

California Tasting Notes

Whites

Cooper Garrod: 2013 Chardonnay

Aromas of pear, crisp green apples and lemon zest lead into a palate that includes those pears, Granny Smith apples, and lychee with a splash of citrus around the edges. Nice, bright finish!

Derby Wine Estates: 2013 Pinot Gris

Plush and refreshing, aromas of bartlett pear, lemon zest, and honeysuckle abound. Succulent flavors of grapefruit, granny smith apple, and bright minerality finish with nice balance. A fresh, crisp white wine.

Seebass: 2014 Grand Reserve Chardonnay

Poached apples and pears, almonds and cream delight the palate

The Hess Collection: Napa Valley Chardonnay

Crisp and clean with aromas of apple, white pear and slight touch of tropical fruits and honeysuckle.

Reds

Cooper Garrod: 2011 Test Pilot Red blend

This garnet-in-the-glass entices with a nose of juicy plum tarts, blueberries, and marjoram. The palate is met with plums, cherries, berries, marjoram, and cushy, soft, moss notes before a wonderfully smooth finish.

Parducci: 2015 Red Blend

Concentrated flavors of dark cherries, blackberries, and boysenberries. Add in a healthy amount of clove and cinnamon spice and you have an exquisitely rich, complex wine with a long and soft finish.

Testa Vineyards: 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

Full-bodied, dark berry and hint of vanilla

Seebass Family Wines: 2014 Grand Reserve Syrah

Rich, dense and concentrated, this red is well balanced with flavors of blackberry and cocoa nib.



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Heathvale Vineyard: 'The Reward' Barossa Shiraz

Wild blackberry and hedgerow fruit, followed by a kick of licorice, and a rich note of vanilla-spiked, high-roast coffee. This wine's natural exuberance is tamed by a controlled finish of taut, fine tannin and piercing fruit acidity.

Torbreck Vintners: Woodcutter's Shiraz

Full of freshness and bright youthful fruits, such as aromatic plum and raspberries. The wine has a round central core of red fruit that gives way to a complex mid-palate full of cassis, dark cherry, spice and vanilla.

Yalumba: Y Series Cabernet Sauvignon

Lovely aromas of juicy, red plums and violets balanced by savory Mediterranean herbs. The palate is sweet-fruited and full with distinctive Cabernet Sauvignon tannins.

Tim Smith: 2013 Barossa Shiraz

Smooth, spicy, full bodied and deep. Intense on the nose, but smooth on the after taste. Hints of cherries with an element of peppercorn.

Tim Smith: 2013 Mataro Grenache Shiraz

45% Mataro, 33% Grenache, 22% Shiraz. Silky red fruits aplenty, boozy warmth to finish and just a little dehydrated fruit effortlessly generous and smooth, heavy with fruit and proper concentration.

Hentley Farm: 2014 Shiraz

Black olives, licorice stick and blackberry play the leading role on the nose and are supported by toasty almonds and spicy vanilla. Traditional Beast tannins line the front of the palate before a more subtle mid palate loaded with black fruits and forest berries. At the back dark fruits continue and combine with dark chocolate and vanilla, a finish that seems to never end!

Izway: Mates

Thyme, clove, cinnamon, black pepper and mint on the nose with flavors of blackberry, violet, oak, smoke, toast and vanilla.

Argentina

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Dona Paula Estate: 2013 Red blend

Intense black purple color. On the nose, its aromas of plum, spices and red pepper stand out while delicate notes of mint are perceptible. In the mouth, it is a very harmonious and balanced wine, with round tannins and a long finish.

Diseno: 2011 Torrontes

pale straw in color with an explosive floral bouquet of apricots and tropical fruit. Citrus fruit flavors unfold on the palate with unexpected minerals and crisp, searing acidity.