



Boardroom Summer 2016 - Longboard 1

Central Coast

Paix Sur Terre: Grenache Blanc 2015

~100 cases - 100% Grenache Blanc from Glenrose Vineyard, Paso Robles

The Paso Robles 'garagiste' producer Paix Sur Terre is back in the lineup! We couldn't resist their clean, crisp, single-vineyard Grenache Blanc that adds a touch of exotic spices and pineapple on the nose. The fruit was whole cluster pressed and racked into stainless Muellers and neutral French oak barrels and aged in 100% stainless steel barrels. This is a perfect way to launch you into summer! Coming soon: Look for more new Paix Sur Terre wines on our website – the beautiful label art will be hard to miss!

Best: Now - 2017

Herman Story: Smash City Pinot Noir 2013

197 cases - 100% Pinot Noir – Santa Barbara

Warning: Russell From holds nothing back and is never apologetic! At 16,1% alcohol, this is, according to Russell, "like going on a rampage date with the Kool-Aid man, breaking through walls, staining shirts and crashing so many birthday parties. Maraschino cherry, Thai ice tea, fresh spun blue cotton candy, oak aged cherries, freshly opened pack of Topps baseball cards, red vines, dirty boots and the soft satisfaction of getting away with it all." Better drink it now before someone else does – just don't expect Burgundy!

Best: Now – 2018

Tensley: Syrah, Colson Canyon Vineyard 2014

1000 cases – 100% Syrah – Russian River Valley, Sonoma – RP: 93-95 AG: 91-93

Yields at the Colson Canyon Vineyard were down close to 40% in 2014. With incredibly intense fruit, it spent roughly 11-16 months in 20% new French oak and 80% neutral. It is probably the most intense Colson Canyon to date and shows extraordinary concentration of blackberries and black stone fruit, white pepper and chocolate. Approachable now or cellar for another 10-12 years.

Best: 2017-2027



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Sans Liege: Journeyman Series – Fool’s Errand 2013

450 cases - 100% Grenache – Santa Barbara county

Deconstruction: On one of his long travels across the US, owner and winemaker Curt Schalchlin came up with the idea of making separately only a few barrels of each of the grapes that go into his most followed wine, *The Offering* – a GSM Rhone-styled blend. He calls the project the Journeyman series, and each wine’s name is anchored in a story that connects to that particular grape. Here we start the series with *Fool’s Errand* (100% Grenache). The vineyard sources are located from Solvang in Santa Barbara county and up to Paso Robles in San Luis Obispo county an hour and a half north. Look for a little S&M to follow [*“Long Way Home”* (Syrah) & *“Take The Pebble”* (Mourvedre)]!

Best: Now with 1 hour decant or up to 2025

Comparative Pairing Recommendation: Sans Liege The Offering 2013

Desparada: Death & Resurrection – Nebbiolo 2012

74 cases – 100% Nebbiolo from Luna Matta Vineyard, Paso Robles

We were incredibly fortunate to secure a couple of Desparada’s limited Death & Resurrection wines featuring Italian grapes that are extremely hard to find on Central Coast, need to be buried for a long time before maturing, and really are a labor of love. Once owner and winemaker Vailia found a few rows of Nebbiolo at the Luna Matta vineyard, no friend or loved one could talk her out of turning the grapes into wine! It spent almost 3 years in neutral, French oak before being resurrected and carefully distributed to the few lucky ones. Despite the long time “under ground,” this wine is still fairly light with notes of strawberry, pepper and leather.

Best: 2018-2023

Law Estate Vineyards: Beyond Category 2012

520 cases - 44% Syrah, 19% Grenache, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Mourvèdre, 9% Petite Sirah
Paso Robles – AG: 92 WS: 91

This is a new Law Estate wine that you can safely cellar for another 5 years. The Paso powerhouse release their vintages 2-3 years after most Central Coast wineries, attesting to their ageing capabilities. Beyond Category is, as the name implies, an anomaly on Central Coast with the core of the blend being Syrah, Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon. The result is a masterly wine with layers of rhubarb, black cherry and red currants with a hint of mint and lavender. Did anyone say steak?

Best: 2019-2025, or enjoy earlier with 1-2 hour decant