



Winemaker Blair Fox helping out on the sorting table during harvest

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

BIG NEWS ... We've made Wine Enthusiast's **Top 100 Cellar Selection** list for 2021!

Hint: This would be a great wine to stock up on for Thanksgiving celebrations.

Rank #95 – PREVIO 92 points – Dry Riesling, Rodney's Vineyard, 2019

Chiseled granite and crushed gravel aromas make for a very stony entry to the brilliant nose of this bottling, which also offers tight applepeel scents. The palate sizzles with acidity and grips with mineral-driven tension, allowing struck stone, lemon-pith and limepeel flavors to compete for deserved attention. Drink now through 2039.

Wine&Spirits

We have some great chardonnay scores coming out in the October Edition of *Wine & Spirits*. Be sure to check out the full reviews when they come out.

- 93 pts Chardonnay, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, 2019
- 92 pts Chardonnay, Sierra Madre Vineyard, 2019
- 91 pts Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County, 2019

JEB DUNNUCK

We recently received the *Jeb Dunnuck* reviews from his Central Coast article, and we are pumped about it!

- 94 pts Pinot Noir, Parker West, 2019
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- 93+ pts Pinot Noir, "1971" Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, 2019
- 93 pts Chardonnay, Parker West, 2019



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- PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 93 pts Pinot Noir, Ashley's, 2019
- 93 pts Pinot Noir, Older Barrels, 2019



93 pts - Pinot Noir, Pommard Clone, 2019



92 pts - Pinot Noir, Clone 115, 2019



92 pts - Syrah, Rodney's Vineyard, 2018



91+ pts – Chardonnay, Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2019



- 91+ pts Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, 2019
- 91 pts Chardonnay, Ashley's, 2019



91 pts – Pinot Noir, Sta. Rita Hills, 2019

91 pts - Pinot Noir,

- IN THIS SHIPMENT
- Fiddlestix Vineyard, 2019
 90 pts Chardonnay,



90 pts – The Big Easy, Santa Barbara County, 2018

Sierra Madre Vineyard, 2019

The frost is on the pumpkin and the hay is in the barn ... well almost anyway. Nothing like waiting until the last minute, but with harvest wrapping up I spent a couple of days in production with Blair, Tyler and the team in mid-October. It's such a great way to get a feel for a particular vintage and stay connected. I am always in awe of how much attention to detail our team delivers and how hard everybody works! Not sure I pulled my weight, but thanks for putting up with me!

HARVEST 2021

We're looking forward to seeing many of you at Release Day on April 22–24, 2022.

In the meantime we hope to see you in our "Al Fessco" tasting tent while we spruce things up in the main tasting room.

Wishing you all the happiest of holidays. It will be so nice to be able to gather with family and friends this year!

Stay well!





Ashley at the sorting table

HEAD WINEMAKER AVAILABLE NOW

It is a great feeling to have another stellar vintage on our hands... literally! Although it was a very dry year with a miniscule amount of rain, we are lucky in Santa Barbara County to have prolific aguifers to source for our well water. Of course, we would rather have it fall from the sky! Spring and summer were very moderate in temperature with a handful of triple-digit days, but most highs were in the 80s and nighttime temperatures dipped into the 40s - 50s. We saw beautiful, slow ripening, with flavors coming into maturity before sugars, while retaining bright acidity. This continued into fall, with no real threat of rain or heat, and luckily no smoke from fires. Overall, this is another extraordinary vintage where I could pick based on flavors and maturity, while not being pushed by Mother Nature.

The highlights of the vintage will be the sparkling wine grapes for the Fesstivity program and the vineyard designated Pinots. This is another exceptional year for Ashley's, Parker West, Sanford & Benedict,

Fiddlestix and Bien Nacido. The Syrah from Rodney's is also something to watch out for, with juicy fruit flavors coming on early before sugar development. Chardonnay also did very well, having wonderful flavor while accumulating lower sugar, but retaining beautiful acidity.

These will be exciting wines to watch develop, and I cannot wait for you to try them!

