



Boardroom Fall 2016

Longboard 1 - North Coast

Argot: Chardonnay Simpatico Ranch 2013

Bennett Valley, Sonoma ~150 cases

This full-bodied Chardonnay was grown in one of Sonoma's coolest vineyards and from almost 40-year-old vines. The grapes hang 3-4 weeks longer than average just to obtain ripeness, so it's a labor-intensive process – which is what Justin Harmon absolutely excels in! 16 months in new French oak makes for a full-bodied, yet fresh, Chard that's worth saving for a nice occasion.

Best: 2017 - 2020

Peirson Meyer: Pinot Noir Miller's Vineyard 2013

Russian River Valley - 150 cases - Parker: 92

We've said it before and we'll say it again: This truly is one of the best producers in the Napa/Sonoma districts crafting classic, full-bodied California wines with incredible attention to detail. Aged 14 months in 40% new, French oak, this is a serious, dark and concentrated Pinot full of earthy character, which Robert Parker called "a Côte de Nuits-like beauty". You won't be disappointed!

Best: 2020 – 2025

Honig: Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot - Napa Valley - James Suckling: 92

If you haven't tried Honig's wines yet, don't miss this chance! It's famous for the line "There's no Better Napa Cab" at that price by Wine Spectator – and you'll know why when you taste it. The family is absolutely nuts about sustainable farming and make approachable, straight-forward wines. James Suckling described this Cab as having a "mineral and floral character with dark berry and dark chocolate. Full and firm. Shows an intensity and depth." Try it with mixed grill or beef.

Best: Now-2020



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Bedrock: Old Vine Zinfandel 2013

77% Zinfandel, 23% other grapes - Sonoma - Parker: 92

While the label states “Zinfandel” because a minimum of 75% of the grapes are from that varietal, the rest of the blend comprises mostly Carignane alongside a slew of other, obscure grapes – both red and white. And this is what Morgan Twain-Peterson does so well: He finds old vineyards and obscure vines and turn them into fantastic wine. The vines from this blend average 80 years, so this truly *is* “old vine” Zin. It’s rich, dark, powerful – and very approachable! I say save it for your next BBQ, even if it seems incredibly far away right now.

Best: 2018-2022

Keplinger: Basilisk 2013

100% Grenache - Russian River Valley - 180 cases - Galloni: 93

If you’ve had the Keplinger wine offered last fall, we’re sure you can’t wait to try this one. Possibly the one to benefit most from cellaring of all the Longboard 1 wines, this Grenache was planted on a super-steep, very rocky hillside in the Russian River. The vineyard is the combination of a warm site located in a cool region. The soil is an ancient seafloor uplifted by less ancient volcanic activity – that is, rocky and poor. The juice was aged 18 months in neutral French oak and it saw no racking, fining or filtering. It’s dark and intense with loads of spices, fine tannins and an incredible finish.

Best: 2022-2026

Chase Cellars: Petite Sirah Barberis Vineyard 2012

Calistoga, Napa Valley ~260 cases - not reviewed

Petite Sirah – with its small, almost black berries – makes the final wine of Longboard 1 the darkest of the bunch. It strikes a beautiful balance between blue fruit notes, cinnamon spice and a darker core. Barberis Vineyard, located in the northern part of Napa Valley, is a veritable part of Napa history dating back to a dedicated Italian immigrant family in the beginning of the twentieth century. As with all of Chase’s wines, it’s completely dry-farmed, making the fruit even more intense. Decant this wine for an hour or so and watch it develop!

Best: 2019-2023