



## Wine Profiles, Tasting Notes – Précis

### **2017 Napa Valley Chardonnay:** 100% Chardonnay; 570 cases: \$79

On the nose, the wine expresses notes of star jasmine and citrus, giving way to flavors that tempt the palate with a pleasing panoply of lemon candy, grapefruit zest, tropical fruit, and (wait for it...), a suggestion of bananas foster and crème brûlée. Aged 17-months in 30% new French oak, the wine demonstrates a pleasingly light acidity to provide a refreshing counterpoint that balances the wine from start-to-finish.

- *“Nuanced, rich, layered, with tons of character; a super-expressive chardonnay of distinction.” – 94 points, Antonio Galloni*

### **2017 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon:** 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 800 cases: \$99

Gorgeously deep ruby in the glass, our 2017 Napa Valley Cabernet opens with the alluring aromas of black fruit, dried herbs and earthiness. Vibrantly direct on the attack, this chiseled blend of cabernet and merlot invites interest with a toothsome panoply of flavor notes: dense blackberry, black plum, anise, and hints of black tea, complemented by a savory meatiness through the mid-palate that makes for a satisfying weightiness and volume. Aged twenty-two months in 42% new French oak, the wine reveals a lightly muscled structure and pleasing acidity...that should allow for enjoyment at release through the next 12-15 years.

- *“Notes of crushed blackberries, cassis and blueberry pie, with hints of star anise, cedar, and toast.” – 94 points, Robert Parker*

### **2016 Cor Leonis Cabernet Sauvignon:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon; 400 cases: \$249, \$229-members

Aromas of black fruit, finely milled oak, cherry cola and hints of eucalyptus signal “Game-ON!”, while surreptitiously providing only a glimpse of the wine’s attack that lies patiently in wait. Teasing flavors of ripe blackberry, cassis, pomegranate, and cocoa nib taunt the palate against the backdrop of a handsomely muscled structure defined by finely grained tannins and sweet oak. Displaying remarkable balance, layered complexity, and delicate acidity; the wine’s hallmarks of power, agility and finesse reveal themselves, allowing for a gracefully arcing stride to a lengthy and triumphant finish.

- *“...Exuberant, full, rich, powerful, with lovely velvety tannins and a long finish.” – 96 points, Robert Parker*

### **2016 Howell Mountain Hillside Blend:** 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot; 760 cases: \$139

The nose of this noble offering is true to its Howell Mountain heritage: vibrant, bold and deliciously expressive of ripe black fruit, Bing cherry, and licorice, with hints of juniper berry and baking spices.. On the attack, the greeting announces the wine’s arrival with gravitas and vigor. Ripe black fruit, licorice and hints of juniper berry and baking spices make for an ignition point that is brazenly throaty and cocksure. Aged 25 months in 50% new French Oak, the wine beckons beyond its framed oak confines to issue its “call of the wild”. Brooding and brutish, the wine shows restrained power and aggressiveness to be unleashed without restraint among collectors who dare.

- *“Opens with gregarious blue and black fruits, dried herbs and savory notes. The full-bodied palate is vibrant, expressive, mineral and earth with black fruits and firm, grainy tannins, finishing long.” – 98+ points, Robert Parker*

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### Summary: Selected Accolades

- Winemaker-**Philippe Melka**: Named by Robert Parker as “...one of the top 9 winemakers in the world...”
- “The star among current releases ...with a structure that is as precise, supple, and vibrant as Bach’s cello suite.” – *Robb Report*
- Enjoyed by discerning collectors at The White House, 10 Downing Street, The Imperial Palace of Japan
  
- 2016 Howell Mountain Hillside Blend: “...full-bodied, vibrant, expressive” - **98+ points** – Robert Parker
- 2016 Cor Leonis Cabernet Sauvignon: “...exuberant, full, rich and powerful with velvety tannins”- **96 points** – Robert Parker
- 2016 Paige Cuvée Chardonnay: “...delicate nuances of grapefruit, lemongrass and spiced apple”- **95 points** – Robert Parker
- 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet: “full-bodied, firm, grainy; lively great intensity of black, blue fruits” – **93+ points** – Robert Parker
- 2015 Howell Mountain Hillside Blend: “Big, rich, with firm, fine tannins;...offers tons of layers” – **96 points** – Robert Parker
- 2015 Cor Leonis Cabernet Sauvignon: “Rich, ...lovely, velvety, delicious, ...A BLOCKBUSTER!” – **95 points**- Robert Parker
- 2014 Howell Mountain Hillside Blend: “...a beauty...with terrific minerality, gorgeous density, and an intense, full-bodied mouthfeel” – Robert Parker; **96 points**
- 2014 Cor Leonis Cabernet: “a nuanced, deep wine that marries finesse with power ...” **95 points** – Antonio Galloni
- 2013 Howell Mountain Hillside Blend: “...a magnificent wine...” **96 points** – Robert Parker
- 2013 Cor Leonis Cabernet Sauvignon: “... seamless, voluptuously textured ...” **95 points** – Robert Parker
- 2012 Howell Mountain Hillside Blend: “...incredible depth, majestic texture, a finish lasting 50 seconds”- **96 points** – Robert Parker
- 2012 Cor Leonis Cabernet Sauvignon: “... opulent, full-bodied-rich ...” **94 points** – Robert Parker
- 2012 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay: “Masterful, full-bodied and impeccably balanced” **97 points** – California *Connoisseurs’ Guide*
- 2012 Napa Valley Chardonnay: “...a wine of grand depth and breadth, its near-profligate richness is matched by very careful construction, enthusiastically recommended without caveat or condition.” **95 points** – *California Connoisseurs’ Guide*
- 2010 Cor Leonis Cabernet Sauvignon: “Strikingly beautiful, ... vibrant, gorgeous”; **94 points** – Robert Parker
- 2010 Howell Mountain Hillside Blend: “Spectacular... terrific aromatics, richness and full-bodied”- **95 points** – Robert Parker