I better get back out and join my team on the sorting table! As always, it is a pleasure making wine for your enjoyment, and from all of us here at Fess Parker ... Cheers!



Blair Fox, Head Winemaker







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Fess Parker Wine Country Inn is especially charming in the fall and winter months. Guests to wine country will enjoy cool mornings and chilly evenings, the colors on the changing vines and festive decorations throughout the town of Los Olivos.

Our on-site restaurant, Nella Kitchen & Bar, is open throughout the holiday season, with special seatings on Thanksgiving and Christmas for guests of the Inn.

Reach out to our friendly reservations team to plan your end-of-year getaway and be sure to check the inn's website for all current offerings and packages.

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2019 RIESLING "Santa Barbara County"......\$15 / \$162.00 ...\$12.00 / \$144.00 2019 PINOT NOIR "Sta. Rita Hills"......\$30 / \$324.00 ...\$24.00 / \$288.00 2018 PINOT NOIR "Ashley's".......SOLD OUT 2018 PINOT NOIR "Clone 115"......\$60 / \$648.00 ...\$48.00 / \$576.00 2019 PINOT NOIR "Fiddlestix"......\$60 / \$648.00 ...\$48.00 / \$576.00 2018 PINOT NOIR "Parker West Vineyard"......\$60 / \$648.00 ...\$48.00 / \$576.00 2018 PINOT NOIR "Pommard Clone" \$60 / \$648.00 . . . \$48.00 / \$576.00 2018 PINOT NOIR "Sanford & Benedict Vineyard"... \$60 / \$648.00 ...\$48.00 / \$576.00



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PINOT NOIR

EVENTS

Wine Club

BONUS BOTTLE

We are sending this bonus bottle to you at no charge as a "Thank you!" to all our loyal wine club members. Happy Holidays!

CHARTER CLUB

1 Red + 1 White

Chardonnay, Ashley's, 2019 — \$44 Pinot Noir, Parker West, 2019 – \$60

BONUS BOTTLE

Retail Price: \$104 Club Price: \$78

HERITAGE WHITE CLUB

2 White Wines

Chardonnay, Ashley's, 2019 — \$44 Chardonnay, Parker West, 2020 — \$44

BONUS BOTTLE

Retail Price: \$88 Club Price: \$66

HERITAGE RED CLUB

2 Red Wines

Pinot Noir, Parker West, 2019 — \$60 Pinot Noir, Fiddlestix Vineyard, 2019 — \$60

BONUS BOTTLE

Retail Price: \$120 Club Price: \$90

AUTOGRAPH CLUB

2 Reds + 2 Whites

Chardonnay, Ashley's, 2019 — \$44 Chardonnay, Parker West, 2020 — \$44

Pinot Noir, Parker West, 2019 — \$60 Pinot Noir, Fiddlestix Vineyard, 2019 — \$60

BONUS BOTTLE

Retail Price: \$208 Club Price: \$156

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2019 Fiddlestix Vineyard Pinot Noir

Sta. Rita Hills

91 pts - Jeb Dunnuck

Vineyard Source: 100% Fiddlestix Vineyard located in the Sta. Rita Hills

appellation

Blocks: 4F, 3F, 5D, 3A, 4E

Clone: 667, 777, 115, Pommard, 113

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir Harvest Date: 9/13/19 - 9/18/19

Harvest Brix: 24.8 – 26.2

Barrel Aging: Aged 17 months in 100% French oak, of which 14% is

Cooperage: François Frères, Mercurey Alcohol: 14.5% alcohol by volume

pH: 3.45

T.A.: 0.620g/100ml

Production: 530 cases

2019 Ashley's

Sta. Rita Hills

Color:

Ruby

Vibrant Aromas: Flavors: Black cherry acidity Black Great Spice cherry Cigar box Cranberry structure Smoke Vanilla & balance Sandalwood Cola

Chardonnay 94 pts - Wine Enthusiast

Vineyard Source: 100% Ashley's Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills appellation

