

Wine Tasting Notes: April 3, 2017

**Table 1**

**2014 The Federalist Chardonnay (Russian River Valley)**

This golden wine offers rich flavors, ripe fruits and bright acidity, with an aroma of lemon curd, pear and cinnamon. The lemon and cardamon spice flavors shine, with a lush texture and long, smooth finish.

**2016 Villa des Anges, Vin de Pays d'Oc Old Vines Rosé (France)**

A pale copper color, this offers initial aromas of ripe peach, pineapple core and ripe strawberry, providing a lushly fruity impression on the nose. The palate offers subtle structure and ample acidity to carry the ripe fruit tones, with a subtle peppery spice that dances on the finish.

**2014 Donna Laura, Chianti Classic Bramosia (Italy)**

Aromas of toast and grilled herb lead the way on this straightforward red. The light-bodied palate offers wild cherry, orange peel and a coffee note alongside racy acidity and fine-grained but fleeting tannins.

**2014 Domaine du Pégau Chateauneuf –du-Pape Réservee (France)**

Complex and generous Chateauneuf du Pape filled with savory herbs, sweet spices and a mix of red and black berries. Ripe, intense and incredibly seductive.

**2014 Chimney Rock Stag's Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon ( Napa Valley)**

Inky purple red. Aromas of black currant, licorice, along with hints of clove and vanilla. This wine is silky smooth, with a deeply structured backbone of fine grain tannins and a long bright finish.

Table 2

**2015 Pala, Sardinna Vermentino I Fiori (Italy)**

Straw-colored with greenish reflections. Persistent floral and herbaceous aromas with notes of thyme. Medium to full-bodied on the palate with good balance and a long.

**2015 Domaine des Coltabard, Sancerre (France)**

Crisp and fruity, with racy acidity. The soil is composed of limestone and fossilized seashells, which gives the wine an unmistakable minerality. This wine displays a limpid, pale yellow hue with golden highlights. Expressive on the nose, combining floral fragrances with aromas of white peach and exotic fruit (pineapple, passion fruit).

**2014 Donatella Colombini Rosso di Montalcino (Italy)**

Aromas recalling woodland berry, underbrush and a whiff of toasted nut lead the nose on this easy-drinking red. The light-bodied, straightforward palate offers tart sour cherry, strawberry and a touch of clove alongside firm acidity and fine-grained tannins.

**2012 Tolaini Al Passo Toscana (Italy)**

Rich ruby coloring with full body and silky tannins. Spicy notes of French oak rise above distinct aromas of raspberries, cherries, vanilla, leather and dried violets. The palate has a backbone of Sangiovese, a roundness of Merlot and enhanced body from the oak.

**2014 Farina Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso (Italy)**

A dark ruby-red color, with the fragrance of pepper, fruit marmalade of cherries, prunes, spices, licorice and ginger.

**Table 3**

**2015 Kellerei tarlan Catina Terlan Pinot Grigio (Italy)**

The wine is absolutely crisp and fine with balanced acidity that finds beautiful contrast against slightly sweet flavors of pink grapefruit, peach and passion fruit.

**2015 Grace Lane Riesling (Yakima Valley, WA)**

Crisp and balanced, showing bright aromas of green apple and white peach. Delicate yet complex flavors are spicy, fruity and fresh with a long and rounded finish.

**2015 Maison L' Envoyé Straight Shooter Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley, OR)**

Intense aromatics of dark cherry and blue fruits alongside subtle earth and elegant floral notes. Vibrant acidity and soft tannins support the flavors through a long, satisfying finish.

**2012 Renato Ratti Barolo Marcesco (Italy)**

Intense garnet red color. A bouquet with traces of licorice and tobacco. Full flavored, full-bodied and elegant.

**2013 Carpe Diem Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley)**

The wine is fruit forward, elegant, and exhibits soft tannins, making it pleasant to drink in its youth. Oak is used sparingly to keep Carpe Diem fresh and vibrant.

**Table 4**

**2014 Domaine de Pouy Cotes de Gascogne Blanc (France)**

The cold fermentation of Ugni Blanc from the Bas-Armagnac region captures vibrant aromatics and freshness. The wine has a penetrating floral green apple fragrance, and is loaded with refreshingly crisp and flavorful fruit.

**2014 True Myth Chardonnay (Edna Valley, CA)**

Flavors of beautiful tropical fruit with mineral undertones and textured creaminess are balanced with refreshing acidity, a hallmark of Paragon Vineyard, that keeps the wine lively and fresh from start to finish.

**2015 Soter Vineyards Planet Oregon Pinot Noir (Oregon)**

Fresh and bright aromas of strawberries and flowers follow through to a medium to full body, fine and juicy tannins and a savory finish.

**2012 Mas Carlot Les Enfants Terrible (France)**

Smoked herbs, tobacco, and truffle are all present in this upfront, fruit driven profile. This lovely wine contains spices, licorice, violet and leather aromas, blackberry and raspberry fruits.

**2012 Foley Johnson Cabernet**

Swarming aromas of candied red fruit and a hint of toasted oak. The palate has flavors of red currants, cassis, and dried cherries that give way to warm cedar spice that lingers through the finish.

Table 5

**2013 Landmark Overlook Chardonnay**

Bright, medium gold color with complex aromas of ripe pear, meyer lemon, sage and lemon curd. On the palate flavors of quince, pear blossom, apricot, and piecrust are balanced by lively citrus notes completing this refreshing wine.

**2014 Landmark Overlook Pinot Noir**

Is rich with molasses, cherry, spearmint, black tea, cranberry and plum. The palate features notes of gingerbread spice, red raspberry and grilled mushroom with a lengthy finish of mocha, black tea and forest floor.

**2016 Justin Sauvignon Blanc**

Lemon and tropical fruit elements of guava and pineapple with subtle orange peel, and fresh herbal notes including chamomile flower. Dry, crisp and refreshing on entry with lemon, green apple, white peach and guava opening into a mid-palate showing subtle herbs similar to the aroma with some white citrus flower elements.

**2014 Justin Cabinet Sauvignon**

Aromatic black fruit of cherry and blackcurrant jam, baking spice, dried leaf and sweet tobacco. Full bodied with bright black cherry, blackcurrant and berry fruit with an underpinning of oak barrel accents on entry.

**2016 Domaine Lafage "Miraflores" Rosé**

The aromas lead with light, wild strawberry and a touch of watermelon rind. Bright notes of minerality balance and round out the aromas. Lively acidity and juicy fruit.