

# Greetings from Los Olivos!

Fall is underway as is the harvest of 2021. We picked the first of the Rhône varietals (Rodney's Vineyard Viognier) on September 24th but there is still a ways to go before all of the big, Rhône reds are "in the barn" as they say. We've had a few days of heat but so far no big surprises. Fingers crossed!

At Epiphany we've been as busy as ever. We thank you all for your continued patience and understanding as we continue to operate on a reservation only basis. We feel very fortunate that so many people are visiting Santa Barbara wine country but it does occasionally make for disappointment when we're booked and unable to accommodate walk-in guests.

We're hoping to hold Revelation Day (on a smaller scale) in the garden at Epiphany next year. We haven't settled on exactly which weekend in March yet but we'll let you know soon. We're practically daring Mother Nature to send us a lot of rain by planning for outdoors in March but we'll welcome the precipitation if it comes!!

Thank you all for continuing to support Epiphany. We do appreciate it.

Stay well! Eli, Ashley & Tim





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# WINE CLUB SHIPMENT WINES



# 2019 MARSANNE RODNEY'S VINEYARD Santa Barbara County



## **Vineyard Source**

100% Rodney's Vineyard (block H) from the Fess Parker home ranch in Santa Ynez Vallev

## **Barrel Aging**

Aged for 7 months in 500L French oak Puncheons

#### **Technical Data**

Composition 100% Marsanne Harvest Date October 3, 2019

20.9 Harvest Brix

Cooperage Mercurey, Ermitage, Rousseau

12.2% Alcohol p.H. 3.13

T.A. 0.602 g/100mL **Production** 322 cases

### **WINEMAKER NOTES**

Our Marsanne is dry and richly textured, with aromas of cantaloupe and orange zest supported by hints of jasmine, vanilla, beeswax and pie crust.

Seafood is a classic pairing with Marsanne, especially richer varieties such as lobster, crab or mussels. But don't be afraid to try new dishes with this versatile, food friendly wine. From chicken to pork, spicy flavors to Asian cuisine, even cream sauces or an array of cheeses, Marsanne stands up to them all.



# 2019 GSM THOMPSON VINEYARD

Santa Barbara County

## **Vineyard Source**

100% Thompson Vineyard (blocks 1E, 1B, 2A) in the Alisos Canyon corridor in Santa Barbara County

## **Barrel Aging**

Aged for 21 months in 500L puncheons, of which 33% were new French oak

#### **Technical Data**

Composition 39% Grenache, 33% Syrah, 28% Mourvedre **Harvest Date** October 30 - November 7, 2019

Harvest Brix 23.9 - 26.0

Cooperage Leroi, Atelier, T. Mercurey

Alcohol 14.9% p.H. 3.62 0.590 g/100mL T.A. 313 cases Production

#### **WINEMAKER NOTES**

Made up of 39% Grenache, 33% Syrah and 28% Mourvedre, GSM is a southern Rhône inspired bold blend with lots of aging potential. The varietals used to make up this blend are arguably the most important to the Côtes du Rhône region of France with Grenache typically used as the base of the blend.

Dark, ripe fruit dominates on the nose while bright red fruit and herbal notes are wrapped up by a peppery finish on the palate.

Try GSM paired with moderate to heavy dishes like fattier steaks, grilled sausage, duck risotto, mushrooms or dishes with Mediterranean spices.



# 2018 SYRAH-CABERNET

Santa Barbara County

## **Vineyard Source**

100% Camp 4 Vineyard (blocks 16 & 17) located in Santa Ynez Valley

#### **Barrel Aging**

Aged for 20 months in French & American oak, of which 5% was new

#### **Technical Data**

Composition 60% Syrah, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

November 9 – 12, 2018 **Harvest Date** 

Harvest Brix 25.3 - 26.8

Cooperage Boswell, Quintessence, Sirugue

Alcohol 14.9% p.H. 3.69

T.A. 0.590 g/100mL Production 519 cases

#### **WINEMAKER NOTES**

A rich, full-bodied wine that features the classic depth and structure of Cabernet Sauvignon balanced by Syrah's notoriously jammy, more fruit-forward flavors. This wine offers savory aromas of dark berries, cassis, baking spices and vanilla that intermingle with earthy notes of dried tobacco, cigar box and saddle leather. Black currant and other dark fruit flavors linger on the palate, supported by hints of dark chocolate, vanilla and earth.

This bold blend will stand up beautifully to richly seasoned meats and herbaceous savory dishes. Try it with a rosemary & garlic spiced rack of lamb or a spice-rubbed grilled steak.

# **RECENT PRESS**

**NEW SCORES FROM** 

# **JEB** DUNNUCK

PUBLISHED AUGUST 26, 2021

94 pts – Syrah, Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2018 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

94 pts – Syrah, Stagecoach Vineyard, 2018 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

93 pts – Syrah, Colson Canyon Vineyard, 2018

93 pts – Petite Sirah, Rodney's Vineyard, 2018 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

92 pts - Counoise, Rodney's Vineyard, 2018

92 pts - Inspiration Red, Santa Barbara County, 2018

92 pts - GSM, Thompson Vineyard, 2018

92 pts – Syrah, Hampton Vineyard, 2018 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

91 pts – Roussanne, Camp 4 Vineyard, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

91 pts – Grenache, Rodney's Vineyard, 2018 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

91 pts – Revelation, Rodney's Vineyard, 2018 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

90 pts - Inspiration White, Santa Barbara County, 2019

90 pts – Syrah-Cabernet, Santa Barbara County, 2018 IN THIS SHIPMENT

91 pts - Mourvedre, Rodney's Vineyard, 2018

... offers beautiful fruit and richness while staying balanced and elegant.... It's one sexy Syrah to drink over the coming 7-8 years." (2018 Stagecoach Vineyard Syrah)

> I always love this variety from Epiphany, and the 2018 Petite Sirah Rodney's Vineyard is another wine well worth seeking out." (2018 Petite Sirah)

> > ~ leb Dunnuck