90+ California Wines made by Anna Monticelli

2017 Proven Wine Company Brioche Chardonnay

90 pts

Made by Anna Monticelli with the idea of producing a high-quality yet value-priced wine, the 2017 Chardonnay Brioche delivers the goods. Made from 100% Chardonnay mostly from the Central Coast, yet also including smaller amounts from Sonoma, this beautiful wine tastes like it costs 2-3 times its price. It offers classic white peach, pineapple, and citrus rind aromas, medium body, vibrant acidity, and a clean, lengthy finish. Brought up all in neutral oak, it's well worth a case purchase and ideal for drinking over the coming year or three.

- Jeb Dunnuck (1/31/2019)

2015 Tether Cabernet Sauvignon

93 pts

Made by the talented Anna Monticelli, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon is a smoking value that competes with wines that run 2-3 times its price. Deep, layered notes of cassis, toasted spices, graphite, and obvious minerality emerge from this medium to full-bodied, ripe, sexy, yet perfectly balanced Napa Valley Cabernet that's drinking beautifully today. A blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Petit Verdot, Merlot, and Malbec, aged 20 months in 50% new French oak, it over-delivers and will keep for 10-15 years.

- Jeb Dunnuck (1/31/2019)

2015 Stack House Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

91 pts

One of the top values in this report is the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley from Stack House. This beauty is 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Malbec, 6% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc, all aged 18 months in 40% new oak. The plum/ruby-colored effort boasts a ripe, rounded, sexy style as well as medium-bodied richness and depth, classic dark fruits and spice, no hard edges, and a clean finish. With sweet tannins and terrific balance, it will keep for upwards of a decade. This wine is made by the incredibly talented Anna Monticelli and it's the real deal.

- Jeb Dunnuck (1/31/2019



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90+ California Wines from the Trombetta Family AXA OUTSTANDING!!!

2017 Trombetta Family Wines Chardonnay Sonoma Coast Indindoli Vineyard 93 pts

Coming from a site in the Russian River and fermented and aged in 25% new oak, the 2017 Chardonnay Indindoli Vineyard is closer in style to the Gap's Crown release and has beautiful lemon curd, crushed rocks, white flowers, and a touch of brioche-like aromas and flavors. Rich, medium to full-bodied, with good acidity and terrific balance, this is a beautiful, complete, layered Chardonnay that's going to evolve nicely for 4-6 years.

- Jeb Dunnuck (6/17/2019)

Salt and oak tones are met by crunchy, creamy flavors of apple and pear in this well- structured, balanced and complex white. The oak and tannin are integrated and supportive, allowing the fruit and floral tones to shine.

- Virginia Boone, Wine Enthusiast (6/1/2019)

2016 Trombetta Family Wines Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 93 pts

This wine opens with a voluptuous nose of black cherry, vanilla and black tea. The palate is lush and expansive, with complex earthiness that highlights a fruit profile brimming in spice and lively acidity.

- Virginia Boone, Wine Enthusiast (12/31/2018)

2015 Trombetta Family Wines Pinot Noir Gap's Crown 91 pts

The mother-daughter team behind this wine and the new Petaluma Gap appellation showcases the brawny, boisterous nature of the site, coaxing lush layers of blueberry and black cherry from its thick extracted layers of polished tannin and underlying bolts of acidity.

- Virginia Boone, Wine Enthusiast (6/1/2018)

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