

# Fess Parker<sup>®</sup>

WINERY & VINEYARD



Photo by Chris Knox

Owl boxes are a key part of sustainable farming practices and a defense we use against pests in Rodney's Vineyard.

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WINTER | 2022

## WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE

### Best of the Year December Issue

#### 95 pts/Editor's Choice

- Pinot Noir, "1971"  
Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, 2019

- 94 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Fiddlestix Vineyard, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 93 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Ashley's, 2019 IN THIS SHIPMENT

- 93 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2019

- 93 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Clone 115, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 93 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Older Barrels, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 93 pts – Pinot Noir, Sanford &  
Benedict Vineyard, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 91 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Parker West, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 90 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Pommard Clone, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

## Decanter

### California Pinot Noir report

- 95 pts – Pinot Noir, Pommard Clone,  
Sta. Rita Hills, 2018 SOLD OUT

- 94 pts – Pinot Noir, Clone 115,  
Sta. Rita Hills, 2018 SOLD OUT

- 93 pts – Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara County,  
Santa Rita Hills, 2019 SOLD OUT

- 92 pts – Pinot Noir, Parker West,  
Sta. Rita Hills, 2018 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

## Fesstivity

- 92 pts – Blanc de Noirs,  
Sta. Rita Hills, 2018

- 91 pts – Brut Cuvée,  
Sta. Rita Hills, 2018

- 90+ pts – Brut Rosé,  
Sta. Rita Hills, 2018



Antonio Galloni  
presents

## vinous

### Santa Barbara Report

- 94 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Pommard Clone, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 94 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2019

- 94 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Fiddlestix Vineyard, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 94 pts – Chardonnay, Sanford &  
Benedict Vineyard, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

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Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

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& Benedict Vineyard, 2019

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Ashley's, 2019 IN THIS SHIPMENT

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Benedict Vineyard, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 93 pts – Chardonnay,  
Ashley's, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 93 pts – Chardonnay,  
Sierra Madre Vineyard, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 93 pts – The Big Easy,  
Santa Barbara County, 2018

- 92 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Clone 115, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 92 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Older Barrels, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 91 pts – Chardonnay  
Parker West, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 91 pts – Chardonnay,  
Santa Barbara County, 2020

- 91 pts – Pinot Noir,  
Parker West, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

- 90 pts – Viognier  
Rodney's Vineyard, 2019 PREVIOUS SHIPMENT



## SHOWCASE & RECEPTION

We hope your holidays were joyful! We managed to keep busy pretty much till the ball dropped in Times Square. Tim and I hit the road for the *Wine Spectator* Grand Tour events in Las Vegas and Washington, D.C. It was a great opportunity to showcase our 2017 Older Barrels Pinot Noir and an amazing chance to taste wines from the top producers around the world. Tim invited a few pals along for the experience in Las Vegas. Fortunately they all made it home safe and sound. As you might have guessed, I was a frequent flyer in the Champagne section!



On December 16<sup>th</sup> Greer and I also had a nice invitation to represent the winery at a wine reception at one of our best accounts in NYC, the New York Athletic Club. We focused

exclusively on varietals grown at Rodney's Vineyard (Dry Riesling, Viognier, Syrah and Grenache) and they were very well received. Christmastime in the City was a great way to celebrate Greer's 27<sup>th</sup> birthday too!

We are so excited to welcome you back to the winery for Release Day in April. We'll have some beautiful new outdoor spaces for you to enjoy, new patio furniture and more!

Ashley



Tim and Ashley at the *Wine Spectator* Grand Tour

## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY 2021 WINE REGION *of the* YEAR



## WINE REGION OF THE YEAR

### We won ... Wine Region of the Year!

Santa Barbara County has been selected as the Wine Region of the Year by Wine Enthusiast. This is truly an honor and a tribute to Santa Barbara's exceptional wines, diverse region and talented winemakers. Congratulations to all our fellow vintners!

