

### **FEBRUARY 2024**

#### **DEAR FRIENDS**

Hello 2024!

WHAT A DIFFERENCE FROM THIS TIME LAST YEAR! The weather has been unbelievable in closing out 2023 and opening 2024. Rain showers galore, mixed with beautiful sunny days. Unfortunately, much of that rain is on the coast (great for us!) but has not made its way into the mountains where Chiasa, the kids, and I play our way through the winter. This weather did make HARVEST 2023 KIND OF AMAZING. The year was cold as far as our historical averages, but late into the season, warm and even weather arrived which allowed for the stragglers to thrive. It was quite a nail biter. If you were writing the vintage as a movie, the warm weather was that scene where failure is imminent, but at the right moment, something changes, all becomes well, and the HEROES PREVAIL. As of the writing of this letter, I think 2023 will go down as a LEGENDARY vintage which bodes well for the wines we crafted.

2024 (and the wines we are releasing from 2021, 2022, and 2023) will see several new, exciting projects, as well as new vintages of some of our favorites. The first 2023 wines have gone to tank for blending and finishing and they are quite tasty! **ROSÉ**, **ALBARIÑO**, and **SAUVIGNON BLANC** are **BOMB**, as are the new sparkling wines as well.

For the Spring 2024 release we are focusing on the following wines, all of which are peak tasty! **2021 THE UNDERSTUDY CHARDONNAY** is our first from Jespersen Ranch in San Luis Obispo... this vineyard is fantastic and on the short list for future Lead Vocals bottlings. The **2019** and **2021 THE HEADLINER PINOT NOIR** are both fantastic, showing two sides of Pali Vineyard which has been bottled under the moniker from 2019-2022. **2020 RARE GROOVE #6** Cabernet Franc has been highly anticipated since we sold out of 2019 a while ago (insert face palm emoji here) and is sure to impress! Finally, Gary Gates' **2021 ANTIPHON GSM BLEND** which I'm sure you have heard all about is officially here... read on for the write up in the tasting notes below!

Don't suffer from FOMO... Have you been to CAP? If yes, come again, and if not I have to ask... WHY NOT?!?! Important info will continue to be spread via **@TIMBREWINERY** on Facebook and Instagram so follow along. Without **YOU**, there is no Timbre Winery. Thank you for being such an important part of our lives... **CHEERS!** 

- Chiasa & Josh -

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Amanda, Amy, Annette, Bethany, Denise, Diane, Gary, Hayden, Kara, Kelsey, Keira, Mike & Val



#### TASTING NOTES

#### 2021 THE UNDERSTUDY CHARDONNAY. JESPERSEN VINEYARD

Golden, fresh, floral, and clean the 2021 Understudy Chardonnay from Jespersen Ranch is just delicious right now. Bright with **BUTTERSCOTCH**, banana walnut muffin, **JAPANESE CHERRY BLOSSOM**, grilled pineapple, **CITRUS SODA**, and birthday cake. Sunflower? No, I mean listen to **SUNFLOWER** by *Post Malone...* Slow jam for your sipping pleasure! Drink now-2030+

# 2021 THE HEADLINER PINOT NOIR, PALI VINEYARD

Pale burgundy with aromas of perfume and root beer, but also savory notes like **PETRICHOR** (the smell the first rain after a long period of warm, dry weather), cedar, and rosemary. Broad with **TART CHERRIES**, sour plum, orange zest, caramel, violets, carob, and **HAZELNUT MILK CHOCOLATE**. Please raise your glass while you shimmy to **RAISE YOUR GLASS** by *Pink*. Drink Now-2030+.

# 2019 THE HEADLINER PINOT NOIR, PALI VINEYARD

Dark burgundy with floral notes, **STRAWBERRY PIE**, baking spice, perfume, and **ROSE PETAL**. Super chewy tannins frame lovely fruity notes, brown sugar, cranberry scone, **MUFFIN CRUMBLE**, and a long, fresh, finish. This wine exudes a sweet character while remaining dry... listen to **SUGAR SUGAR** by *The Archies*... A classic pop song for a wine destined to pop until it's a classic. Drink Now-2030+.

# 2020 RARE GROOVE #6 CABERNET FRANC, VOGELZANG VINEYARD

Super dark red, slightly paler toward the rim. The tight, focused nose is all **PLUM** and cranberry, **SPICY** pickled jalapeno. It is also tight through the palate which exhibits **BLUEBERRY**, black tea, dark chocolate, raspberry jam, and a long delicious finish. spice it up with *Salt and Pepa and En Vogue* by listening to **WHATTA MAN**. Drink Now-2035+.

# 2021 ANTIPHON GSM BLEND, CENTRAL COAST

Gary Gates has been working harvests at Timbre for nearly a decade. After making a few practice wines (Feckin' Merlot anyone?), we are thrilled to debut the newest addition to Timbre's musically themed wine line-up, our 2021 Antiphon Ensemble. **ANTIPHONS** are musical dialogues often between a cantor and a choir. Our Antiphon Ensemble blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvedre results from a winemaking dialogue between Gary and Josh. Very dark red, this medium-bodied blend offers a fruity nose with hints of **BLACKBERRY** and blueberry jam, vanilla, lime, and bubble gum. Youthful on the palate with **COFFEE GROUNDS**, red berries, and **CHERRY HARD CANDY**. One of winemaking's most renowned trios, the GSM blend used in our Antiphon Ensemble, deserves pairing with one of music's greatest trios, *The Supremes*. Their 1965 chart-topper, **I HEAR A SYMPHONY**, features classic harmonizations (as does our wine.) A portion of the proceeds from this wine benefits winemaker Gary Gates' hometown Johnstown Symphony Orchestra's Share the Music program providing instruments and lessons to talented young musicians. Drink Now-2030+.