

GOTHAM PROJECT

A BETTER GLASS OF WINE

TASTING NOTES WINTER 2018

NEW YORK

2016 GOTHAM Riesling, "The Finger", Finger Lakes. Where it all began. Gotham's first and signature wine, "The Finger". From Wagner and Fulkerson Vineyards, prime sites on Seneca Lake. Vinified separately, then blended together to find a perfect balance at about 8 grams of acid balanced by approximately 12 grams sugar. Aromas of tangerine, orange peel, lime and stone fruit.

2016 EMPIRE BUILDER White (Chard/Riesling). A blend of 60% Chardonnay and 40% Riesling all from the Finger Lakes. The wine was fermented and aged 100% in stainless steel. The Chardonnay is from 40+ year old vines in the Doyle/Fournier Vineyard and the Riesling is from Wagner and Fulkerson Vineyards. Aromas of stone fruit, pear, and green apple skin are complimented on the palate by refreshing lime and green apple.

2014 EMPIRE BUILDER Cabernet Franc. 100% Cabernet Franc from the Wagner Vineyard on the East side Seneca Lake and Martha Clara Vineyard on the North Fork of Long Island. Fermented with RC 212 yeast the must was heated to 90 degrees F at the start of fermentation. Temperature was held for 24 hours resulting in aromas and flavors of fresh raspberries complimented by notes of savory herbs. The wine was aged for 8 months in seasoned French oak before being kegged.

WASHINGTON

2016 TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES Cabernet Blend. 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Syrah. All grapes are from the Columbia Valley with the principal vineyard sources being High River and Goose Ridge. The Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented with whole berries in stainless tanks for both primary and secondary fermentations, while the Syrah was fermented whole cluster. This resulted in a wine that is bold, rich, textured, but not over the top. Aromas of black cherry, blackberry, and earthy, savory notes of tobacco and herbs, vanilla, and cocoa. Tannins are elegant and refined.

CALIFORNIA

2016 PACIFIC STANDARD Chardonnay, Santa Barbara. From a cool vineyard site in Santa Barbara that brings notes of bright citrus, white fruit, and minerality. 50% fermented and aged in stainless steel and 50% fermented and aged with just enough oak influence to add a touch of creaminess on the finish.

2016 PACIFIC STANDARD Sauvignon Blanc. The perfect balance of sweet and sour. Fruit was sourced from Monterey and Lake counties. The vineyards were managed for different purposes in the blend and picked at different times to bring maximum complexity. Some were picked early to bring the savory and grassy, flavors, others for sweet citrus, and others on the later side for a richer mid palate.

2015 PACIFIC STANDARD Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara. From the Los Alamos vineyard in Santa Barbara's rolling hills. Classic cherry and strawberry notes are framed by subtle hints of vanilla from aging in small oak barrels.

2015 PACIFIC STANDARD Cabernet Sauvignon. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Mendocino, Lodi, and Sonoma aged in a blend of French and American oak. Blueberry, dark cherry and currants with toasted vanilla and chocolate notes. The palate is full and broad with soft, velvety tannins and a long finish.

2015 PACIFIC STANDARD Zinfandel, Amador. 100% Zinfandel from Amador County. Aged in a blend of French and American oak, with aromas of raspberry, stewed strawberry, cocoa, and toasty oak with underlying notes of pepper and spice. Juicy and broad, but not over the top.

2016 RANCHO RODEO Pinot Grigio. With aromas of citrus, peach, and pear followed by flavors of lemon and green apple. This wine has a splash of sweet and tempered by a clean tart finish. The wine was cold-fermented at 50°F in stainless steel to retain the fresh and fruity aromas. The wine was not permitted to undergo a secondary malolactic fermentation to ensure crisp acidity. 12.8% ALC

2015 RANCHO RODEO Chardonnay. 45% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation to enhance aroma and mouth feel and the balance was kept non-malolactic to retain freshness. Tropical and citrus aromas carry through on the palate and are complimented by the refreshing acidity from the non-ML portion. 13% ALC

2016 RANCHO RODEO Pinot Noir. 100% from the Circle K Ranch in the Delta area west of Lodi, 30% was aged in French and American oak and the rest was all stainless steel tank aged. Full yet delicate. Black cherry and cola notes accent the wine.



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CALIFORNIA (CONTINUED)

2015 RANCHO RODEO Merlot. This Merlot leads with aromas of cedar and toasty oak, and follows up with flavorful layers of plums, blueberries, black cherry and vanilla. Structured, balanced and bursting with flavor, this memorable Merlot was aged in French and American oak. The wine finishes with smooth tannins and luscious flavors. 12.9% ALC

2015 RANCHO RODEO Cabernet Sauvignon. A deep wine with lush fruit and flavors of red currants and blackberries on the palate with a long silky finish. The wine was aged in both French and American oak. 12.8% ALC

PONCHERA Sangria. A blend of Syrah, Merlot and Zinfandel from California. Delicious on its own, with fresh fruit added or as a great base for a mixed wine cocktail.

