Côte West California



I had never tasted the wines from Côte West prior to this group of samples arriving and was quite impressed with what I tried.

-John Gilman, View from the Cellar, July-August 2019

Chardonnay "La Cruz Vineyard" 2015

The wine comes in at an even thirteen percent octane and is quite lovely, with the bouquet wafting from the glass in a classy blend of lemon, pear, a whisper of fresh pineapple, lime blossoms, salty soil tones, acacia blossoms and a discreet foundation of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and wide open in personality, with a superb core of fruit, fine acids, lovely balance and grip and a long, complex and elegant finish.

91 pts- John Gilman, View from the Cellar July-August 2019

Cabernet Sauvignon "Krueger Lane Vineyard" 2014

On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and very classy, with an excellent core of fruit, fine focus and grip, ripe, well-integrated tannins and a long, complex and very promising finish. This is old school Napa cabernet, with good structure and need for some time in the cellar to properly blossom. It is going to be excellent!

92+ pts- John Gilman, View from the Cellar July-August 2019

Pinot Noir "La Cruz Vineyard" 2015

The La Cruz Vineyard is in the cool Petaluma Gap area, and this lovely 2015 pinot noir from Brett Hogan evidences this, as it comes in at 13.3 percent octane. The wine offers up an excellent bouquet of cherries, beetroot, cinnamon, woodsmoke, raw cocoa, good soil tones and a hint of fresh dill in the upper register. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and shows off a good structural chassis and impressive mid-palate depth, with ripe tannins, good focus and grip, lovely transparency and a long, nascently complex finish. This is a very good bottle in the making that needs some time in the cellar to start to really blossom.

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