



Boardroom Fall 2015 - Longboard 1
Mystery Year

Paix Sur Terre: Ugni Blanc 2014

~80 cases - 100 % Ugni Blanc - Kiler Grove Vineyard, Paso Robles - WE: 90

Ugni Blanc is the most widely planted white varietal in the Mediterranean and is a large component of the crisp and minerally whites of Provence. Typically planted on the windswept limestone slopes in southern France, the one-acre planting at Kiler Grove in West Paso Robles is no different; planted on the highest, windswept limestone slope, the site produces fruit that evokes the fresh herbs, salty air, and sunshine that dominate the smells of Provence. Picked at only 21.8 brix, the fruit was whole cluster pressed and racked into stainless Muellers and neutral French oak barrels. All barrel fermented, the Ugni Blanc was aged in 75% stainless and 25% neutral oak barrels and released and sold out in March, 2015.

Best: Now - 2016

Hermany Story: Larner Syrah 2009

~300 cases - 100% Syrah - Larner Vineyard, Santa Barbara County - WS: 92

Winemaker Russell From says: "Larner was my first. My first vineyard designated wine, my first fruit contract, my first Syrah. I'm happy to say that we still get along. Heck, it just keeps getting better." This is Russell's 5th Larner Syrah, and it's got everything we love most about the vineyard: huge fruit, balanced minerality and fantastic spice. Lush aromas of cherry pie, jasmine, lava rock and fresh tarragon introduce a full bodied but nimble palate that carries seamlessly from grilled pineapple, smashed strawberry and beets to licorice, bark, clove and warm tar. Without question a worthy tribute to a lasting relationship.

Best: Now - 2019

Peirson Meyer: Russian River Valley Pinot Noir 2009

450 cases - 100% Pinot Noir - Russian River Valley, Sonoma - RP: 92

As The Wine Advocate's Antonio Galloni puts it: "The 2009 Pinot Noir is a juicy, silky wine laced with expressive dark red fruit, flowers and spices. Higher-toned hints of mint and rose petals add lift and freshness throughout. This is an especially gracious, refined Pinot from proprietors Alan Peirson and Robbie Meyer. I love the class and elegance here." The Pinot was aged in French oak (40% new) for 19 months.

Anticipated maturity: 2012-2019



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Saddleback Cellars: Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot – Oakville, Napa Valley – AG/Vinous: 92

The Wine Advocate: "Nils Venge's 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville is a winner. Lots of creme de cassis fruit intermixed with toasty oak, licorice and spice aromas jump from this dark ruby/plum-colored wine. With a Pauillac-like cedar/wood character, a broad, expansive mouthfeel and a spicy finish, this round, seductive, rich, full-bodied 2010 should drink well for 10-15 years."

Best: Now-2020

Jacob Toft: Paul's Syrah Port 2003

100% Syrah from Fralich Vineyard, Paso Robles – CT: 93

Jacob Toft's 1-page website hints at this one-man band's popularity. His wines are based on the belief that making good wine starts with sourcing fruit from the best Paso Robles vineyards. Sweet full blackberry along with some caramels make up the beginning unfolding into dark berries and cocoa on the middle and end. A true after-dinner winner!

Ready for your enjoyment now

Denner Vineyards: Zinfandel 20?? – Mystery Year from 2009-2013

Zinfandel (>80%), Syrah (varies by year), Petit Verdot (splash in 2011 only) – Paso Robles

Denner is one of the prime properties in Westside Paso Robles. Medium-bodied Zinfandel with all vintages aged 10 months in primarily used oak (punchions and barriques). It's fruity but not jammy, and less than 500 cases were made in each vintage with all estate fruit. When have you last had a California Zin which came from a production of less than 500 cases?

Drinking window: 2014-2019