Barrel Aging: 100% barrel fermented and aged for 9 months in French oak, of which 40% was new

Cooperage: Mercurey, Sirugue, Gillet,

D'Aquitaine

T.A.: 0.650g/100ml

Alcohol: 13.3% alcohol by volume

Boutes, François Frères,

Flavors:

Lemon cream

Green apple

Pear

Citrus

Touch of oak Pastry crust

Vanilla

Baking

Blocks: G, H, I, J

Harvest Brix: 21.5 – 23.6

pH: 3.32

Production: 1812 cases

Pear

Honey

Vanilla

Baking

Color:

Light straw

Aromas:

White peach

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Harvest Date: 10/7/19 - 10/9/19

91 pts – Jeb Dunnuck

2019 Parker West Vineyard Pinot Noir

Sta. Rita Hills

94 pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Vineyard Source: 100% from Parker West

Vineyard located in the Sta. Rita Hills appellation Blocks: 2 & 3

Clone: 115,777 Composition: 100% Pinot Noir Harvest Date: 9/20/19 Harvest Brix: 23.9 - 25.0

Barrel Aging: Aged 17 months in 100% French oak, of which 36%

Cooperage: Mercurey, Sirugue, Atelier,

Alcohol: 14.1% alcohol by volume

pH: 3.58

T.A.: 0.600g/100ml Production: 691 cases

Color:

Ruby

Aromas: Red cherry Black plum Black raspberry

Sandalwood Vanilla

Asian spice Earth Flavors: Cranberry Black cherry Sage

Clove

Cigar box Red plum

2020 Parker West Vineyard Chardonnay

Sta. Rita Hills

Vineyard Source: 100% Parker West Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills

appellation

Blocks: 6 & 7

Composition: 100% Chardonnay Clone: Villa Mt. Eden

Harvest Date: 10/2/20 Harvest Brix: 24.2

Barrel Aging: 100% barrel fermented and aged for 8 months in French oak, of which 40% was new

Cooperage: Sirugue, Mercurey

Alcohol: 14.1% alcohol by volume pH: 3.37

T.A.: 0.650g/100ml

Production: 248 cases

Color: Grilled Butterscotch Golden Golden straw pineapple Flavors: apple Vanilla Aromas: Lemon Toasty oak Vanilla Yellow Cinnamon cream Grilled Citrus apple bread/toast Yellow peach Pear

23RD ANNUAL RELEASE DAY BBQ

Attention Wine Club Members - Fess Parker Winery & Vineyard cordially invites our valued Wine Club Members to the 23rd Annual Wine Club Member Release Day BBQ!

> Please select one of three days to attend (One day only attendance!):

Friday, April 22 | Saturday, April 23 | Sunday, April 24 11am to 3pm

Try our newly released wines Barbecue by Plemmon's Catering • Live Music



Tickets are \$20 per Wine Club Member (Maximum of 2 tickets per Wine Club Membership) and are now available for purchase at www.fessparker.com/winery-events – Please RSVP by Friday, April 15th (reservations based on availability)

Due to the popularity of this event, we will not be taking guest reservations for this event until March 21st. You may put your guests on a waiting list, and we will notify you of availability after March 21st. Please contact Jessica for guest waiting list – jessicamarie@fessparker.com or 800-841-1104.

Guest tickets are \$45 for Friday or Sunday attendance only.

REMINDER: This is a 21 years and older event held exclusively for our Wine Club Members. Note: Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance to receive a refund.

Lunch will be served from 11:30am to 2:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: Make your hotel reservations now, room inventories are low!

Of course, things could always change if COVID restrictions are implemented, however we are hopeful that things will be back to normal by then.

Keep checking the events page for updates - More info to come!

Reminder! If you are planning a visit to one of our tasting rooms, please make sure to make a reservation. We try to accommodate walk-in customers as much as possible, however to provide the level of service you have come to expect, we would love to know you are coming. Reservations can be easily made at fessparker.com



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