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2013 PINOT GRIGIO, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

2860 cases produced

Our 2013 Pinot Grigio is a true representation of the best of Santa Barbara County; a blend of grapes from vineyards throughout the county, including Honea, Sierra Madre, Runway, Acin & Hibbits Ranch. The grapes cold ferment in 100% stainless steel tanks. The 2013 is Steve's favorite vintage to date—first vintage of PG was 1997. The wine underwent natural fermentation with indigenous yeast. Dances out of the glass on onto the palate with hints of clementine and mandarin orange zest. Green honeydew melon, kiwi, key lime, with a hint of green apple on the finish. 12.5% alcohol

AG: 90 POINTS



2012 MALVASIA BIANCA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

372 cases produced

The 2012 release is sourced equally from two sloping vineyards: Alisos Vineyard in the Los Alamos Valley and the Larner Vineyard in Ballard Canyon. Both experience the same morning maritime fog, warm sunny days and cool, crisp nights. Aromas of almost-ripe stone fruit, thai basil, lemon thyme, and jasmine. The first sip surprises your taste buds with its zingy, bright acidity and ripe citrus flavors of Meyer lemon and kumquat. There is also a textural element to the wine, a result of its period of skin contact prior to fermentation.

WA: 91 POINTS



2013 TOCAI FRIULANO, HONEA VINEYARD

301 cases produced

Tocai Friulano is a fresh and racy white that shares very close relations with Sauvignon Blanc and is genetically identical to Sauvignonasse. In Friuli, the grape has mutated to taste distinctively different from its close relatives, separating itself with a distinctive toasted almond character. Pale gold in color, the nose is fresh and exotic. On the palate, the citrus transforms into a creamy-ness reminiscent of lemon curd, Greek yogurt and roasted Marcona almonds. The almond flavor is amplified when tasted with the herbaceous character of asparagus, making the wine appear richer and fuller in the mouth.

ST: 90 POINTS



2012 ARNEIS, HONEA VINEYARD

994 cases produced

Arneis is an ancient grape that hails from the Roero hills of Italy's Piemonte region. It thrives in areas with sandy soils, marine deposits...sunshine. Honea Vineyard was the second certified planting of Arneis in the US. Arneis translates to "little rascal." Aromas of white flowers, honeysuckle, marjorum and wet stone fill the glass. The wine is medium in body with with notes of lavender sorbet, purple basil, Asian pear and lemon pith with a long and perky finish.

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2013 BOTASEA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

350 cases produced

50% Dolcetto / 25% Barbera / 25% Nebbiolo. Created by Chrystal in 2001, this label is dedicated solely to rose' that is as refreshing as a white wine, with the structure of a red. Dolcetto adds softness, Barbera acidity, Nebbiolo structure. Picked early, at 19.5-21 brix = higher acidity, lower sugar = 12.0% alcohol. Tumbled in press for 30 minutes then left to soak on skins overnight. 6:30 am it was tumbled again for another 30 mins. Handled like a white wine, chilled, settled then into neutral oak barrels. Natural fermentation, aged in neutral oak barrels for 4 months. *Dried strawberry on the nose, ripening strawberries. Crisp, aromatic hints of basil, kaffir lime, blood orange, watermelon.*

WA: 88 POINTS



2012 DOLCETTO, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

1250 cases produced

Honea & Walker, Los Olivos District. Ruby, garnet color. Aroma of black mission fig. Similar weight to Pinot Noir, works well with grilled salmon, tuna, pasta, pizza, fish and light meat dishes—perfect pairing with gilled ripe peaches wrapped in prosciutto, sprinkled with black pepper, drizzled with balsamic. *Earthier, spicier, more serious than previous vintages. White pepper, star anise, umami. Open. Drink. Enjoy.*

ST: 90 POINTS



2011 BARBERA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

1260 cases produced

A blend of Walker, Alisos & Honea – fermented naturally in individual in 1.5 ton fermenters. Pressed separately, aged in 60 gallon neutral oak barrels for 8 months then to 7000 gallon tanks for 1 year. 20 months total. Deep crimson in the glass. Raspberry, black plum, wild olallieberry, Kalamata olive, olallieberries. No innate tannin, smooth acidity for days—perfect with lobster, scallops, works with tomato sauce. *Tingly, acidic feel on the pallet, leading to a velvety smooth, long finish.*

AG: 90-92 POINTS, ST: 90 POINTS



2008 NEBBIOLO, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

850 cases produced

This Santa Barbara County blend is designed to showcase the region as a whole, layering in various components of clones, soils and characteristics from the four vineyards. This special varietal's name is derived from "nebbia" Italian for fog, and our vineyard sites have the perfect balance of morning fog and afternoon sun. Light brick and brilliant ruby in color with gorgeously transparent edges, a swirl produces a veritable bouquet of floral and fruit notes; rose petals, violets, soy and savory garden thyme. This wine is smooth and almost creamy on the palate, with a seamless mixture of acidity, tannin and structure that brings fresh fruit notes of raspberry and sour cherry. Reminders of cranberry sauce and a well-aged balsamic then mingle with cinnamon stick spice. The mid-palate is firm and the finish elegant.

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