

Rodney's Vineyard

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## **WINE ENTHUSIAST**

95pts – Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, 2021

94pts - Pinot Noir, Ashley's, 2021

93pts - Syrah, Rodney's Vineyard, 2020

93pts – Big Easy, Santa Barbara County, 2020

93pts - Fesstivity Blanc de Blancs, 2020

92pts - Pinot Noir, Clone 115, 2021

92pts - Fesstivity Blanc de Blancs, 2020

92pts – Fesstivity Anniversary Cuvée, 2017

91 pts / Editors' Choice -

Syrah, Santa Barbara County, 2020

91 pts - Chardonnay, Ashley's, 2021

91 pts - Chardonnay, Parker West, 2021

91 pts – Chardonnay, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, 2021

91 pts - Fesstivity Brut Cuvée, 2020

90pts - Pinot Noir, Older Barrel, 2021

90pts – Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County, 2022



### **COMING SOON: SYRAH CLUB**

f you're a fan of the Syrahs we make at Epiphany and Fess Parker, this club is for you! This new offering will ship a selection of single vineyard Syrahs from our portfolio, two times per year. Keep an eye on your inbox for more information and an opportunity to upgrade to this club in the coming weeks.



### **VOGUE**

e were excited to be featured in a December Vogue article entitled, "A Guide to Los Olivos, the Buzziest Wine Town in California's Santa Ynez Valley."

Located on Grand Avenue in the center of Los Olivos, the charming Fess Parker Wine Country Inn is named after its founder, the locally beloved late actor and winemaker Fess Parker. With thoughtfully appointed guest cottages, the recently renovated 19-room, third-generation boutique hotel is run by Parker's granddaughter, Amanda Parker White, and other members of the Parker family. With its own eponymous estate winery (named a Wine & Spirits Top 100 Winery two years in the running), as well as a recently revamped tasting garden, Epiphany (a complimentary tasting is included with every stay), as well as a brewery, Fess Parker offers a variety of tasting experiences, with great dining on-site, too.

### MEN'S JOURNAL

e were also featured in Men's Journal announcing our limited edition HelpCureHD wine. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to HelpCureHD, a nonprofit that supports those affected by Huntington's Disease. Only a few bottles left available on our website of this special re-release of the 2018 Big Easy (93 points from Antonio Galloni) featuring a special label with original artwork by artist Debra Frederick titled "Lifted."



## **GREETINGS FROM LOS OLIVOS!**

fter a frenzy of fall travel and a harvest that took its sweet time getting started, our team was so ready to be able to spend some time at home with friends and family for the holidays. Tim and I put on a Friendsgiving concert at the winery with our band. Our sales pitch that day was "the more wine you drink the better we sound," and boy did we sell a lot of wine!



On November 16<sup>th</sup> we launched our Chef in Residence series with Chef Jeremy Tummel from La Paloma Café in Santa Barbara. It was a great event, and we look forward to more intimate dinners in the Fireplace Room in 2024.

We had some great news over the holidays with Greer's engagement to her boyfriend, Keegan Araujo. He proposed to her in Rodney's Vineyard,

and we couldn't be happier! Plans for a fall 2024 wedding are well underway!

A New Year always brings a certain level of excitement, even more so this year with the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the winery. We're kicking it off with a Big Bottle Bash on January 13<sup>th</sup> but there are many more fun celebrations to come. We look forward to sharing them all with you.

Happy New Year!



HEAD WINEMAKER AVAILABLE NOW

ooking back at the 2023 vintage, it reminds me of vintages over a decade ago. It was very moderate to cool and drawn out. We didn't finish picking until the middle of November and there were no heat spikes to push ripening. The season started late because of the immense amount of rain we had last winter and spring, and we never really caught up. I think Pinot Noir will be the standout varietal of the vintage because of the long, cool growing season. Chardonnay ripened very late into the growing season and developed very nice flavors with good acidity. The Rhone varietals were slow to accumulate sugar and finished late with bright flavors and wonderful structure. Up to this point, we have seen a few storms with a good amount of moisture. I am still looking for more, and this is considered an "El Niño" year that should bring a significant amount of moisture later in the winter months.

