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**BOARDROOM**

Fall / Winter 2018

Longboard 1 Central Coast – Cellar(Tracker) Rats

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**Terry Hoage: The Gap 2012**

*Grenache Blanc, Picpoul & Roussanne - Paso Robles - ~ 100 cases - CellarTracker: 90*

As with all of Terry's wines, The Gap refers to the football term "shooting the gap" from his time in NFL as well as the Templeton Gap where the wine estate is situated. It's rich with classic stone-fruit character and notes of apricot blossom, jasmine and honeysuckle. New French oak adds richness and baking spice elements, making this wine extremely winter food friendly. Enjoy it this Christmas at – dare we say it – your Christmas or post-Christmas luncheon!

*Best: Now-2020*

**Kinero: Bassetti Grenache 2014**

*100% Grenache – Bassetti Vineyard, Arroyo Seco, Monterey - ~50 cases - CellarTracker: 91*

The Bassettis, a Swiss immigrant family, started farming their ranch in Cambria over a hundred years ago. Over the decades, they shifted from dairy cows to beef cattle to hay and grain to flowers and herbs to orchards. And this – finally – gets us to grapes. With the help of friend John Alban (ring a bell?), they planted Rhone grapes. The 2014 Grenache is only the third vintage from the property, and it's already extremely sought-after due to the coolness (read: fog) of the site and complexity of the grapes, bringing pepper, tart berries and caramel notes. It's absolutely profound and beautiful, so save this for a special evening.

*Best: Now – 2025*

**Alta Colina: GSM 2013**

*68% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, 12% Syrah - Paso Robles - 370 cases*

*Tastings.com: 93, CellarTracker: 91*

We are so happy to give you a first re-peek of Alta Colina, one of our original wineries. We've been working on getting more for years, and we finally secured a few cases. The Tillman family makes perfect Paso-expression wines. The 2013 GSM is actually an GSM; it's a deep, nearly violet color with fruity aromas and flavors of blueberry pie and cherry chutney and a pink pepper finish. This is a silky and stylish red blend with lovely fruit and balanced, creamy oak. Serve with a nice pepper steak or homemade pasta with a hearty sauce.

*Best: 2019-2023*

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**Treana: Red 2015**

*75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Syrah - Paso Robles - CellarTracker: 93, Wine Enthusiast: 92, Galloni: 91*

2015 saw a 5<sup>th</sup> year of drought and yields down 30-40%, resulting in small, concentrated berries with great acidity. It spent 18 months in 50% new, French oak. At 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Syrah, it snubs French traditions by crossing regional varietal lines, and the result is – in our humble view - stunning. It currently scores a whopping 93 on CellarTracker, cemented by 92 (Wine Enthusiast) and 91 (Vinous). Cellar this for another 10-15 years to see it evolve. Oh, and the bottle artwork is equally stunning!

*Best: 2025-2030*

**Herman Story: One Hit Wonder 2013**

*100% Mourvèdre - Jespersen Vineyard, Santa Barbara Highlands – 200 cases  
CellarTracker: 92, Jeb Dunnock: 91*

It's kind of crazy that we're actually able to offer you this wine. With only 200 cases made, we had to get it through the back door; and we're quite sure you'll appreciate it. With an extended 36 months in 30% new, French oak, this is a jewel! In true Herman Story style, you'll find spice-box, roasted meats, licorice, and black currant/plum fruits in this "uber sexy, ripe, hedonistic beauty" (according to Jeb Dunnock). This is a wine you can enjoy now, so invite your close friends and make an evening of it!

*Best: Now-2022*

**Justin: Isosceles Reserve 2006**

*77% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Cabernet Franc 8% Merlot 3% Petit Verdot 2% Malbec - Paso Robles  
CellarTracker: 93*

The Isosceles Reserve is released only to members of the Justin Isosceles Reserve Club, and it is the absolute jewel of the winery. And right now you're actually holding a bottle. It consists of estate grapes from the original Justin Vineyard from 1981. A full 26 months in barrel and released more than 3 years after harvest make this a highly coveted wine. Serve with a beautiful rack of lamb or a New Year's Eve dry-aged porterhouse steak – and remember to decant for an hour or more.

*Best: Now-2020*