# HEAD WINEMAKER

The 2021 vintage reminded me of 2018 with warm day temperatures and beautifully cool nights. There was plenty of early morning fog keeping the grapes cool and protected, drawing the harvesting window out well into November for the late ripening Rhone varietals like Mourvèdre, Grenache and Petite Sirah. It was another cool, ideal Pinot Noir vintage where Mother Nature didn't push my hand with quick harvesting decisions. Pinot Noir slowly came into the winery, starting in early September from the Sta. Rita Hills and was finished being harvested in four weeks. This gave us plenty of time to basket-press all of the Pinot as we prepared to bring in the first Syrah in early October. Over all, it was a very cool, long vintage that resulted in less-ripe, fresh wines with good acidity and lower alcohols. With very little winter rain last year, we are excited to see some mid-December rains coming and bringing adequate amounts of rainfall. We are desperate to fill up our reservoirs and groundwater, while leaching salts and toxins from the soils. Fingers crossed the rains keep coming!

In the winery, we finished barreling down the 2021 wines and cleaned the winery from top to bottom. Riesling and the vineyard-designated Pinot Noirs were assembled for bottling while we all enjoyed a much deserved break over the holidays.

I hope you had an amazing holiday season with family, friends, and of course...wine! As always, it is a pleasure making wine for your enjoyment. *Cheers!*



Blair Fox

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Blair Fox'.

Blair Fox, Head Winemaker



## THE INNSIDE SCOOP

### *Refreshing Changes* ARE UNDERWAY AT THE INN

The next time you stay with us at the Wine Country Inn you will notice some significant changes! We're currently undergoing a refresh in both the public spaces and guest rooms. We'll have new paint, lighting, area rugs, furnishings and a new and fresh feel. We hope to have these changes completed this spring and look forward to hosting you at the Wine Country Inn sometime soon.

  
*Fess Parker*  
WINE COUNTRY INN  
LOS OLIVOS, CA





Prices subject to change. All of the wines listed below are available through our website at [www.fessparker.com](http://www.fessparker.com) or, for you traditionalists out there, through our tasting room at 800.841.1104.

*Shipping is available to the following states only:*

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	RETAIL Bottle/Case	WINE CLUB Bottle/Case
2020 CHARDONNAY "Santa Barbara County" . . . . .	\$19 / \$205.20 . . .	\$15.20 / \$182.40
2018 CHARDONNAY "Ashley's" . . . . .	\$40 / \$432.00 . . .	\$32.00 / \$384.00
2018 CHARDONNAY "Bien Nacido Vineyard" . . . . .	\$40 / \$432.00 . . .	\$32.00 / \$384.00
2018 CHARDONNAY "Sierra Madre Vineyard" . . . . .	\$40 / \$432.00 . . .	\$32.00 / \$384.00
2018 CHARDONNAY "Sanford & Benedict" . . . . .	\$40 / \$432.00 . . .	\$32.00 / \$384.00
2018 CHARDONNAY "Parker West Vineyard" . . . . .	\$40 / \$432.00 . . .	\$32.00 / \$384.00
2020 DRY RIESLING "Rodney's Vineyard" . . . . .	\$25 / \$270.00 . . .	\$20.00 / \$240.00
2020 RIESLING "Santa Barbara County" . . . . .	\$15 / \$162.00 . . .	\$12.00 / \$144.00
2018 MARCELLA'S "Santa Barbara County" . . . . .	\$20 / \$216.00 . . .	\$16.00 / \$192.00
2018 VIOGNIER "Rodney's Vineyard" . . . . .	\$37 / \$399.60 . . .	\$29.60 / \$355.20
2020 PINOT NOIR "Sta. Rita Hills" . . . . .	\$30 / \$324.00 . . .	\$24.00 / \$288.00
2019 PINOT NOIR "Ashley's" . . . . .	\$60 / \$648.00 . . .	\$48.00 / \$576.00
2019 PINOT NOIR "Bien Nacido Vineyard" . . . . .	\$60 / \$648.00 . . .	\$48.00 / \$576.00
2019 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 "Older Barrel" . . . . .	\$60 / \$648.00 . . .	\$48.00 / \$576.00
2018 PINOT NOIR "Parker West Vineyard" . . . . .	\$60 / \$648.00 . . .	\$48.00 / \$576.00
2019 PINOT NOIR "Pommard Clone" . . . . .	\$60 / \$648.00 . . .	\$48.00 / \$576.00
2018 PINOT NOIR "Sanford & Benedict Vineyard" . . .	\$60 / \$648.00 . . .	\$48.00 / \$576.00
2018 PINOT NOIR "1971, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard" .	\$70 / \$756.00 . . .	\$56.00 / \$672.00
2019 SYRAH "Santa Barbara County" . . . . .	\$30 / \$324.00 . . .	\$24.00 / \$288.00
2018 SYRAH "Rodney's Vineyard" . . . . .	\$54 / \$583.20 . . .	\$43.20 / \$518.40
2018 "THE BIG EASY" . . . . .	\$35 / \$378.00 . . .	\$28.00 / \$336.00
2018 AMERICAN TRADITION RESERVE Red Wine . . . . .	SOLD OUT	
2018 CROCKETT . . . . .	SOLD OUT	
FRONTIER RED "Lot 211" . . . . .	\$15 / \$162.00 . . .	\$12.00 / \$144.00
TRADITIONS "Port style wine" (500mL) . . . . .	\$28 / \$302.40 . . .	\$22.40 / \$268.80



