



*Boardroom Fall 2016*

*Longboard 2 - Central Coast*

**Loring Wine Company: Chardonnay, Sta. Rita Hills 2014**

*Sta. Rita Hills - 250 cases - CT: 92*

This brother/sister-run winery – assisted by their 83-year-old mom - situated in Santa Barbara County produces more than 30 single-vineyard Pinots and Chardonnays a year. Averaging under 200 cases per wine, that is no small feat! Brian Loring is the master winemaker, and his Sta. Rita Hills Chard consists mostly of grapes from the 3-D vineyard. It's medium-bodied with fairly low acidity, making it ripe for your tasting now. Enjoy!

*Best: Now – 2018*

**Kinero: Rustler 2011**

*100% Roussanne, James Berry Vineyard (Saxum) – Paso Robles ~50 cases - Parker: 90*

Did we just mention James Berry vineyard? Yes, we did! As a young winemaker with a rockin' reputation, Anthony Yount (head winemaker at Denner at age 25) earned his way to make a mere 50 cases of Roussanne. And boy does he get this one! It is layered and rich with honey notes, petrol and minerality. It's showing absolutely wonderfully right now, so don't let this sit too long. Great as a winter white with heavier salads and hearty soups.

*Best: Right now!*

**Herman Story: Syrah John Sebastiano 2013**

*John Sebastiano Vineyard - Sta. Rita Hills - 381 cases - CellarTracker: 93*

Russell From makes no excuse: With 24 months in 65% new, French oak and clocking in at 16,1%, you're asking for it! And that's exactly what we love about the Herman Story wines. Russell is incredible at making big, bold wines that still seem to find the knife-edge balance of power and acidity. And this single-vineyard Syrah from a cool-climate site situated on the extreme edge of Sta. Rita Hills just makes it all the more intriguing. Decant for 45 minutes and enjoy now – or cellar a few more years...

*Best: Now – 2022*



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#### **Terry Hoage: The Pick Cuvee 2008**

*53% Grenache, 26% Syrah, 14% Mourvedre, 7% Counoise - Paso Robles*

*"Christmas Wine of the Year" 2016: Copenhagen Christmas Wine Fair - WineLab.dk: 5 stars*

If you say "Christmas Eve dinner", we say, "Terry Hoage The Pick!" More than a thousand people visited Copenhagen's annual Christmas Wine Fair this past November, and they voted Terry Hoage *The Christmas Wine of the Year*. One of Denmark's top wine critics, Mads Jordansen of WineLab.dk, backed it up by calling it "a truly exquisite wine. Minerality, bird cherry and raspberry lollies comprise the three elements of this lovely wine. The taste is elegantly crafted and framed by a beautiful interaction between tannins and acidity." Completely off-label organically farmed, minimal intervention and no fining or filtering. Cheers to a fantastic Christmas!

*Best: Now - 2019*

#### **Desparada: Death & Resurrection Sangiovese 2013**

*White Hawk (Santa Barbara) & Luna Matta (Paso Robles) vineyards - 124 cases - CellarTracker: 92*

For the lucky ones who seized a bottle of the Death & Resurrection Nebbiolo in this summer's Boardroom, here's its sister wine: The Sangiovese 2013. Buried for 24 months in 25% new, French oak, it resurrects with a vengeance flaunting its big, fruity character. With only 124 cases made, this is a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience.

*Best: Now - 2022*

#### **Epoch: Authenticity 2012, Paderewski Vineyard**

*71% Syrah, 28% Mourvedre, 1% Viognier - Paso Robles - 571 cases - Parker: 95*

Those familiar with Epoch Estate Wines will know that this young winery is here to stay. Owners Bill and Liz Armstrong has literally rebuilt a Paso legacy by replanting the esteemed York mountain Paderewski Vineyard originally farmed by Polish world-famous composer and vintner Ignacy Jan Paderewski in the 1920s. Out-of-this-world-talented and humble head winemaker Jordan Fiorentini makes beautiful, stylish and balanced wines, and this one is a prime example - she is as sophisticated and elegant as the perfect black dress, and she's got a hint of spice.

*Best: 2017 - 2025*