

OCTOBER 2018

DEAR FRIENDS.

Every year we tell ourselves that writing a release letter during harvest is a bad idea and that we should get on it a little sooner. Well, as the saying goes, WHY DO TODAY WHAT YOU CAN PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW? Or at least that's how I think it goes ⑤... the unseasonably cool weather to start the growing season did continue through summer and, in fact, created a LATER HARVEST this vintage. As of writing this release letter we still have Pinot Noir hanging and this will officially be the LATEST start to our chardonnay harvest ever, with our first pick on October 1st. I haven't even started looking at the non-Pinot Noir reds. This harvest has had near perfect conditions with TEMPERATE DAYS for slow ripening, and cool nights for holding acidity. I don't know if there has been another like it in my career so far. Average yields mean healthy vines, and I think 2018 will be one for the history books.

Recently, **VINOUS**, a publication led by famous wine reviewer **ANTONIO GALLONI**, wrote some unbelievably kind words about our region and Timbre. "Santa Barbara is one of the world's **ELITE** grape growing and wine producing regions. This report focuses mostly on the 2016s, which are just being released onto the market. In 2016 Mother Nature gifted producers with the conditions to make striking wines of grace and finesse." About Timbre he said "Josh Klapper is one of the many young winemakers who make up Santa Barbara's dynamic scene. His 2016s are **WONDERFULLY FINESSED, TRANSLUCENT WINES WITH REAL CHARACTER**."

It is those 2016s which make up much of this release (and part of our recent Summer 2018 release) with help from our first cider release from 2017 called the **FRYING PAN**, dry-hopped with **CITRA HOPS**. The grape varieties represented this time around include the 2016 Lead Vocals Chardonnay and Pinot Noir bottlings. Also on tour, the 2016 Supergroup (Bien Nacido and Presqu'ile Vineyards) and Guest Star (Turner Vineyard) Pinot Noirs. Finally, a red blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon called **RARE GROOVE #1**. Like the Rare Groove #2 and #3 from the last release, it is a **WINE CLUS EXCLUSIVE** and will be gone very soon after release.

As always, help us spread the word to your wine-loving **FRIENDS** and **ENEMIES**, and holler at us **@TIMBREWINERY** on Facebook and Instagram. Without further ado, we present our release. Read on for individual tasting notes and information about each of the new wines... Cheers!

- JOSH, ALEX, & CHIASA-

p.s. Please place your order by October 20th to receive 10% off your purchase. If ordering online, use the code **FALL2018TW** at checkout to receive the discount. Wines will be shipped/delivered after 10/22/18 via temperature-controlled truck. If you would like to place an order by phone call Anne or Chiasa at 805-270-4308!



2017 TIMBRE HARD APPLE CIDER 'THE FRYING PAN' [CALIFORNIA]

37 cases produced; suggested retail price \$18.00

So frickin' good

The Frying Pan - The first commercially available Electric Guitar model. Shortly after its release, the electric guitar transformed many musical genres. So too did Citra Hops change the world of fermented beverages when they burst onto the scene in 2007. Cider dry hopped with Citra means crazy electric grooves for your palate.'

We have been excited by cider for quite a while, and our 2nd try has been quite the success. Apples were pressed and then shipped down to us in Santa Maria where, after settling, we racked to five neutral barrels for fermentation. The fermentation kicked off naturally and the juice fermented for a month, plugging along slowly. It sat in those barrels, maturing until April when we decided to finally get it to bottle. We then changed last year's recipe with a 48 dry hop with **CITRA HOPS**, kind of like steeping tea. We then prepped a small dosage of champagne yeast and sugar, added it to the now crystal-clear juice, and then filled just over **37 CASES** by hand. Once again, we kept our fingers crossed for a month, hoping that the dosage was done just right for perfect, bottle conditioned bubbles. When we opened that first bottle in May and heard the familiar hiss of gas escaping from under the crown cap, there was some serious stoke in the winery.

HAZY orange the cider smells hoppy, with notes of **GRAPEFRUIT**, citrus, mint, peach tea, and menthol. On the palate, there is mint, citrus, and apples, a zingy freshness, and a finish with notes of black tea.

THE FRYING PAN deserves some serious electric riffs. How about anything from **GUNS N' ROSES** featuring **SLASH**. Drink now but age it if you want to.





2016 TIMBRE CHARDONNAY 'LEAD VOCALS' [BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD]

207 cases produced; suggested retail price \$40.00

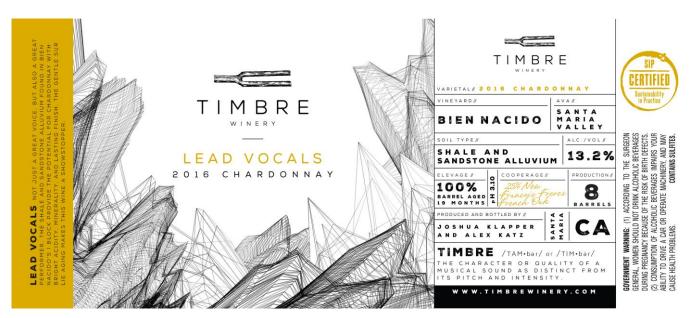
94 Points, Vinous

'Lead Vocals - Not just a great voice, but also a great performer. The shale and sandstone alluvium found in Bien Nacido's I Block provide the potential for Chardonnay with bright acidity, minerality, and lasting finish. The gentle surlie aging makes this wine a showstopper.'

