

THE  
**BOARDROOM**

*Summer 2021 - Longboard / Central Coast  
The Birds...*

**Kinero: Chardonnay 2018**

**100% Chardonnay - Talley Vineyard, Arroyo Grande - 128 cases produced**

**Wine Enthusiast: 94, Galloni: 92, CellarTracker: 92**

**325 kr**

Anthony is one of only 2 people allowed to source grapes from the coveted Talley's Rosemary's Vineyard. With only 128 cases total to go around and 94 points in the pocket, the 2018 Kinero Chardonnay is simply a rare gem. Anthony certainly took his time with this one using wild ferment, which...is...a...slow...process... as in 6+ months-to-finish slow. Only little new oak and aged for about 12 months. "Fascinating aromas of seared pineapple and toasted coconut are layered with gardenia, jasmine and plumeria on the nose of this bottling, which also shows an underlying alkalinity ... A very fresh and driven experience." – *Wine Enthusiast*

*Best: 2021-2026*

**Epoch Estate Wines: White 2014**

**52% Viognier, 48% Grenache Blanc - Catapult & Paderewski Vineyards, Paso Robles - 870 cases produced**

**Parker: 91, Galloni: 91**

**285 kr**

Talk about flexibility: Jordan Fiorentini used concrete eggs and tulips, stainless steel as well as neutral oak for the White's 5-month aging. Jordan calls this "the perfect union" of the strengths of both grapes: sea-salt minerality and white flower from the Grenache Blanc, while Viognier adds age-worthy rose oil and fresh peach. The wine saw no malolactic fermentation, which shows in its vibrant flavors right now. Try it with oysters on the half shell or with a simply cooked, fresh catch.

*Best: Seriously good right now!*

**Torrin: Lagom Duvarita - or - Clone 115 & 777 Pinot Noir 2015**

**100% Pinot Noir - Duvarita & other Santa Barbara vineyards - 149 cases each produced**

**Galloni: 94, Dunnock: 94**

**575 kr**

Viquel and Scott Hawley love their Chardonnay and Pinot, so they created *Lagom*, Swedish for "just right". You'll be holding either the Duvarita or the Clone 115 & 777 bottlings. Both were aged 25% whole clusters and in 30% new, French oak for about 14 months. Duvarita is a single-vineyard Pinot from the sandy soils of Santa Barbara, "impressively complex and highly perfumed on the nose, displaying vibrant red fruit ... a suave blend of power and finesse" (Vinous). Of the Clone 115 & 777 bottling, Galloni says it "displays superb clarity and back-end cut ... The finish ... lingers with impressive, mineral- and spice-driven persistence."

*Best: 2021-2025*

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**Justin: Isosceles 2010**

**85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc, 8% Merlot – Paso Robles**

**Tasting Panel: 95, CellarTracker: 92, Tanzer: 91**

**450 kr**

Based on your feedback, Justin is a keeper – and we kept some more for you! It was aged for 2 years and – as always – unfiltered and unfiltered. Don't wait on this Bordeaux blend (well, basically a Cab), just open and gently pour while watching out for that sediment. Put a sizzling steak on the barbeque while you enjoy this “sturdy, but palate-stroking” classic Paso red (Tasting Panel) that is “finishing with substantial but harmonious tannins and very good length” (Vinous). This is a brooding and full-bodied wine; pair it with meat or a nice cheese platter.

*Best: Now-2023*

**Vallin: Syrah 2013**

**100% Syrah – Santa Ynez, Santa Barbara – Appr. 600 cases produced – Parker: 91**

**350 kr**

Vallin is a project by somm friends and winemaker Justin Willett of Tyler. At only 13.5%, this is a cool Santa Ynez (part of the Santa Barbara district) red in a minimal-intervention style that shows the grape's “gamey, peppery, smokey, great herbaceous aromas and savory flavors” rather than sweet, red fruit, in the words of master somm Dustin Wilson. According to Jeb Dunnock, “it has an almost Clape-like iron and mineral component to go with plenty of pepper, garrigue, smoked meats and dark fruits. Juicy, lively and textured, it's a beautiful Syrah that delivers both intellectual and hedonistic pleasure.” As with Isosceles, treat this one gently – and no need to wait.

*Best: Good to go now!*

**Herman Story: Chelle Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2016**

**100% Cabernet Sauvignon – York Mountain, Paso Robles – 275 3-packs produced – CellarTracker: 94**

**895 kr**

Our last wine of the pack is a result of our virtual tasting session with Russell From of Herman Story this spring. His single-vineyard Cab from his own vineyard Chelle Mountain saw 30 months in 100% new, French oak – you wouldn't expect anything less, right? Russell describes his vineyard this way: “There are places that take hold of you and won't let go. They possess a certain charm, like an old friend who calls and it's like nothing ever changed. The first time I stepped foot in Chelle Mountain Vineyard, on top of York Mountain, I knew it was a special place. A place with spirit. Where the stubborn old vines aren't generous but produce fruit with a bold personality. Where for years, I've dug in, gotten my hands dirty, and brought forth some of the best wine I've ever tried – Chelle Cabernet Sauvignon. This is its story.” 94 points by the critical (and lucky!) wine geeks at CellarTracker.

*Best: 2025 – 2030*