2020 Central Coast Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Sourced from the younger vines from Vista Verde, the wine showcases aromas of dark fruits and berry along with hints of purple flowers. Notes of pomegranate and wood spices complete this delightful and easy drinking Central Coast offering. Berry and dried herb flavors abound in the mouth and lead into a soft and round texture. The wine finishes with elegant tannins and a subtle mineral-like sensation.

THE VINEYARD

The Vista Verde Vineyard, located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into nine blocks that include clones such as Pommard, Calera, Canada, 667, Mt. Eden, and Swan.

HARVEST 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring yielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test results for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 41% new, 59% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 11 months pH: 3.58 TA: 0.60g/100mL Alc: 13.9% Released Spring 2022 \$39



2020 Sonoma County Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Strawberry and red fruits jump from the glass in this multifaceted wine. Complexed with notes of sassafras and bergamot, aromas of dried rose petal are layered in the nose and offer up classic Pinot Noir perfume. In the mouth, the wine has a sense of roundness and harmony that is satisfying and refreshing. Dark red fruit flavors mix with hints of cocoa and wood spices. Sourced from various vineyards in the Russian River Valley including some younger blocks from the various Estate vineyards.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the following vineyards: Bucher, Falstaff, Foss, Hallberg, and Laguna.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 42% new, 58% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 11 months pH: 3.56 TA: 0.59g/100mL Alc: 13.8% Released Spring 2022 \$39



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2020 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Deep and dark in color, the Russian River Valley offering has a complex array of fruit, floral, and citrus aromas. The wine has some mature blocks of Pommard from the WS Estate and early sites from the Santa Rosa Plain area of the Russian River Valley. With refreshing acidity and breadth of palate, this is a serious wine with red and black fruit flavors mixing with notes of citrus and black tea.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the following vineyards: Martaella, Lewis MacGregor Estate, Laguna.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 42% new, 58% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 11 months pH: 3.58 TA: 0.58g/100mL Alc: 14.1% Released Spring 2022 \$62



2020 Westside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Terrific Pinot Noir perfume jumps from the glass with notes of dark cherry and sassafras. Wood spices of nutmeg and allspice are layered into the fabric of this classic wine. Supported by complexing aromas of tangerine and dried herbs, the Westside Road Neighbors is multi-faceted. In the mouth, the wine offers verve and tenacity with red fruits and citrus flavors wrapped up with a refined tannin structure and a finish of minerals.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from neighboring vineyards along Westside Road: Allen, Bacigalupi, Bucher, Flax, Rochioli Riverblock, and our Williams Selyem Estate.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 60% new, 40% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 14 months pH: 3.54 TA: 0.57g/100mL Alc: 14.1% Released Spring 2022 \$78



2020 Unoaked Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Crisp and fresh, the Unoaked Chardonnay has a charm and elegance. Fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged on the lees, the wine showcases the breadth of character of older vine Chardonnay. Notes of Meyer lemon, quince, pear, and pear skin combine with a delicate white flower aroma. The palate has depth and polish but with tenacity owing to the tannins in the thick skins of these older vines. The lees stirring during aging, coupled with the refreshing acidity, creates a harmonious structure and texture.

THE VINEYARDS

The Chardonnay for this blend was sourced from the following vineyards: Lazy W, Olivet Lane, Lewis MacGregor Estate, Drake Estate.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% stainless steel pH: 3.36 TA: 0.68g/100mL Alc: 13.6% Released Spring 2022 \$39



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2020 Heintz Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Sitting high above the western edge of the Green Valley boundary, the Heintz Vineyard enjoys nice, warm days often above the fog line. As a consequence of its exposure, the wines tend to run the gamut of aromas, from tropical to melon to apple notes. The slow ripening process helps to preserve the acidity while developing great structure. Notes of soil-inflected powdery minerals are apparent on the finish, owing to the terrific Goldridge soils in which these vines are grown.