In the winery, we finished barreling down the 2023 wines, cleaned the winery from top to bottom, and started topping last year's wines that remain in barrel. Santa Barbara County Riesling and Rodney's Dry Riesling will be the first wines

Blair Fox

to bottle in the New Year with rosé and Santa Barbara County Chardonnay hot on their heels! The winery team is excited to get back to work after a little time off over the holidays and continue making amazing wines!

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year with family, friends, and of course...wine!

As always, it is a pleasure making wine for your enjoyment. Cheers!

Blair rox, Head Winemaker

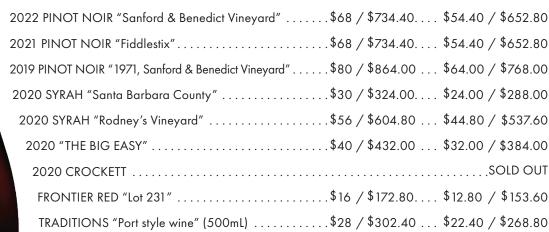


Prices subject to change. All of the wines listed below are available through our website at www.fessparker.com or, for you traditionalists out there, through our tasting room at 800.841.1104.

#### Shipping is available to the following states only:

AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IA, KS, KY, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NV, NY, ND, NM, OH, OR, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV and WY

		RETAIL Bottle/Case	WINE CLUB Bottle/Case
	2022 CHARDONNAY "Santa Barbara County"	.\$20 / \$216.00	. \$16.00 / \$192.00
Fess Parker	2020 CHARDONNAY "Ashley's"	.\$44 / \$475.20	. \$35.20 / \$422.40
PINOT NOIR STA, RITA IDIAS	2020 CHARDONNAY "Bien Nacido Vineyard"	.\$44 / \$475.20	. \$35.20 / \$422.40
	2020 CHARDONNAY "Sanford & Benedict"	.\$44 / \$475.20	. \$35.20 / \$422.40
	2020 CHARDONNAY "Parker West Vineyard"	.\$44 / \$475.20	. \$35.20 / \$422.40
2022 DRY RIESLING "Rodney's Vineyard"		.\$28 / \$302.40	. \$22.40 / \$268.80
2022 RIESLING "Santa Barbara County"\$1		.\$15 /\$162.00	. \$12.00 / \$144.00
2021 VIOGNIER "Rodney's Vineyard"		.\$40 / \$432.00	. \$32.00 / \$384.00
2022 PINOT NOIR "Sta. Rita Hills"\$35 / \$378.00\$28.00 / \$33		. \$28.00 / \$336.00	
2021 PINOT NOIR "Ashley's"			SOLD OUT
2021 PINOT NOIR "Bien Nacido Vineyard"			. \$51.20 / \$614.40
2021 PINOT NOIR "Clone 115"			
2021 PINOT 1	NOIR "Older Barrels"		SOLD OUT
2021 PINOT 1	NOIR "Parker West Vineyard"	.\$64 / \$691.20	. \$51.20 / \$614.40
2021 PINOT 1	NOIR "Pommard Clone"		SOLD OUT
	2022 PINOT NOIR "Sanford & Benedict Vineyard"	.\$68 / \$734.40	. \$54.40 / \$652.80
	2021 PINOT NOIR "Fiddlestix"	.\$68 / \$734.40	. \$54.40 / \$652.80



