

# First Quarter 2020

## Wine Club Shipment

JAFFURS

### **2018 Roussanne, Stolpman Vineyard** *(1 bottle Anthology Club)*

The 2018 Roussanne shows aromatics of jasmine, pear and melon. Richly textured on the palate, flavors include honeysuckle, white peach and lemon curd. Finishes long, clean, with a flinty minerality. This full-bodied white is balanced with integrated acidity. Our Roussanne has a history of aging gracefully and should develop more honey and nutty characteristics over time.

***Not yet reviewed.***

### **2017 Grenache, Santa Barbara County** *(1 bottle Anthology Club)*

The 2017 Grenache carries on our tradition of producing focused, intriguing Grenaches that taste great upon release, but also evolve with age. Ruby red in color and medium weight. Showing aromatics of raspberry and garrigue, with darker fruits and savory spice on the palate. Partial stem inclusion through the fermentation provides texture and complexity. Aged in used barrels for 10 months, this wine highlights the purity of the Grenache grape, and is a great companion with a wide range of foods.

#### ***Vinous 91 points***

The 2017 Grenache (Santa Barbara County) is bright, punchy and super-expressive, with plenty of varietal character. Firm tannins need time to soften, but this is another impeccably rendered, absolutely delicious wine from Jaffurs. Fruit sources are mostly Stolpman, with some Larner and Bien Nacido. The 2017 was done with about 45% whole clusters and was aged in neutral oak. Drink 2020-2029. — Antonio Galloni

### **2016 Syrah, Thompson Vineyard** *(1 bottle Anthology Club; 3 bottles Reserve Syrah Club)*

The first Jaffurs Syrah was sourced from Thompson Vineyard in 1994, and we're working in the same block to this day. The 2016 is open and approachable, showing expressive aromatics of Bing cherry, baking spice and eucalyptus. Sweet tobacco, pie filling and mint round out the flavor profile. Integrated tannins and a plush mouthfeel make this approachable as a young wine, though 3-7 years cellaring will be rewarded.

#### ***Jeb Dunnuck 93 points***

All destemmed and brought up in 40% new oak, the 2016 Syrah Thompson Vineyard comes from a great site in Santa Barbara County off Alisos Canyon road. Ripe cherries, black raspberries, mulberries, Asian spice, menthol, and peppery incense notes all emerge from the glass and it's medium to full-bodied, has a lush, rounded, sexy texture, no hard edges, and a great finish. Drink it any time over the coming decade. Maturity 2019-2029. — Jeb Dunnuck

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