

THE
BOARDROOM

*Fall 2021 - Longboard / Central Coast
Love Thy Neighbor*

Kinero: Rustler 2018

100% Roussanne - James Berry Vineyard, Paso Robles - 58 cases produced - Wine Enthusiast: 92

335 kr

Denner-winemaker Anthony Yount's 2018 Kinero Rustler from none other than Saxum's James Berry Vineyard is back by popular demand! A mere 58 cases produced (yes, that's right) and another stunning vintage of this cattle-thief Roussanne is in your hands. Anthony is so well-known and so well-liked that he can work with pretty much any vineyard he chooses – so why not work with nice folks like Justin Smith of Saxum? This Roussanne is rich with undertones of crushed rocks, tahini and flint. The palate is densely packed with flavors of apricot, muddled oranges and honey. Try it with sushi, shellfish or spicy Asian.

Best: 2022-2025

Saint K: Everything Is Under Control 2019

100% Cabernet Sauvignon - Rangeland Vineyard, Paso Robles - 70 cases produced - Wine Enthusiast: 92

395 kr

An image on an Instagram feed with the comment, "This should be a wine" *became* a wine. Behold the Saint K 2019 Everything Is Under Control Cabernet Sauvignon from Rangeland Vineyard on Westside Paso Robles. A whopping 70 cases produced and 92 points. It saw 33% New French oak for 18 months and is still a baby – hold off on it if you can, or decant for an hour or so first. Wine Enthusiast called this wine “quite a journey.” “The sip offers blueberry and violet right away, then subtle tannins rise to deliver roasted beef, more soy and peppercorn flavors.” This calls for a steak!

Best: 2023-2032

Booker: My Favorite Neighbor 2018

**77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petite Sirah, 8% Petit Verdot, with Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Syrah -
Central Coast - Dunnock: 96, Parker: 95, Galloni: 94**

595 kr

From a 70-case, under-the-radar Cab to a much, much bigger one – in several aspects. The project started as Booker-owner Eric Jensen's homage to his neighbor, Bordeaux winemaker Stéphane Asseo. Well, Paso Robles is a place with pretty much only nice neighbors, and Booker Vineyard is situated smack in the middle of some of the very best vineyards in Paso, so the Neighbor project grew... Always a super solid effort, this vintage saw 70% new, French oak. According to Jeb Dunnock, “It's going to compete with just about anything coming out of Napa today.” And The Wine Advocate said it “offers intense, expertly managed, ripe fruits and loads of spices with a firm, finely grained frame and great freshness, finishing long and spicy.” If you love Cab, savor this one!

Best: 2024-2029

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Jacob Toft: Mary Jane's Cuvee 2016

53% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 23% Mourvedre – James Berry & Caliza vineyards, Paso Robles

Less than 200 cases - Jeb Dunnock: 96

575 kr

For Jacob Toft, it's all about family: This flagship wine is named after his mother, and the label features his grandmother's house. Jacob Toft worked as Stéphane Asseo's (of L'Aventure) right-hand man a few years' back before venturing out on his own. With access to fruit from the top producers in Paso, Toft chooses to keep his production super low. The Grenache blend from James Berry Vineyard (there it is again!) and Caliza Vineyard blew our minds - and Jeb Dunnock's! Of course, with a production of just around 200 cases, it was officially sold out upon release... Jacob loves his wines intense and smooth. Dark as the night, this is as Paso GSM as they come - big, fruity, complex and fun!

Best: Now-2024

Herman Story: 419 Days 2015

100% Grenache - Santa Barbara - 192 cases produced – CellarTracker: 93

475 kr

This Grenache is different - its days are literally numbered! 419 to be exact, meaning it spent 419 days on stems and skins in barrel - and then it spent another year in barrel for a total of 2+ years in the dark. This innovative approach is also the last of the three *Days* project vintages that Russell From made, simply because it's too labor intensive. Look for concentrated, complex flavors of leather, blue and black fruits, anise, olives, structured acidity and plush tannins. Only 192 cases produced and a stellar 93 points on CellarTracker. This could be a contender for Christmas dinner.

Best: 2022-2029

Denner: The Dirt Worshipper 2009

95% Syrah, 5% Viognier – Denner Vineyard, Paso Robles – appr. 800 cases produced

Parker: 95, Wine Spectator: 92, CellarTracker: 92

575 kr

Our showstopper this season is the brilliant 2009 Denner Dirt Worshipper Syrah, the most famous wine from Denner Vineyards - and a reference to owner Ron Denner's successful career in the ditch digging business. While the 2008 vintage put Denner on the wine world's map by snatching the 11th spot on Wine Spectator's Top 100 list, the 2009 vintage follows right in its heels. 95 points by Parker, impossible to get anywhere, and ready to get dressed up to party! Enjoy with friends and a great dinner - New Year's Eve?

Best: Now – 2023