

2021 Spring Allocation Custom 12 Tasting Notes

Winemaker's Selection

By default, all Custom 12 Allocation members receive 2 bottles of each of the following wines.

2019 Chardonnay HMR ESTATE VINEYARDS

Chardonnay 100%

The unique Paso Robles Chardonnay begins with a note of struck flint and bright citrus zest in the bouquet, awakening the palate with bright natural fruit acidity and flavors of Meyer lemon and golden delicious apple. Aged sur lie, this wine delivers the perfect balance of crisp character and rich texture, delivering a finishing act of sweet vanilla, fresh-baked brioche, and warm graham cracker crust. Delicious in its youth, this Chardonnay also has the makings for long cellaring. Enjoy now through 2029.

93 Points | Antoni Galloni, Vinous

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

ADELAIDA DISTRICT

Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Suave and immediately engaging, the wine's ruby gemstone color draws you close to aromas of soft blackberries, with complementary notes of allspice, vanilla bean and sweet mocha. Rounded textures characterize the mouth-feel with moderate tannins and the persistence of ripe berry flavors extend through the long finish with impressions of mocha and vanilla bean. Enjoy now through 2025.

2018 Pinot Noir

HMR VINEYARD

Pinot Noir 100%

This maturation translates into a succulent wine that emanates aromas of rose hips, cherry, and boysenberry jam. The flavor continues on the palate consisting of smoked mushrooms, dark chocolate, and blackberry. This wine is drinking beautifully now, and will age well until 2028.

94 Points | Antoni Galloni, Vinous

2018 Zinfandel

MICHAEL'S ESTATE VINEYARD

Zinfandel 80%, Petit Sirah 20%

The 2018 Michael's Zinfandel is a beautiful representation of the varietal. The deep ruby and violet color entice the eyes. The aromas of black cherry, raspberry, vanilla, and cinnamon are abundantly clear when brought to the nose. Finally, mixed berry compote, cloves, and black plum become evident on the palate and round out this wine to form a classic example of Zinfandel. Enjoy now or hold until 2024.

2017 Anna's Red

ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARD

Mourvèdre 39%, Grenache 23%, Carignan 20%, Syrah 18%

This classic Rhône-style blend, a perennial favorite, brings together our red varieties from Anna's Vineyard. This vintage carries a bouquet of red and blue fruits, and an essence of the California hills – sagebrush, lavender, and red cedar. On the palate, this wine brings earthy gravel and black tea, tempered with fresh Bing cherry, dried raspberry, and licorice spice. Enjoy now through 2027.

2017 Syrah Signature

ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARD

Syrah 100%

The wonderfully deep color speaks volumes to the intense and complex array of wild aromatics exploding from the glass; wild berries, black cap raspberries, and forest moss are most present. Its robust yet silken mouthfeel elevate the flavors of blueberry, fig jam, and savory delicatessen meats. Enjoy now for Fruit intensity and structure, or age for 5-8 years to enjoy more integrated and further refined flavors.

95 Points | Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com

Additional Wines Available for Customization

2019 Anna's White

ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARD

Roussanne 45%, Viognier 26%, Grenache Blanc 24%, Muscat Canelli 5%

Showcasing the different qualities of its four grape varietals, this wine teases you with a complex bouquet of ripe green apple, wet stone, damp earth (petrichor), and fresh-roasted almonds. The palate is crisp and bright, with notes of lemon verbena, merengue, and finishes with a warm note of fig and ginger spice. Drink through 2022.

2018 Counoise

ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARD

Counoise 100%

From its first pour, this wine will grab your attention, displaying the shine and color of a liquid ruby. The aromas expressed by this wine are indicative of the varietal; red currant, savory baking spices, cloves, and mulled cider. On the palate, the wine grips you with pronounced acidity and more delicate flavors of fruit compote. We expect this wine to show its best profile within 5 years of its release. Drink now through 2025.

2017 Syrah

ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARD

Syrah 100%

A luxurious and opulent wine, this Syrah shows deep purple color, and fills the nose with aromas of milk chocolate, blackberry preserves on toasted brioche, with floral notes of jasmine, honeysuckle, and lavender. Balancing its robust character, this wine displays a vibrant fruit acidity, and on the palate shows notes of black plum, black pepper, and cured meats. Drink now through 2025.

2015 Touriga Nacional BOBCAT ESTATE VINEYARD

Touriga Nacional 100%

This wine's strikingly dark coloring will draw you into the wine's aroma; a beautifully full-bodied scent of newly flowering violet, accented by hints of mint. On the palate this wine presents the classic flavors of the native Portuguese varietal; blueberry, black licorice, plum and mint flavors keep pumping on this robust and fascinating wine. This vintage has taken on the expected aged characteristics, leading to a refined blending of all of these distinct characteristics. Drink now through 2023.

2018 Cabernet Franc Signature

VIKING ESTATE VINEYARD

Cabernet Franc 100%

Cabernet Franc can take on different characteristics depending on temperatures throughout the growing season. With moderate and consistent temperatures throughout 2018, Cabernet Franc shows a beautiful bouquet of black cherry, violet, and graphite. The new French oak influence rounds out the nose with hints of baking spices and Vanilla. Pyrazines are present on the palate with the suggestion of roasted jalapeno and 80% dark chocolate. The combination of these flavors creates an enjoyable wine that will drink well through 2033.

95 Points | Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com* 94 Points | Antoni Galloni, *Vinous*

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Signature

VIKING ESTATE VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

The wine is immediately accessible with the succulence of ripe blackberries lightly dusted with fresh ground peppercorns, faintly hinting of blackcurrant leaf, all complemented by mouth-coating flavors of creamy Swiss chocolate, vanilla, and cedarwood shavings. Reflecting the vintage this is a current drinking wine that speaks of its breeding yet can be enjoyed in the near term. Drink now through 2032.

94 Points | Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com