As always, our Bien Nacido Chardonnay comes from the 'I Block' on the vineyard's south facing bench section. The fruit is a combination of the original plantings from **1973** and the "young vines" interplanted in the block in 1997. The citrus-driven young vines and the mineral-laden old vines sing a sweet tune together. Fermented and aged sur-lie in French oak barrels (25% new), the wine has known only one home for 19 months before blending and bottling.

Light and pale golden, the 2016 Lead Vocals Chardonnay exhibits apricot, melon, lemon, maple, and sweet tart. Silky on the palate and spiked with notes of stone fruit, minerality, **LEMON CUSTARD**, and floral notes, it finishes with zingy acidity.

The floral and mineral driven 2016 deserves something playful but grounded. Serve chilled and listen to **SHE'S SO COLD** by the **ROLLING STONES**. Drink now-2025.





2016 TIMBRE PINOT NOIR 'SUPERGROUP' [BIEN NACIDO & PRESQU'ILE VINEYARDS]

335 cases produced; suggested retail price \$30.00

92 Points, Vinous

'Supergroup - A band made up of members who have already garnered fame from other projects. This wine is blended from two rockstar vineyard sites (Bien Nacido and Presqu'ile), whose combined talents rival their solo works.'

This wine is blended from Bien Nacido and Presqu'ile vineyards in the Santa Maria Valley. The Bien Nacido portions are old vine G Block, which cut across the west side of the Bien Nacido bench section. The Presqu'ile comes from the block of 777 Clone facing Clark Avenue in the Solomon Hills region of southern Santa Maria. These two vineyards, when blended, absolutely rock!

Red purple and violet toward the rim, the nose is **PERFUMED AND FLORAL**, and smells of fresh strawberry, tea leaves, red licorice, and white chocolate. With notes of black cherry soda, tobacco, dark roasted coffee, cocoa, crushed herbs, the lean palate lasts and lasts.

With Supergroup, only a supergroup will do. WHITE ROOM by CREAM is this year's melody. Drink now-2026





2016 TIMBRE PINOT NOIR 'LEAD VOCALS' [BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD]

120 cases produced; suggested retail price \$50.00

93 Points, Vinous

'Lead Vocals - Not just a great voice, but also a great performer. Bien Nacido has been the front man for American Pinot Noir for over 40 years and the own-rooted Pommard Clone in G Block's gravel and sandy loam provide the complexity of a true icon.'

Since 2009, we have been fortunate enough to source Pinot Noir from one of the most coveted Pinot Noir vineyards in the country. Continuing the tradition, our 'Lead Vocals' Pinot is 100% 'G block', one of the **OWN-ROOTED** sections of the vineyard, planted in **1973**. The own roots and vine age seem to create a complexity and stuffing rarely found in American Pinot Noir and, as usual, 2016 yielded just a couple of tons per acre.

Burgundy in color, **LIKE CRUSHED VELVET**, the wine shows notes of mushroom, rose petals, **DR. PEPPER**, caramel and perfume. The palate is dense, rich, and mouth filling, slightly earthy, with morello cherries and mint. The finish is long and balanced and goes on and on.

Always something old-school with this one...? Heck yeah! **HEY JOE** by Jimi Hendrix. Drink this wine 2018-2026!





2016 TIMBRE PINOT NOIR 'GUEST STAR' [TURNER VINEYARD]

48 cases produced; suggested retail price \$55.00

93 Points, Vinous

'Guest Star - It's always good to have friends drop in when you are playing a show. Turner Vineyard may not be part of our regular cast, but when we got the opportunity to bring this Sta. Rita Hills legend on our 2016 vintage tour, we jumped at the chance.'

Turner Vineyard sits on 21 acres in a prime area of the Sta. Rita Hills. Adjacent to Melville and very close to Clos Pepe and Hilliard Bruce in the northern part of the **STA. RITA HILLS**. The site is planted to approximately fifteen acres of Pinot Noir with clay-based soil spiked with calcareous chunks. It has a high elevation and is very exposed to the Sta. Rita Hills wind. This site has a varied landscape comprised of a valley floor, gentle hills facing both north and south, and a mesa.

Dark garnet like a rose petal, the wine shows confectioners' sugar, raspberry, **PANCAKE SYRUP**, cotton candy, and apple skins. The palate is concentrated with notes of dark chocolate, plum, black tea, pomegranate, and raspberry fun dip.

DUDE! Saw a sweet artist **HIRIE** recently (last night as of writing). Soooo good! How about **QUEEN** by **HIRIE**. Drink Now-2026.





2016 TIMBRE RED BLEND 'RARE GROOVE #1' [MERLOT/CABERNET SAUVIGNON, BRAVE & MAIDEN VINEYARD]

23 cases produced; suggested retail price \$55.00

Wine Club Exclusive

'Rare Groove #1 - In Jazz and Soul, a Rare Groove is a recording that is extremely difficult to source. With only 1 barrel produced, this blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon is just that. Get it while you can.'

When we started working with **BRAVE & MAIDEN** vineyard in 2014 we were most excited with the potential of the young vineyard. It was originally planted to Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc in the 90s by the founder of Sunstone. We started playing with the fruit in 2015 and three vineyard designate wines followed in 2016. The **MERLOT** plantings yield fruit that is rich and delicious, while the **CABERNET SAUVIGNON** is structured and spicy. A classic blend, the fruitiness of the Merlot is framed by Cabernets serious side and the two harmonize beautifully.

This wine absorbs light like purple velour. Dense like syrup with raspberry, **BLUEBERRY**, chocolate, and salty minerality. Supple tannins frame the palate with espresso, **COCOA POWDER** and the mouth coating wine finishes smooth.

Since this wine is a 100% wine club exclusive, I'm gonna say **ONLY YOU** by the **PLATTERS**. Drink Now-2024.





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