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## WINTER 2022 WINE CLUB

### CHARTER CLUB

1 Red + 1 White

Chardonnay, Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2020 - \$44

Pinot Noir, Ashley's, 2019 - \$60

Retail Price: \$104

Club Price: \$78

### HERITAGE WHITE CLUB

2 White Wines

Chardonnay, Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2020 - \$44

Viognier, Santa Barbara County, 2020 - \$30

Retail Price: \$74

Club Price: \$55.50

### HERITAGE RED CLUB

2 Red Wines

Pinot Noir, Ashley's, 2019 - \$60

Syrah, Santa Barbara County, 2019 - \$30

Retail Price: \$90

Club Price: \$67.50

### AUTOGRAPH CLUB

2 Reds + 2 Whites

Chardonnay, Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2020 - \$44

Viognier, Santa Barbara County, 2020 - \$30

Pinot Noir, Ashley's, 2019 - \$60

Syrah, Santa Barbara County, 2019 - \$30

Retail Price: \$164

Club Price: \$123

Prices are subject to change and do not include shipping or taxes required by each state. If you are not receiving emails regarding shipping dates, tracking information, or special offers please email [wineclub@fessparker.com](mailto:wineclub@fessparker.com) and let us know.

Receipts for Wine Club shipments are not included in the package due to time constraints. See cost per shipment under each Club Offering at left. The amount will show on your next credit card statement. For further information please call your Wine Club Coordinator, Elaine, directly at her toll free number 888.877.3335.

### 2019 Ashley's Pinot Noir

Sta. Rita Hills

93 pts - Wine Enthusiast

93 pts - Vinous

93 pts - Jeb Dunnuck

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

Blocks: 1, W, 8B, T, 4A, U

Clone: Pommard, 115, 777, 667, 114

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Date: 9/16/19 - 9/26/19

Harvest Brix: 23.7 - 25.9

Barrel Aging: Aged 17 months in 100% French oak, of which 56% is new

Cooperage: François Frères, Gillet, Atelier, Bel Air, Mercurey

Alcohol: 14.1% alcohol by volume

pH: 3.60

T.A.: 0.600g/100ml

Production: 1330 cases

<b>Color:</b>	Sage	Cinnamon	Baker's
Ruby	Lavender	stick	chocolate
garnet	Forest floor	Vanilla	Tarragon
<b>Aromas:</b>	Cigar box	<b>Flavors:</b>	Vanilla
Black	Red plum	Black cherry	Clove
cherry	Boysenberry	Red plum	Nutmeg

### 2020 Bien Nacido Chardonnay

Santa Maria Valley

Vineyard Source: 100% Bien Nacido Vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley

Blocks: M & O

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Harvest Date: 10/7/20 - 10/9/20

