

THE
BOARDROOM
Summer 2018
Longboard 2 - NorCal

Peirson Meyer: Chardonnay, Charles Heintz Vineyard 2014

Sonoma Coast - 300 cases - Parker: 95

Alan Peirson and his wife, Lesley, are two of our favourite people in Napa. Not only are they incredibly kind, they truly care about everything they do – and it shows! The Charles Heintz Chardonnay (a vineyard also favoured by producers such as Williams Selyem, DuMOL, and Littorai) is situated almost 1000 feet above sea level, only a few miles from Sonoma Coast. The 40+ year-old vines thrive, laying the foundation for a wine that Parker called “sexy, full-bodied and a stunner.” Alan aged it – per tradition - for 14 months in 40% new, French oak. Look for tangerine, nectarine, lemon oil and citrus in this crisp, zesty Chardonnay that also moves toward tropical fruits on the palate.

Best: 2020-2024

Argot: Pinot Noir Estate Vineyard 2015

Sonoma Mountain - 175 cases - Parker: 95

This is just the second vintage from Justin Harmon’s own property. Situated on the western edge of the AVA at an elevation of 1,000ft, Justin planted six heritage clones for this selection, known for their time-consuming management and meager yield. It saw 22 months in new, French oak and explodes with intense, black fruit, forest floor, clove and white flowers.

Best: 2022-2028

Bedrock: Nervo Ranch Heritage 2014

Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Negrette, Alicante Bouschet, Carignan, Grenache, Grand Noir, Trousseau Noir, Valdigue, Abouriou and more - Alexander Valley - Tanzer: 95, Vinous: 95, Parker: 93

We really love what Morgan Twain-Peterson has done with his heritage project. Nervo Ranch was planted back in 1896 in Geyserville, situated in the northern part of Sonoma County, and Morgan put just about every grape varietal he found on the vineyard into this blend. Expect big fruit and white flowers with a backbone of tannins. This is what Morgan calls “a California Burgundy.”

Best: 2020-2025

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**Dashe Cellars: Les Enfants Terribles Old Vines Carignane
Evangelho Vineyard 2015***

Evangelho Vineyard, Contra Costa County - 159 cases

From Brian and Anne Dashe's line of *wild children*, we were especially excited about this wine – the (truly!) old-vine Carignane from Bedrock's Evangelho vineyard; an obscure, sandy-beach vineyard set between PG&E powerlines, railroad tracks and a motel with rooms to rent by the hour. Planted in the 1890s, it is Dashe's second vintage of this under-the-wire wine that deserves so much more. It has bold, red fruit and earthy-meaty notes. Try it with rich pasta dishes such as lasagna - or beef brisket.

**Please note vintage error in initial offer – this is indeed the 2015 vintage.*

Best: Now-2023

Krupp Brothers: Veraison Cabernet Sauvignon Stagecoach Vineyard 2007

*75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec, 4% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot - Atlas Peak
WineLab: 6 stars, Wine Spectator: 91, Wine Enthusiast: 91, Tanzer: 90*

From the classic vintage of 2007, we saved the last few bottles of this Napa Cab for you. It is completely sold out worldwide, and restaurants in Asia have even tried to snatch up the last few bottles from us (yes, it's true!). Having spent 22 months in 80% new, French oak, this is truly a full-throttle, complex Cab loaded with hints of cedar, anise, bitter chocolate and pipe tobacco. Enjoy now at a candle-light dinner, impress your in-laws at their next gathering (careful, don't break their table when you slam it down in your "top that" style), or go master-chef and invite friends along for the wine-dinner pairing.

Best: Now-2020

Honig: Cabernet Sauvignon Bartolucci Vineyard 2013

St. Helena – 450 cases - Decanter: 92, Parker: 91, Suckling: 91, Wine Enthusiast: 91

Honig is hands down our pick for the best value Napa Cab out there (and Wine Spectator's too, by the way). Grapes from the coveted Bartolucci vineyard, founded in 1921, were secured via a word-of-mouth recommendation and a handshake at an old diner. Earning a rare 92 points by Decanter, this wine exudes elegance, complexity – and begs a long time on your cellar shelf. It has been aged in 100% new, French oak, is medium to full bodied with complexity as well as elegance. According to Robert Parker himself, "This is a beauty and probably one of the strongest of Cabernet Sauvignons I have tasted from Honig." Beat that!

Best: 2020 – 2030