THE VINEYARD

This vineyard site has belonged to the Heintz family for over 100 years. In 1980, it was planted with Clone 4 Chardonnay. Located in the Russian River Valley town of Occidental and sitting at an elevation of 1,000 feet, cool foggy evenings and warm sunny days allow the grapes an extended hang time, producing fruit with high acid levels that give great structure and balance to the wine.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 25% new, 25% 1 yr., 25% 2 yr., 25% 3+ yr. Barrel Aged: 13 months pH: 3.24 TA: 0.67g/100mL Alc: 14.3% Released Spring 2022 \$65





2020 Olivet Lane Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Yellow apple and pear highlight the aromatics of this old-vine Chardonnay vineyard. Hints of lemon curd belie the fruit along with a subtle starfruit aromatic. Fresh ground nutmeg and allspice from the modest oak usage support the fruit elements and give the wine a little counterpoint to the treble of the fruit tones. The yellow apple aromas carry through to the palate and are wrapped up in nice acidity and excellent tannin structure. A powdery, mineral finish of crushed rocks accents the finish and is nicely punctuated.

THE VINEYARD

Located on the western benchlands of the Santa Rosa Plain, the Olivet Lane Vineyard is one of the oldest vineyards in the Russian River Valley. It was planted in 1975 by the Pellegrini family to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vines exclusively.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 21% new, 22% 1 yr., 28% 2 yr., 29% 3+ yr. Barrel Aged: 13 months pH: 3.33 TA: 0.57g/100mL Alc: 14.5% Released Spring 2022 \$65





2020 Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The electric color immediately tempts and lures in the senses. Deep and brooding, the aromas convey notes of boysenberry and blackberry pie along with highlights of raspberry compote and other red fruits. Complexed with notes of anise and fennel, the nose offers a kaleidoscope of aromas. Tannic and mouth coating, the palate offers a dense and compact wine with refreshing acidity to create a harmony that is unparalleled for Zinfandel. These century old vines are a testament to what monumental wines can be achieved.

THE VINEYARD

Planted in 1890, this organically grown, dry-farmed vineyard is located near the town of Fulton in the Russian River Valley. The vineyard is mostly Zinfandel, but is also interplanted with a small percentage of Alicante Bouchet and Petite Sirah.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 34% new, 33% 1 yr., 33% 2 yr. Barrel Aged: 13 months pH: 3.41 TA: 0.64g/100mL Alc: 14.9% Released Spring 2022 \$65





2020 Papera Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Fresh blackberry notes with hints of black peppercorn mix with aromas of fennel and star anise in this classic Zinfandel. Currant and red fruit notes further add to the complexity of the aromas. Lavender and purple flowers add a wonderful counterpoint to the brooding nature of this wine. A neighbor to our Saitone Estate vineyard, this region of the Russian River Valley is well known for producing Zinfandels with refreshing acidity and a tannic core. Extract from these lower yielding old vines buffers this structure, gives the palate flesh, and creates balance. Enjoy this wine with a hearty dish like braised short ribs (see Ming Tsai's Blue Ginger recipe).

THE VINEYARD

Papera is an old vine Zinfandel vineyard, located on the eastern side of the Laguna de Santa Rosa in the Russian River Valley appellation. Planted in 1934, the vines are head-trained and primarily dry farmed.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 29% new, 29% 1 yr., 21% 2 yr., 21% 3+ yr. Barrel Aged: 13 months pH: 3.40 TA: 0.63g/100mL Alc: 15.1% Released Spring 2022 \$65





2020 Vista Verde Vineyard Late Harvest Gewürztraminer

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Gewurztraminer has a distinctive nose that is unmistakable. Rose petal and lychee nut aromas again dominate the aromatics. Hints of waxy yellow fruits emerge with a little more aeration along with wood spices. Fermented in new, French oak barrels, the wine is elegantly layered with hints of vanilla. Just the right ratio of sweetness to acid creates a rather lithe palate that is never heavy.

THE VINEYARD

The Vista Verde Vineyard is located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, located in San Benito County. This site is rich in limestone.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% new Barrel Aged: 8 months pH: 3.97 TA: 0.65g/100mL Alc: 9.8% Released Spring 2022 \$40/ 375mL

