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Front Cover: Alma Rosa "North Slope"
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Seghesio Saini Zinfandel 2021

A Quick Note on Wine Tasting

On the next few pages, we've included tasting notes. Here's a quick tip on how to approach them.

What makes a “wine expert” is not just depth of knowledge — which anyone can achieve — but sensitivity to taste and smell. A great wine expert will find a hundred little aromas that most ordinary noses will never be able to detect.

Now. If you don't pick up on the same flavors, does that mean you're doing it wrong?

No. Tasting is subjective. Pronounced flavors on my palate may present themselves as secondary or tertiary notes for you. Remember, wines are always evolving in the bottle. That hint of cherry from a few months ago might present itself differently now. So, if you detect a flavor or aroma you don't see on the tasting sheet, add it. See what your friends say. Better yet, if you have a tasting that differs markedly from what's written here, send us your notes. We'd love to compare them!

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J U L Y

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Blackbird Muir-Hanna Vineyard Chardonnay 2021

Oak Knoll District,
Napa Valley, California

Jeb Dunnuck
95
2021



This is the historical doorway into the collection.

Blackbird's Muir-Hanna Vineyard Chardonnay comes from Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, a cooler southern part of Napa that gives chardonnay room to ripen without losing freshness.

The vineyard carries a real thread to American wine history. Muir-Hanna was one of the vineyard sources connected to Chateau Montelena's 1973 Chardonnay, the wine that won the white-wine portion of the 1976 Judgment of Paris.

That kind of history can be dangerous for a bottle.

It can make the wine feel like a museum piece before anyone has even pulled the cork.

This wine avoids that trap.

Crafted by Aaron Pott as a single-vineyard, one-time bottling, it was barrel fermented with minimal intervention and aged for 20 months in French oak. Only 400 cases were produced.

The result is not a loud, tropical style of California chardonnay. It has richness, but it carries itself with focus and restraint.

Expect white peach, ripe citrus, flowers, polished oak, toasted almond, and a clean mineral line. The texture is concentrated but not heavy, with acidity that keeps the wine moving through a long finish.

Serve cool, but not refrigerator-cold. Around 50 to 55 F is ideal. If it is too cold, the texture will hide.

Open this with roast chicken, seared scallops, lobster, creamy pasta, almond-crusting fish, or aged Gouda. Drink now through 2030.

It belongs in this collection because it connects American wine's breakthrough moment to the glass in front of you now.

Alma Rosa “North Slope”

Pinot Noir 2022

Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara
County, California



Before Santa Barbara pinot noir was obvious, someone had to believe in the fog.

The Sta. Rita Hills did not become pinot noir country by accident. It took people willing to look at the cool edge of Santa Barbara County and see something that was not yet clear to everyone else. Richard Sanford was one of those people.

He helped pioneer pinot noir in this part of California, where Pacific fog, afternoon breezes, and a long growing season give the grape time to ripen without losing its nerve.

Alma Rosa’s “North Slope” comes almost entirely from the estate El Jabali Vineyard, a site with well-drained, limestone-rich calcareous soils and steady coastal influence. The vineyard rises to 850 feet, and the wine carries that sense of lift.

The winemaking stays careful. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel and 1-ton bins, followed by 10 months in French oak, with natural malolactic fermentation and lees contact. Enough cellar work to shape the wine.

Not enough to bury the vineyard.

In the glass, expect ripe red fruit, freshly picked flowers, citrus peel, lavender, mint, and a note of oceanic salinity. The tannins are firm but elegant, and the acidity gives the wine its bright coastal line.

Serve slightly cool, around 55 to 60 F. Give it 20 to 30 minutes in a glass or decanter if you have time. The floral and coastal notes will come forward.

Open this with pan-seared wild salmon, tuna, wild mushrooms, truffle pasta, Brie, Camembert, or aged Gruyère. Drink now through 2032.

This bottle shows the American wine revolution at its most graceful.

Not power. Precision.



Clementine Carter

Sta. Rita Hills Grenache 2023

Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara
County, California

Wine Enthusiast
96
2022

Wine Spectator
92
2022



Grenache is not supposed to feel like this.

At least not if your idea of grenache is all warmth, weight, and easy generosity.

Sonja Magdevski's Clementine Carter Sta. Rita Hills Grenache takes the grape into a cooler register.

The fruit comes from three sites: Robert Rae Ranch, Peake Ranch, and Christy & Wise. Different soils. Different exposures. Different kinds of energy. Clay loam, silty sand, and white beach sand all play a part, along with the north, west, and south-facing slopes of the Sta. Rita Hills.

The winemaking is bold, but not heavy-handed.

The wine is made with 100% whole cluster fermentation, wild yeasts, extended skin contact, and neutral French oak. That whole cluster choice matters. It gives the wine texture, aromatic lift, spice, and a little savory grip.

It helps explain why this grenache feels fresh instead of soft.

