



*Boardroom Summer 2017*

*Longboard 2 - Central Coast*

**Groundwork: Rosé 2016**

*100% Grenache - Central Coast*

At a mere 12% and 4½ months in stainless steel, this light afternoon thirst-quencher is a gem of a wine by Sans Liege's Curt Schalchlin. Vineyards include Bien Nacido and Alta Colina! Think strawberry tart, watermelon, homemade lemonade – and a big, deep breath of fresh air. Now where's that sun?

*Best: Now - 2019*

**The Fableist: No. 163 Chardonnay 2016**

*100% Chardonnay - Central Coast*

The Fableist is a collection of varietal wines inspired by Aesop's timeless fables. With 6 months in French oak and clocking in at under 14%, we love that this Chardonnay is medium-bodied with peaches and hints of vanilla and honey – just perfect for summer! All The Fableist's labels are a great conversation starter: this fable is about the queen bee and Jupiter; wanting to grab another glass will keep the conversation going.

*Best: 2019-2022*

**Lea: Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills 2013**

*100% Pinot Noir - Sta. Rita Hills, Central Coast - Parker: 91*

Jennifer, wife of Santa Barbara Syrah king Joey Tensley certainly knows how to carve her own path - in Pinot! Jennifer's own brand, Lea (her middle name) produces small lots of Pinot from different Central Coast vineyards. With lots of earthy notes and finesse, it delivers notes of pepper, wild berries, and black cherry with a long and silky finish. Decant for 30 minutes and experience how it changes in the glass.

*Best: 2020 - 2022*



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### **Booker: Fracture 2011**

***100% Syrah – Booker Vineyard, Paso Robles – Parker: 97, Galloni: 95***

Called “utterly brilliant” by Robert Parker himself, this wine is a rare gem. Booker is one of the most respected wineries in Paso, bordering Saxum’s James Berry Vineyard and the L’Aventure property. With its aromatic depth, pure richness and layers of dark fruit, leather, licorice and melted road tar, it offers impeccable balance and depth.

*Best: Now – 2021*

### **Herman Story: One Hit Wonder 2011**

***65% Syrah, 35% Grenache – Jespersen Ranch, Edna Valley, Santa Barbara - 287 cases – Parker: 94, Galloni: 93***

Russell From really felt he hit the jackpot with this one-off contract from sought-after Jespersen Ranch about an hour south of Paso Robles. From the coolest year in recent memory, Russell keeps his signature bold style with lots of depth, a deep purple color and a wine perfect for sharing with friends. With only a few cases to go around of any of his wines, it’s really incredible to see this one in Europe. And could the label be any more perfect?

*Best: 2019 and beyond*

### **Clos Solène: Harmonie 2014**

***60% Grenache, 25% Mourvedre, 15% Syrah - Paso Robles - 220 6-packs - Parker: 93***

We hope you’re as excited as we are about adding Clos Solène to our portfolio. This is one of Paso’s smallest and most exclusive producers with an annual production level of about 1,500 6-packs. French-born and raised Guillaume Fabre was originally hired by Stéphane Asseo of L’Aventure and started making a few barrels of his own Clos Solène, named after his (now) wife, on the side. With critics’ reviews soon in the mid-90’s, he decided to devote all of his time to Clos Solène – alongside Solène herself. Guillaume sources fruit from some of the top vineyards in Paso, incl. Saxum’s James Berry Vineyard, Heart Hill, L’Aventure, Caliza and Denner. In the end, Guillaume’s wines are all heart, passion, an acute sense of texture and balance - and hard work!

Harmonie saw 16 months in almost all neutral French oak barrels and offers the classic full-bodied, seamless texture as well as tons of sweet black raspberries, creamy licorice and spice aromas and flavors. Save this one for a very special occasion, if you can.

*Best: 2023 - 2025*