

# Wine Tasting Notes

## Steinbeck/Chef Melba's June 11, 2023



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### **2022 Rosetta (\$40 retail)**

55% Grenache, 45% Old Vine Syrah

*Naturally fermented in neutral French oak barriques. All handpicked estate fruit, briefly soaked on skins, and cold pressed to extract color, aroma, and flavor. Aromas of watermelon, strawberry, and tangerine blossom, this wine is full of delicious flavors and mouthwatering texture.*

### **2020 Viognier - (\$38 retail)**

*Grown on the far West side of our estate vineyard, the vines cool off in the evening shade of our tallest hill, preserving natural acidity and lengthening the maturation of the fruit before harvest. Fermented in neutral barrels and aged sur lie for 7 - 9 months with occasional stirring for texture and complexity. The finished wine shows aromas of lime, white blossoms, and delicate notes of tea leaf, and a palate filled with flavors of white peach, guava, cilantro-lime drizzle, and a saline mineral finish.*

### **2017 Petite Sirah (\$65 retail)**

*Grown on a northern-facing slope in sandy-clay soil, aged in 10% new Hungarian oak for 30 months. Nearly opaque, this wine is elegant and powerful. The aromatics show clay mineral, French roast coffee bean, black plum, and black cherry. The palate is intense with black currant, pepper, black plum, and a finish reminiscent of savory charred meats.*

### **2016 Voice (\$75 retail)**

67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Petite Sirah

*Our flagship wine from an excellent year, with added complexity from 40% new French and Hungarian oak for 30 months. The winemaker chooses only a few barrels each exceptional year to make this blend. The aromas are worn cedar and like walking into a spice shop, accompanied by notes of plum and green-peppercorn cream sauce. The palate is smooth and structured, with flavors of black cherry, plum, and a sophisticated earthy and cassis finish.*

### **2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (\$60 retail)**

*Pulled from our oldest block, planted in 1982, the wine was aged in 20% new French oak for 30 months. Aromas of red currants, raisins, violets, and spice accompany flavors of plum and hints of cocoa and chili on the palate. The finish is balanced with earthiness and fruit.*