

THE
BOARDROOM

*Summer 2020 - Longboard 2 NorCal
Study in Red*

Peirson Meyer: Chardonnay, Charles Heintz Vineyard 2015

*100% Chardonnay – Charles Heintz Vineyard, Sonoma Coast - 240 cases
Parker: 94, Galloni: 93, Wine Spectator: 92*

450 kr

Oh, the famed Charles Heintz Vineyard: a family heirloom for over 100 years whose name graces wines from DuMOL, Kistler, Williams Selyem and Kosta Browne – and, of course, Peirson Meyer. Resting at 300 meters just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean, it enjoys the cool maritime influences. This full-bodied, structured white spent 14 months (sur lie) in 40% new, French oak as well as full malo fermentation. As Galloni puts it, it “is precise, nuanced and wonderfully detailed.” Pair it with shellfish risotto or a simple, grilled chicken with grilled corn and mash.

Best: Now-2023

Vermillion: Red 2016

*50% Grenache, 15% Mourvedre, 20% Syrah, 10% Cabernet, 5% Petite Sirah – Sierra Foothills & Sonoma –
Jeb Dunnock: 91, Parker: 90*

299 kr

We'll save the introduction for later, but suffice it to say that phenomenal Helen Keplinger's second label is *all* but second to anything. Handcrafted farm-to-finish by Helen herself, the grapes herald from the same fine vineyards she uses for her Keplinger label. Expect black and red fruit expression with dried, savory herbs and some power. Enjoy with a home-composed burger with the whole shebang, or simply on its own on a quiet night overlooking your garden or by the ocean.

Best: Now-2025

Argot: Syrah Estate Vineyard 2015

100% Syrah – Estate Vineyard, Sonoma Mountain – 105 cases – Jeb Dunnock: 98+

575 kr

Whoa! We knew Justin Harmon makes great, minuscule-production wines, but this one from Justin's own vineyard just knocks it out of the park. A full 33 months in French hogsheads required extra patience, but it was generously rewarded by a deeper concentration of flavors, silkier textures and a haunting complexity. “It's incredibly complex, layered, and both intellectually and hedonistically satisfying ... I'd put this up with the finest Syrahs in the world” – Jeb Dunnock. Don't forget to decant, if you can't wait to open it.

Best: 2022-2032

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Bedrock: Monte Rosso 2015

Zinfandel (with a splash of Alicante Bouschet and Grand Noir) – Monte Rosso Vineyard, Mt. Veeder, Moon Mountain District, Sonoma – 300 cases – Parker: 95, Galloni: 95, Wine Spectator: 94

450 kr

We don't know anyone who can garner as much praise for Zinfandels as Joel Peterson. Every wine he makes seems to carry with it a bit of California viticultural history – and this one is no different. The year is circa 1880. San Francisco business partners Emanuel Goldstein and Benjamin Dreyfus began planting Monte Rosso Vineyard (named for its red, volcanic soils) which sits 400 meters high up the Mayacamas mountain range. First vines went into the ground in 1886 and some of those Zinfandel and Semillon vines are still producing fruit. In 1938, Louis M. Martini purchased the vineyard and in turn sold it to E. & J. Gallo in 2002. As for this proud beast, expect high acidity, deep fruit and savory, smoky notes. Parker called it “dark, complex, powerful and muscular”, while Galloni saw it as “vivid and exceptionally beautiful from the very first taste”. Please do decant for several hours.

Best: 2021 -2026

Keplinger: Sumo 2017

*84% Petite Sirah, 13% Syrah, and 3% Viognier – Shake Ridge Vineyard, Amador County – 250 cases
Jeb Dunnock: 94*

695 kr

Introducing another new, tiny producer to our portfolio: The incredibly talented and thoughtful Helen Keplinger! The first thing to hit you when you pour this wine is probably the deep, purple color, then the inviting Viognier notes of perfume and sweetness, but also blue fruits and tobacco. To Jeb Dunnock, this wine has “a big mid-palate, supple tannins, and loads of charm.” Terroir-wise, the organically farmed Shake Ridge Vineyard is situated 550 meters above sea level in the iron-rich, rocky Sierra Foothills. The wine was aged in 70% new barriques and larger vessels. We suggest waiting a few years to see the Syrah take more of a turn.

Best: 2022-2030

Bevan Cellars: Ontogeny 2017

*Proprietary Bordeaux blend – Sugarloaf, Tench, Sentinel & Wildfoote vineyards, Napa Valley
Jeb Dunnock: 96-99*

795 kr

With a lineup like this, it's hard to find a single showstopping wine, but Bevan Cellars is at least as big a scoop as Keplinger. With so many 100-point wines under his belt, Russell Bevan has proven that he's a force to be reckoned with. While Ontogeny is his blend from the various single-vineyard wines, this one is darn close to perfection, according to Jeb Dunnock. For a Napa wine, this is “a killer value”. Cassis, black olives, tobacco, toasted spice, and graphite notes as well as depth and richness. Decant for 3+ hours – or better, hold onto it for 5 years.

Best: 2025 – 2030