Expect pomegranate, desert flowers, wild fennel, black tea, spice, and fine tension. The palate is energetic and layered, with a long finish that stays floral and alive.

Serve slightly cool, around 55 to 60 F. Grenache served too warm can feel heavier than it should.

Open this with tri-tip, grilled vegetables, pizza, smash burgers, lamb chops, filet, or grilled chicken.

Decant 20 to 30 minutes. Drink now through 2032.

This is the experimental nerve of the collection. A Rhône grape in pinot country, made with enough confidence to feel completely at home.



Banshee Trenton Vineyard

Banshee Trenton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

Russian River Valley, Sonoma
County, California



Russian River pinot noir often begins with fog.

Morning fog. Evening fog. The kind that slows everything down and lets pinot noir become itself without rushing.

Banshee's Trenton Vineyard Pinot Noir comes from low rolling hills just south of the Russian River, northwest of Santa Rosa, where coastal influence helps preserve acidity and supports slow, even ripening.

This is also the newer California story.

Banshee was built around the idea that serious California wine did not need to feel precious or distant. It could be well made, vineyard-driven, and still approachable at the table.

That spirit fits this bottle.

The wine is built from multiple vineyard blocks and classic clones, including Pommard, Swan, Mt. Eden, and Dijon. Associate Winemaker Jake Lachowitz favors a site-focused, minimal-intervention approach, letting the fruit carry the shape of the vintage.

This is small-production California, not the broad, anonymous version. Only 305 cases were produced.

Expect raspberry bramble, bright red strawberry, vanilla, baking spice, sarsaparilla, and pomegranate. The texture is lighter and delicate, but the structure is present. The finish is dry, balanced, and elegant, with freshness and subtle spice.

Serve around 55 to 60 F. Do not over-decant. This wine is about freshness, perfume, and vineyard detail.

Open this with roast duck, grilled salmon, mushroom risotto, pork tenderloin, or aged Gouda. Decant 20 minutes if you want, but a good Burgundy glass may be enough. Drink now through 2032.

This bottle belongs here because it shows the quieter side of American confidence: small scale, vineyard detail, and restraint.

Seghesio Saini

Zinfandel 2021

Dry Creek Valley,
Sonoma County, California



This one is about continuity.

Seghesio Saini Farms Zinfandel comes from old vineyard blocks in Dry Creek Valley planted in 1926 and farmed by fourth-generation members of the Saini family.

The Seghesio and Saini families have worked together across four generations, which gives this bottle the kind of continuity that cannot be manufactured quickly.

Old vines are not magic on their own.

They need care.

They need someone to keep farming them when the yields are lower and the work is less convenient. That is part of what you taste here.

The vineyard sits on the Dry Creek bench, with gravelly red clay loam and excellent drainage.

The soils naturally stress the vines, encouraging concentration, structure, and depth in the fruit.

The wine is aged 15 months in oak, including 11% new French oak, with the rest in neutral French and American oak plus puncheons.

Expect cherry cola, blackberry pie, raspberry, spice, dark chocolate, star anise, and ripe berry.

The palate is intense and deeply structured, with dense fruit and a rich, lingering finish.

Serve slightly cool, around 56 to 60 F. Zinfandel can lose its shape when served too warm.

Open this with grilled steaks, spicy lamb kebobs, aged Gouda, or pasta with meaty tomato ragu.

Decant 30 minutes. Drink now through 2032.

This is the old-vine chapter of the collection. A reminder that American wine was built not only by new ideas, but by families who stayed.

Chappellet Signature Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

Napa Valley, California

Decanter
95
2020



If the collection has a mountain ending, this is it.

Chappellet's Signature Cabernet Sauvignon is the flagship wine of a family-owned Napa Valley estate founded in 1967 on the rugged slopes of Pritchard Hill. The vineyards range from 800 to 1,800 feet, rooted in dry, rocky volcanic soils with excellent drainage and ample sun.

This is a different kind of American nerve.

Not the experimental edge of a new grape in a cool valley. Not the patience of old zinfandel vines. This is the long commitment of a family estate that climbed the hillside and stayed there.

Small clusters, concentrated berries, and careful crop thinning give the wine depth and structure. It is aged 22 months in French oak, 60% new, adding polish without erasing the mountain character.

Expect black cherry, dark plum, roasted coffee, bittersweet chocolate, clove, fresh herbs, baking spices, boysenberry, cassis, violet, anise, cinnamon, and sweet oak. It is dark and concentrated, but the brightness and firm structure keep it from feeling heavy.

Serve around 60 to 65 F. This is the bottle to decant seriously. One hour is not excessive.


Open this with classic grilled or roasted meats, lamb, venison, mushroom dishes, or aged cheese.

Drink now through 2040.

This is the final statement in the collection: American cabernet sauvignon with roots, altitude, family ambition, and enough structure to age with confidence.



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