Harvest Brix: 22.8 - 24.8

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

Cooperage: Sirugue, François Frères, Cadus, Boutes

Alcohol: 14.1% alcohol by volume

pH: 3.32

T.A.: 0.660g/100ml

Production: 966 cases

<b>Color:</b>	Beeswax	<b>Flavors:</b>	Baked pear
Straw	Croissant	Golden	Toasty oak
	Vanilla	apple	
<b>Aromas:</b>	Baking	Lemon	
Citrus	spices	meringue	
Orange zest		Vanilla	

### 2019 Syrah

Santa Barbara County

Vineyard Source: 88% Rodney's Vineyard from the Fess Parker Home Ranch, 7% Bien Nacido Vineyard in Santa Maria Valley, 3% Hampton Vineyard and 2% Camp Four Vineyard both located in the Santa Ynez Valley

Clone: Shenandoah, Estrella, Clone 1, 383

Composition: 100% Syrah

Harvest Date: 10/17/19 - 11/8/19

Harvest Brix: 24.9 - 26.8

Barrel Aging: Aged 20 months in French oak & American oak, of which 24% is new

Cooperage: François Frères, Meyrieux, Ermitage, Seguin Moreau

Alcohol: 14.9% alcohol by volume

pH: 3.81

T.A.: 0.580g/100ml

Production: 2996 cases

<b>Color:</b>	Red	White	Blackberry
Opaque	plum	pepper	Dried herbs
purple	Smoke	Black cherry	Dark
<b>Aromas:</b>	Dried	<b>Flavors:</b>	chocolate
Blackberry	tobacco	Black cherry	Smoked
Blueberry	Anise	Plum	meat

### 2020 Viognier

Santa Barbara County



Vineyard Source: 100% Rodney's Vineyard from Fess Parker home ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley

Blocks: K1

Composition: 100% Viognier

Harvest Date: 9/11/20

Harvest Brix: 24.5

Barrel Aging: 100% barrel fermented and aged for 8 months in 17% new French oak puncheons

Cooperage: Ermitage

Alcohol: 14.1% alcohol by volume

pH: 3.52

T.A.: 0.720g/100ml

Production: 316 cases

<b>Color:</b>	Yellow	<b>Flavors:</b>	Bright acidity
Pale straw	peach	Peach	Touch of oak
<b>Aromas:</b>	Jasmine	Nectarine	Fresh
Honeysuckle	Vanilla	Mandarin	
Honeydew	Brioche	orange	
melon		Creamy	



18<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Club Member Release Day BBQ

## 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL RELEASE DAY BBQ

### Attention Wine Club Members!

Fess Parker Winery & Vineyard cordially invites our valued Wine Club Members to the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 [fessparkerwineshop.com/Tickets](http://fessparkerwineshop.com/Tickets) – Please RSVP by Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> (reservations based on availability)

Due to the popularity of this event, we will not be taking guest reservations for this event until March 21<sup>st</sup>. You may put your guests on a waiting list, and we will notify you of availability after March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Jessica for guest waiting list – [jessicamarie@fessparker.com](mailto: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. While we try to accommodate walk-in customers as much as possible, we would love to know you are coming so that we can continue to provide the level of service you have come to expect. Reservations can be easily made at [fessparker.com](http://fessparker.com)**

## HELP CURE HD FOUNDATION

### Fundraising Event to Combat Huntington's Disease

In his past December we were pleased to be the primary wine sponsor for the HelpCureHD Foundation's fundraising event at the Pelican Hill Resort in Newport Beach, CA. The foundation was started by Joe Smith and Allie LaForce to combat Huntington's Disease, a hereditary disease with currently no known cure. In addition to bringing awareness to this cause, the foundation also funds a PGT-IVF grant program to help eradicate the disease by assisting high-risk couples deliver HD-free children.

We have become friendly with Joe and Allie, and their efforts are especially meaningful to me as HD has affected my family. It is a tough disease to contend with but, hopefully, with continued awareness, research, funding and efforts by organizations like HelpCureHD, success in finding a cure will be achieved. We were happy to support their event in December and plan to stay involved in future activities with them.

Sincerely,

*Tim*



Joe Smith and Allie LaForce



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