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SYRAH SONOMA COAST QUE SYRAH VINEYARD 2019 **97 PTS**

Such an inviting, peppered nose of black peppercorn, hot paprika and turmeric with notes of blackberries, black cherries and blackcurrants in the background. Medium-to full-bodied, this immediately pulls you in and does not let go. So much depth and flavor with concentration and consistent intensity. Sleek. There is such fine precision here that allows for nuance and delicacy in the floral and mineral notes, adding layers and layers of compelling complexity. One of the best examples of what syrah is capable of on the Sonoma Coast. Lovely now, but best after 2024.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON SONOMA COUNTY CHALK HILL CLAJEUX VINEYARD 2018 **96 PTS**

A perfumed and inviting nose of blackberries, blackcurrants and gravel. Medium-to full-bodied and so fresh and present on the palate. Well-structured tannins. There's purity to the expression of the ripe red and black fruit with bright minerality and great depth. Such a pleasure to drink now, but this will age wonderfully. Best after 2026.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS FELLOW RANCH 2018 **95 PTS**

Blackberry, black cherry and baking spice on the nose. Full-bodied with firm, grippy tannins. Dried herbs and spice blend with a bit of cedar and pine. Earthy and savory, but still full of fruit. Well balanced with very good intensity. This will do well with some age. Best after 2026.

SYRAH SONOMA COAST CLARY RANCH 2019 **95 PTS**

Ground spice and fresh red and purple flowers mix with fennel seeds, brambleberries and a hint of smoke. Medium-bodied with nuanced depth and effortless expression of dark fruit and spice. Slightly nutty, chestnut notes. Earnest and charming. Drink or hold.

SYRAH SONOMA COAST 2019 **94 PTS**

Ground black and white-pepper aromas jump out of the glass with pine and red fruit as well. Medium-to full-bodied with firm tannins. Such a lovely toasted expression of ground and whole spice, bark and crushed blackberry. What a tasty wine! Drink or hold. Tasted from a magnum.

PINOT NOIR HEAVEN & EARTH VINEYARD SONOMA COAST 2019**94 PTS**

A fruity nose of raspberry, strawberry and wild berry with notes of sliced almond and toasted thyme. Medium-bodied with tight tannins. Juicy and succulent fruit with lovely, savory development as the palate evolves. Rock-salt salinity helps bring out a more dynamic side of the red fruit. Lovely. Drink or hold.

RIBOLLA GIALLA NAPA VALLEY VARE VINEYARD 2019**94 PTS**

There is a lot of character to the nose with aromatic aromas of ripe pink grapefruit, wet stone, bay leaf and tarragon. Medium-bodied with pleasant, sweet herb and floral character. So fresh with the mineral character adding complexity, but also clean and clear brightness. Delightful. Drink or hold.

CHARDONNAY SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS TROUT GULCH VINEYARD 2019**94 PTS**

Lovely, warm citrus and white-peach aromas with dried herbs as well. Medium-bodied with well-structured acidity that steadily builds flavor on the palate to a floral and mineral crescendo. Layered, mouthwatering and charming. Drink or hold.

CHARDONNAY NAPA VALLEY WATSON RANCH 2019**93 PTS**

A refreshing, floral and mineral nose of lilies, ocean breeze and limestone with notes of lemon leaf and grapefruit rind. Medium-bodied with very good tension and lean expression. Nuanced wet-stone minerality and sea-salt salinity with a charming note of lime. Lovely tannins at the finish. Drink now.

TROUSSEAU NORTH COAST 2019**93 PTS**

An expressive nose of cranberry, raspberry, rosemary and elderberry. Medium-bodied with fine, well-integrated tannins. Juicy, fruity and bright on the palate. Fun, but definitely structured with a floral finish. Very cool stuff. Drink now.