

JUNE 2019

DEAR FRIENDS.

As we head into June, I am wondering where the time has gone! The school year is ending (which is the way I keep track of time with a 3rd and 6th grader) and the joys of **SUMMER** travel creep up on us yet again. The rains (which have not seemed to stop yet) have made this season one of the most **LUSH AND BEAUTIFUL** since I started making wine in this area in 2005. Santa Ynez to Santa Maria and up through the Edna Valley are alive and the vineyards are just ridiculous. The ample rainfall has let to healthy canopies and vines that are exploding with growth. Controlling the vigor will be the name of the game this year, but with careful farming and attention, 2019 should be amazing.

This release consists of wines which pair well with long lazy days in the sun and the bounty of foods that make up summer cuisine. Firstly, our second vintage of **RARE GROOVE #3**, a 2017, is fresh and vibrant. The 2017 **OPENING ACT** Chardonnay is again a stunner in what is surely a legendary vintage for our local Chards! The 2017 **HEADLINER** Pinot Noir is chock full of red fruit and cherry but just a hint of cocoa and cinnamon add to the overall complexity of this fine vintage. The 2017 Syrah, called **THE HOOK**, is the first varietal Syrah I have made since 2010. Dark and rich, this wine will be a great pairing to any red meat on the grill. Finally, a re-release of the 2014 **GUEST STAR** Pinot Noir from our library. I always talk about how **AGE-WORTHY** our wines are, so now we will prove it, with (at least) a five year old wine with most future releases.

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!

- Chiasa & Josh -

and in alphabetical order

Anne, Bethany, Darlene, Denise, Lori, Rylie, & Vanda



2017 TIMBRE SAUVIGNON BLANC 'RARE GROOVE #3' [BRAVE & MAIDEN VINEYARD]

suggested retail price \$30.00

'Rare Groove #3 - In Jazz and Soul, a Rare Groove is a recording that is extremely difficult to source. With only 25 cases produced, this Sauvignon Blanc is just that. Get it while you can.'

Sauvignon Blanc is one of the world's most popular white grape varieties for a reason. The potential for complexity and balance make for a nuanced canvas to show off the patience we try to have in the winery. The **BRAVE & MAIDEN** vineyard is a bright new rising star in Santa Barbara County. We started helping with winemaking there in 2014 and we now know each facet of the property and each of its varieties and blocks, so when a small amount of **SAUVIGNON BLANC** became available from this special site, we jumped at the opportunity to make some for ourselves. Fermented and aged in a combination of neutral oak and stainless steel make for a bright and fresh expression of the variety, while ample cellar time allowed the wine to mature and gain complexity.

Pale straw this wine shows notes of jasmine, orange blossom, and ripe apricot. It is vibrant on the palate with hints of citrus, minerality, peach pit and a finish that goes on and on.

FEELS LIKE SUMMER by **CHILDISH GAMBINO** evokes the season to enjoy this wine. Drink now-2021+.

2017 TIMBRE CHARDONNAY 'OPENING ACT' [BIEN NACIDO & SIERRA MADRE VINEYARDS]

suggested retail price \$24.00

'Opening Act - The first band to take the stage. Bien Nacido and Sierra Madre were among the first great vineyards planted in Santa Barbara County. Known for growing consistently high quality fruit, they have both become stars. Don't be late to the show.'

2017 was a fantastic year for Chardonnay and this wine really shows it! As in past years, this wine is a blend of the **CITRUS-DRIVEN** old (1973) and young (1997) vines from Bien Nacido, as well as the more **TROPICAL** Sierra Madre fruit, planted in the mid 1980s.

The 2017 Opening Act Chardonnay has the radiant shine and color of topaz. **FRAGRANT** and **FLORAL**, this wine shows notes of yeastiness, candied notes of confectioners' sugar, and even a hint of **PINEAPPLE**. The palate's entry has sweet fruit with a hint of oak framing the fresh and vibrant finish.

We are listening to **YELLOW** by **COLDPLAY**. Drink Now-2024+.



2017 TIMBRE PINOT NOIR 'THE HEADLINER' [PRESQU'ILE VINEYARD]

suggested retail price \$50.00

'The Headliner - The reason that everyone shows up. Sandy soils in the vineyard and whole cluster fermentation in the winery create a beautifully aromatic stunner with a sultry edge that practically guarantees a curtain call.'

Presqu'ile is the only vineyard we source from in the Solomon Hills section of the Santa Maria Valley. This southern region of the valley has long been recognized as great terroir for **DENSE**, **POWERFUL**, **YET DISTINCTLY ELEGANT FRUIT**, and year in and year out, **PRESQU'ILE** proves why that reputation has developed.

Purple in the center with some reddening towards the rim this wine is dense with hints of **BLACK CHERRY**, cocoa, tobacco, and **CINNAMON RAISIN TOAST**. The palate is tight and dry with black coffee framed by hints of baking spice and oak. You can drink this wine **ALL NIGHT LOOONG!**

GET LUCKY by DAFT PUNK sounds right... Drink now-2027+!

2017 TIMBRE SYRAH 'THE HOOK' [DONATI VINEYARD]

suggested retail price \$45.00

'The Hook - A song's hook is designed to catch the ear of the listener. This Syrah's lush fruit, myriad spice notes, and supple texture will grab hold of your palate and won't let go until the last sip.'

We have not bottled a varietal **SYRAH** since 2010. Until 2017, there wasn't a property that inspired us to even think about it, but all of that changed when we decided to take a chance and check out this few acre home ranch in the heart of the Edna Valley. **OWN ROOTED AND OLD**, the vines produce fruit which, if 2017 and 2018 are indicative of the norm, struggles to gain sugar while attaining ripe flavors and textures.

PLUM PURPLE the nose bursts with black pepper, vanilla bean, and a hints of chocolate covered raisin. Fruity on the palate with **COLA** notes, blackberry, **ESPRESSO**, and dark chocolate.

With the passing recently of **DORIS DAY**, what else would we pair this with but **QUE SERA SERA**. Drink Now-2027+!



2014 TIMBRE PINOT NOIR 'GUEST STAR' [HILLIARD BRUCE VINEYARD]

Library Release; suggested retail price \$55.00

'Guest Star - It's always good to have friends drop in when you are playing a show. Hilliard Bruce Vineyard may not be part of our regular cast, but when we got the opportunity to bring this Sta. Rita Hills legend on our 2014 vintage tour, we jumped at the chance.'

Hilliard Bruce is truly a special vineyard site in the **STA. RITA HILLS**, with a distinct micro-climate that lends itself to producing high-acid, rich wines year after year. The densely planted vineyard forces the vines to struggle for water, and dig deeper into the ground, picking up great **MINERALITY**. Hilliard Bruce is also an exemplar of **SUSTAINABILITY**, not only as a member of Sustainability in Practice (SIP), as most of our vineyard sources are, but also in its LEED certified winery.

A translucent deep garnet, this wine has aged beautifully and at **5 YEARS** old has a long time to go! **FRESH AND DRIED FIGS**, earthy, dried leaves, and mushroom adorn the layered nose. The palate is also complex having developed notes of rose petal, truffle, mesquite, **CHARRED MEAT**, and **TRUFFLE**. All of this is framed by supple tannins, and a plush finish.

How about something off the beaten path... OLD DIRT ROAD by JOHN LENNON. Drink Now-2025+



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