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PINOT NOIR STA. RITA HILLS

# WINTER 2024 WINE CLUB

#### **CHARTER CLUB**

1 Red + 1 White

Viognier,

Rodney's Vineyard, 2022 – \$40

Pinot Noir,

Fiddlestix Vineyard, 2021 – \$68

Retail Price: \$108 Club Price: \$81

#### **HERITAGE WHITE CLUB**

2 White Wines

Chardonnay, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, 2022 – \$48

Viognier,

Rodney's Vineyard, 2022 – \$40

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

#### **HERITAGE RED CLUB**

2 Red Wines

Pinot Noir,

Fiddlestix Vineyard, 2021 - \$68

Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, 2022 – \$68

Retail Price: \$136 Club Price: \$102

#### **AUTOGRAPH CLUB**

2 Reds + 2 Whites

Chardonnay, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, 2022 – \$48

Viognier,

Rodney's Vineyard, 2022 – \$40

Pinot Noir,

Fiddlestix Vineyard, 2021 – \$68

Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, 2022 – \$68

Retail Price: \$224 Club Price: \$168

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## 2022 Rodney's Vineyard Viognier

Santa Barbara County

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

Santa Ynez Vallev

Blocks: G & K1

Composition: 100% Viognier Harvest Date: 9/15/22 Harvest Brix: 23.9

Barrel Aging: 100% barrel fermented and aged

for 8 months in neutral French oak

puncheon barrels

Cooperage: Ermitage, Rousseau

Alcohol: 13.8% alcohol by volume

pH: 3.49 T.A.: 0.670g/100ml

Production: 678 cases

Citrus Color: Peach Flavors: Pale straw Baking spices Yellow peach Lemon zest Aromas: Graham White Vanilla Honevsuckle cracker nectarine Roasted Apricot Aprico

## 2021 Fiddlestix Vineyard Pinot Noir 95 pts - Vineyes

Sta. Rita Hills

95 pts – Vinous 94 pts – Wine Enthusiast

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

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

Clonal Selection: 667, 777, 115, Pommard, 113

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir Harvest Date: 9/14/21 - 9/21/21

Harvest Brix: 24.4 - 26.0

Barrel Aging: Aged 15 months in French oak, of which 29% is new

Cooperage: François Frères, Atelier Centre Alcohol: 14.5% alcohol by volume

pH: 3.41 T.A.: 0.610g/100ml Production: 510 cases

Color: Black plum Black cherry
Aromas: Black tea Plum Plum
Black cherry Baking spices Blackberry
Black Forest floor Grilled herbs
Clove

## 2022 Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Chardonnay

Sta. Rita Hills

Vineyard Source: 100% Sanford & Benedict Vineyard located in the

Sta. Rita Hills appellation

Blocks: T4

Composition: 100% Chardonnay Harvest Date: 10/10/22

Harvest Brix: 21.0

Barrel Aging: 100% barrel fermented and aged for 8 months in 33%

new French oak

Cooperage: Mercurey, Sirugue Alcohol: 12.5% alcohol by volume

pH: 3.26 T.A.: 0.660g/100ml Production: 299 cases

 Color:
 Honey
 Flavors:
 Pastry crust

 Golden straw
 Vanilla
 Yellow peach
 Vanilla

 Aromas:
 Cinnamon
 Citrus
 Toasty oak

 Yellow apple
 Butterscotch
 Lemon cream

 Pear
 Touch of oak
 Green apple

## 2022 Sanford & Benedict Pinot Noir

Sta. Rita Hills

Vineyard Source: 100% from Sanford & Benedict Vineyard located in the

Sta. Ŕita Hills appellation

Blocks: T6, 9A

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Date: 9/16/22 - 9/22/22

Harvest Brix: 23.7 – 24.1

Barrel Aging: Aged 10 months in 100% French oak, of which 38% is new

Cooperage: Mercurey, Gillet, François Frères

Alcohol: 14.3% alcohol by volume

pH: 3.46

T.A.: 0.600g/100ml Production: 388 cases

Garnet Strawberry Red plum Cinnamon
Mint Cranberry
Floral Raspberry

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 and let us know.

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### 25TH ANNUAL RELEASE DAY

ess Parker Winery & Vineyard cordially invites our valued Wine Club Members to our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Club Member Release Day BBQ.

