

Spring 2023 Releases Winemaker Tasting Notes

2021 Chardonnay Estate (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 2,100 cases)

100% chardonnay; 13.7% ABV

Tropical fruit aromas of guava and pineapple with hints of toasted marshmallow and lavender. Flavors of pear, white peach and key lime. A weighty entry that is balanced by lively acidity brings complexity and elegance to this lovely wine. Enjoyable upon release and over the next six to seven years. TG (11/22)

2021 Paso Robles Zinfandel (Paso Robles AVA, 4,800 cases)

100% zinfandel; 14.8% ABV

Deep garnet color with aromas of cherry, ripe plum, spearmint, strawberry compote and toasted oak. Ripe Bing cherry and fresh acidity create a mouthwatering entry. Medium bodied with hints of exotic spices and underlying earth tones. The finish shows minerality and is long and satisfying. TG (11/22)

2021 East Bench Zinfandel (Dry Creek Valley AVA, 4,000 cases)

100% zinfandel; 14.9% ABV

Strawberry, raspberry, clove and vanilla notes on the nose. Blackberry and black olive flavors give way to mouth coating tannins with a pleasant and lengthy finish. Classic Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel. SR (10/22)

2021 Geyserville (Alexander Valley AVA, 9,000 cases)

76% zinfandel, 16% carignane, 6% petite sirah, 2% alicante bouschet; 14.8% ABV

Ruby-Garnet in color with aromas of dark plum, black cherry, baking spices, cola, wet gravel, toasted oak, violets and lavender. A full-bodied entry with bold and dark fruit leads to a layered and complex mid-palate with fine-grained tannins. Natural acidity balances the wine, creating a long, juicy finish. TG (11/22)

2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 2,600 cases)

94% cabernet sauvignon, 6% merlot; 14.1% ABV

Inky purple hues with dark plum, black cherry, cedar, cola and sweet toasted oak on the nose. A full-bodied entry with black berry, cocoa powder, brown spices and peppermint on the palate. Layered textures and focused tannins lead to a long finish. TG (11/22)