticing nose of boysenberry, guava and vanilla. On the palate, layered briary blackberry and a clean finish with bright acidity. JO (6/20)

2018 Petite Sirah (Dry Creek Valley AVA, cases)

97% petite sirah, 3% zinfandel; 13.8% ABV

Intriguing nose of leather, fig and rose petal. Full bodied palate with well coated tannins, mint, black olive and a long mineral finish. JO (6/20)

2017 Monte Bello (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, cases)

73% cabernet sauvignon, 15% merlot, 8% petit verdot, 4% cabernet franc; 13.7% ABV

Opaque purple-ruby color. Ripe blackberry fruit, barrel spice, anise, violets, and crushed limestone. Opulent mountain fruits on entry, fennel, sweet oak, well-structured tannins, and firm acid. Powerful complexity and tremendous length to the finish. EB (1/18)

2019 Grenache Blanc (Adelaida District AVA, cases)

77% Grenache Blanc, 18% Picpoul, 5% Roussanne; 14.0% ABV

Translucent gold color. Aromas of yellow pear, green plum, orange blossoms, and sweet oak. Enters with juicy, tart citrus fruits, lively acidity, with medium-body fullness; Lengthy lime-zest aftertaste. EB (7/20)