New Releases ~ Live Music by Adrian Galysh ~ Barbecue by Plemmon's Catering

Please select 1 of 3 days to attend (One Day Attendance only, please):

Friday, April 26 • Saturday, April 27 • Sunday, April 28

11:00 am to 3:00pm – Lunch will be served from 11:30am – 2:30pm

Tickets are \$35 per Wine Club Member (Maximum of 2 tickets per Wine Club Membership)

PLEASE NOTE:

This is a 21 years and older event held exclusively for our Wine Club Members (two tickets per membership). Please be aware that we will not be admitting children to this event. This year the winery will be closed to outside guests and the barbecue will be held on the winery terrace, veranda and lawn. Due to the location, we kindly ask that you leave your dogs at home this year. Dogs will not be permitted on the terrace or veranda. Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance to receive a refund.

Be sure to make your hotel reservations now as room inventories may be low. In addition to the Fess Parker Wine Country Inn, this year we've also partnered with the Hampton Inn in Buellton for a special Release Day rate. See website events page for more details.

HOPING TO BRING AN ADDITIONAL GUEST?

Due to the popularity of this event, we will not be selling guest tickets for this event until March 1 st. You may put your guests on a waiting list and we will notify you of availability after March 1 st. For guest waiting list, please contact Jessica at jessicamarie@fessparker. com or 800-841-1104.

Guest tickets are \$50 for Friday or Sunday ONLY.

### 35TH ANNIVERSARY

marks our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a family owned and operated winery, so we have a lot to

look forward to. Here is a sneak peek into what we have planned for the year ahead.

February 15 – Wine & Spirts Top 100 Tasting – NYC

February 21 - Eulalie Dinner - NYC

March 1 – World of Pinot Noir – Santa Barbara, CA April 4-7 – Pebble Beach Food & Wine Festival April 19-21 – Buffalo Gap Food & Wine Summit

April 26 – Wine Spectator Grand Tour – New Orleans May 4 – Wine Spectator Grand Tour – Las Vegas

May 4 – Foxen Canyon Wine Trail Grand Tasting – Sisquoc, CA

May 11 – Wine Spectator Grand Tour – Denver May 11 – Rosé Soirée at Marcella's Garden

May 13-19 - Taste of Santa Barbara (Julia Child Foundation)

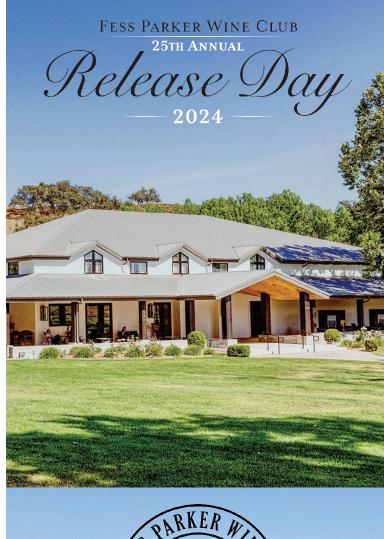
May 16-19 - Nantucket Wine & Food

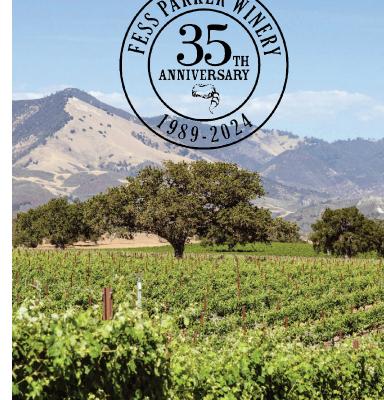
August 16 – Perini Ranch 100th Birthday Celebration

August 17 – Movie Night

September 26-29 – Taste of the Santa Ynez Valley

Keep up to date with 2024 events at the winery and beyond by checking the events page at fessparker.com







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