



EPIPHANY
NEWSLETTER



HARVEST 2023

FROM THE FAMILY



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

It's been an interesting start to the harvest season in Santa Barbara County. After a very mild summer, the grapes have been slow to ripen and everything will be harvested much later than years past. We'll likely still be picking red Rhône varietals in November!

Even though it's been a little unusual thus far, the harvest season is always our favorite time of year in Los Olivos. We hope you're able to make some time to come visit us at Epiphany soon.

As always, thank you so much for your support of our wines. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends and look forward to seeing you more in 2024.

Sincerely,

The Fess Parker Family

RECENT ACCOLADES

JEB DUNNUCK

- 95 pts – Syrah, Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2020
- 92 pts – Grenache, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020
- 92 pts – Inspiration Red, 2020
- 92 pts – GSM, Thompson Vineyard, 2020
- 92 pts – Revelation, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020
- 91 pts – Inspiration White, 2021
- 91 pts – Syrah, Colson Canyon Vineyard, 2020

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

- 93 pts & Cellar Selection – Mourvèdre, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020
- 93 pts – Syrah, Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2020
- 93 pts – Syrah-Cabernet Sauvignon, 2020
- 92 pts – Roussanne, Camp Four Vineyard, 2021
- 92 pts – GSM, Thompson Vineyard, 2020
- 92 pts – Syrah, Hampton Vineyard, 2020
- 92 pts – Inspiration Red, 2020
- 92 pts – Revelation, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020
- 92 pts – Grenache Blanc, Rodney's Vineyard, 2021
- 91 pts – Cunoise, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020
- 91 pts – Grenache, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020
- 91 pts – Inspiration White, 2021

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- 95 pts – Petite Sirah, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020
- 94 pts – Syrah, Bien Nacido Vineyard, 2020
- 94 pts – Syrah, Colson Canyon Vineyard, 2020
- 92 pts – Inspiration White, 2021
- 92 pts – Cunoise, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020
- 92 pts – GSM, Thompson Vineyard, 2020
- 92 pts – Mourvèdre, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020
- 92 pts – Revelation, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020
- 90 pts – Marsanne, Rodney's Vineyard, 2021
- 90 pts – Roussanne, Camp Four Vineyard, 2021
- 90 pts – Grenache, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020

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WINE CLUB SHIPMENT WINES



2021 MARSANNE RODNEY'S VINEYARD *Santa Barbara County*



Vineyard Source

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

Barrel Aging

Aged for 8 months in 100% French oak 500L puncheons, of which 20% were new

Technical Data

Composition	100% Marsanne (Zaca Mesa clone)
Harvest Date	October 19, 2021
Harvest Brix	20.0
Cooperage	Mercury, Rousseau, Ermitage
Alcohol	12.0%
p.H.	3.14
T.A.	0.640 g/100mL
Production	269 cases

TASTING NOTES

From our very own SIP Certified Rodney's Vineyard, the 2021 Marsanne sings with lively aromas of ripe pear, quince and apricot with hints of honey and almond. On the palate, lush fruit flavors of apricot, white peach and honeydew are joined by a touch of minerality and some subtle tropical notes yielding a refreshing and elegant wine with a round mouthfeel balanced with bright, crisp acidity.

The 2021 Marsanne makes a particularly perfect companion for grilled shrimp, lemon butter scallops or herb-crusted white fish like tilapia. Herb roasted chicken will pair beautifully also, as will many vegetarian dishes like quinoa salads or fettucine alfredo.





2020 GRENACHE

RODNEY'S VINEYARD

Santa Barbara County



Vineyard Source

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

Barrel Aging

Aged for 21 months in 100% French oak 500L puncheons, of which 14% were new

Technical Data

Composition	90% Grenache, 10% Syrah
Harvest Date	October 9 – 13, 2020
Harvest Brix	23.9 – 25.0
Cooperage	Leroi, Mercurey
Alcohol	14.7%
p.H.	3.77
T.A.	0.520 g/100mL
Production	367 cases

TASTING NOTES

“... the 2020 Grenache Rodney's Vineyard has lots of up-front black cherry and gamey black fruits to go with medium-bodied richness, a layered, elegant, seamless mouthfeel, good concentration, and complex notes of peppery herbs and underbrush. Based on 90% Grenache and 10% Syrah that saw a splash of stems and 21 months in 14% new 500-liter puncheons, it's well worth seeking out and will give many an impressive Châteauneuf du Pape a run for their money.” ~ Jeb Dunnuck

Pair with grilled lamb with rosemary and garlic or beef tenderloin with a red wine reduction. With its black fruit, spice and herbal notes, the 2020 Grenache should also make a beautiful pairing with Mediterranean dishes like ratatouille or tapenade or anything based around sund-dried tomatoes and olives. For cheese, think medium to strong like Manchego or a mild blue cheese





2020 SYRAH-CABERNET

Santa Barbara County

Vineyard Source

100% Camp 4 Vineyard in
Santa Ynez Valley



Barrel Aging

Aged for 21 months in 100% French oak,
of which 38% was new

Technical Data

Composition	50% Syrah & 50% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest Date	October 14 – 20, 2020
Harvest Brix	24.4 – 25.7
Cooperage	Bossuet, Sylvain, Atelier Centre, Bel Air
Alcohol	14.5%
p.H.	3.72
T.A.	0.680 g/100mL
Production	394 cases

TASTING NOTES

“Freshly smashed boysenberry, lilac and peppercorn aromas come together seamlessly on the nose of this split Syrah-Cab blend. Firm tension to the sip gives an edge to the berry, ham, cracked pepper and wild thyme flavors.”

— Matt Kettmann, Wine Enthusiast

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.



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