

# Second Quarter 2020

## Wine Club Shipment

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### **2015 High Tide, Santa Barbara County** *(1 bottle Anthology Club)*

This High Tide is a Mourvèdre dominated blend at 50%, rounding out with 33% Grenache and 17% Syrah. Mourvèdre provides the bones for this tightly structured wine, showing spice and florals. Grenache gives higher tone perfume and red fruit aromatics, while Syrah fleshes out the mid-palate, and adds to the long finish. Partial whole-cluster fermentation lends savory game notes to this elegant yet complex wine that continues to develop in the glass and should age well for at least 10 years past the vintage.

#### **Jeb Dunnuck 91 points**

The 2015 High Tide checks in as a mix of 50% Mourvèdre, 33% Grenache and the rest Syrah that was brought up in 17% new French oak. It's a sexy little red that has lots of framboise and cherry fruits intermixed with ample spice, herbes de Provence, and dried flower aromas and flavors. Charming, balanced, and drinkable are the buzz words for this terrific wine. Drink it over the coming 4-6 years. Maturity 2018-2024.  
— Jeb Dunnuck

### **2016 High Tide, Santa Barbara County** *(1 bottle Anthology Club)*

The 2016 High Tide is a Mourvèdre dominated blend with Grenache and Syrah playing supporting roles. Aromatically expressive, with earth and tobacco leaves. The palate is full, showing cherry and Asian spice. Dusty tannins give this blend structure, but are fine enough to keep it approachable. Finishes long, with a mineral edge.

#### **Wine Advocate**

The 2016 High Tide is a blend of 50% Mourvèdre, 33% Grenache and 17% Syrah. It has a medium ruby-purple color and scents of blueberries and red fruit, with olive, roasted coffee, baked black berries and cherries, cracked pepper and meaty notes. Medium to full-bodied, it offers baked fruits with firm, chewy tannins and tart acidity, finishing long. Drink date 2019-2025. — Erin Brooks

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

Sandy, limestone rich soils at Lerner Vineyard produce a structured, complex Syrah. Co-fermented with a touch of Viognier and 50% whole-clusters, this wine effortlessly balances elegance and power. Floral and savory aromatics of game and olive tapenade give way to baking spice and blue and red fruit on the palate. Finishing long and grippy, this is a rich, tannic wine that will improve with cellaring 5-10 years past the vintage.

#### **Vinous 95 points**

The 2016 Syrah Lerner Vineyard is dark, unctuous and super-concentrated. Inky red/purplish berry fruit, spice, rose petal and lavender open up in the glass, but the Lerner stands out for its mid-palate plushness and overall intensity. Drink 2021-2031. — Antonio Galloni

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**2016 Chardonnay, Santa Rita Hills** *(2 bottles Burgundy Club)*

This Chardonnay, grown on one of the coolest sites in the Santa Rita Hills, shows a focused and balanced expression of the varietal. Scents of lemon curd and chamomile lead to a linear palate of crushed stone, ripe apple and juicy acidity. Aged predominately in used French oak, malolactic fermentation contributes a mid-weight texture and lasting finish.

**Vinous 91 points**

The 2016 Chardonnay is lifted, translucent and super-expressive, with attractive citrus and floral-laced character. Medium in body and nuanced, the 2016 is exceptionally beautiful, not to mention hugely enjoyable. Drink 2018-2023.

— Antonio Galloni

**2016 Pinot Noir, Fiddlestix Vineyard** *(2 bottles Burgundy Club)*

The 2016 Fiddlestix Vineyard is a full-flavored, yet balanced Pinot Noir. Low crops produce a slightly darker, masculine Pinot Noir. Raspberry and dark cherry fruits are complimentated by a touch of oak spice on the nose. The palate continues with rich fruit, broadened by an earthy salinity. Drink this now, or hold for several years past release.

**Jeb Dunnuck 92 points**

The single vineyard 2016 Pinot Noir Fiddlestix Vineyard comes from a site in the Sta. Rita Hills and was 50% destemmed and aged 18 months in 25% new French oak. It offers more cherry and ripe strawberry notes as well as plenty of spice, dried soil, and bouquet garni aromas and flavors. Rounded, textured, savory, and beautifully balanced, it's ideal for drinking over the coming 5-7 years. Maturity 2019-2016.

— Jeb Dunnuck

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