PONCHERA Sangria Rosé. A blend of Pinot Grigio and Zinfandel from California. Delicious on its own, with fresh fruit added or as a great base for a mixed wine cocktail.

FRANCE

2017 SABINE Rosé, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence AOC (February, 2018)

2016 LA COUX Côtes du Rhône AOC. 80% Grenache, 20% Syrah with élevage exclusively in cement tanks. The Canto Family Estate is composed of 10 hectares in Chateauneuf du Pape and 10 hectares in the Cotes du Rhone. The fruit is sustainably farmed, hand harvested and sorted, resulting in exceptional wines.

2016 QUINET Muscadet AOC. 100% Melon de Bourgogne. Crafted by Matthieu Elzinga, the grapes come from a North-West facing vineyard in the Saint Philbert de Grand-Lieu district with clay and limestone soils. Grapes go direct to press after harvest, then allowing the juices to settle overnight. Aged in stainless steel for 6 months, following racking from gross lees.

2016 ATELIERS RASPAIL Sauvignon Blanc Touraine AOC. 100% Sauvignon Blanc from hillside vineyard. 20-30-year old vines with yields of less than 2 tons/acre. Direct to press, and fermented and aged in stainless steel. From talented young winemaker Matthieu Elzinga

2016 LAURENT DUFOULEUR Mâcon Villages AOC. 100% Chardonnay from vineyard with limestone and marl soils near Lugny Village. Half the wine is aged in stainless steel and the balance is aged in seasoned barriques on the fine lees. Classic profile with bright citrus notes with just a touch of creaminess on the finish.

ITALY

2016 GAZERRA Pinot Grigio, Sicily IGT. 100% Pinot Grigio from vineyard sites located between Palermo and Salemi. The wine was fermented and aged in stainless steel to retain freshness and minerality. Crisp, clean and refreshing with aromas of grapefruit and lemons on the palate, joined by a delicious briny note on the finish. The vineyard is sustainably farmed and the grapes are hand picked under supervision of winemaker Mattia Filipi.

2015 GAZERRA Nero d'Avola, Sicily IGT. 85% Nero d'Avola, 15% Syrah. Grapes are grown in Western Sicily on high altitude vineyard sites located between Palermo and Salemi, Rich red fruit notes of pomegranate and floral dried cherry leading to juicy ripe plums and just a hint of oak on the palate. Medium-bodied with supple tannins.

2015 FAIENZA Sangiovese, Emilia-Romagna. From Cristina Geminiani of Fattoria Zerbina in Emilia Romana. 100% Sangiovese macerated for 10-15 days and fermented and aged in stainless steel.

2015 DEL BUONO Sangiovese, Tuscan. Roberto del Buono organically farms his 8 Ha estate in the Val de Chiana. It is a hillside vineyard with alluvial soils at approximately 450 meters above sea level. Fermented and aged in stainless steel, this wine has aromas of dark fruits. The palate presents racy acidity, with an elegant texture and notes of sour cherries.

2015 VEZZI Barbera, Piemonte. 85% Barbera, 15% Nebbiolo fermented and aged in stainless steel.

2016 VEZZI Bianco, Piemonte. From 25-30 year old Cortese (70%) and Chardonnay (30%) vines on a sandy clay site in the Alba area. 100% of the clusters were de-stemmed and crushed. Fermentation at low temperatures for 15 days.



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SPAIN

KATAS Palomino (Manzanilla). Produced by Orleans Borbón. This fortified wine is from the Manzanilla Sanlucar de Barrameda DO. Made with 100% Palomino grapes that were fortified to 15% ALC. This Manzanilla Sherry was created by 3 criaderas with an average of 5 years. The vines were planted in 1998 in Albariza soil at an elevation of 230 feet.

2015 KATAS Albariño, Rias Baixas. This 100% Albariño from Alberto Orte was fermented and aged in stainless steel at low temperatures to maintain freshness. Aromas of citrus flowers with stone fruits and bright minerality on the palate.

2015 KATAS Tempranillo, Rioja. 100% Tempranillo from Rioja, but Rioja cannot appear on the label because of DO restrictions against wine exported in bulk. The moderately warm days and cool nights allow the grapes to ripen slowly on clay and sandy limestone soils, bringing bright aromas and concentrated flavors. Post-harvest, the grapes soak cold for 5 days at 45°F, to enhance aromas, color and flavor. Following fermentation, maceration is extended for 10 days to extract all beneficial color and tannins. The wine is aged in stainless steel to emphasize the pure, young flavor of the Tempranillo grape.

PORTUGAL

2015 ADRAGA Minho. A Super Minho from the Vinho Verde region made by Antonio Sousa. 100% Loureiro with a slight effervescence. Drier than the norm with bright and complex citrus aromas of lime and pink grapefruit, complimented by refreshing mineral notes and floral aromatics.

AUSTRIA

2016 BAUMGARTNER Gruner Veltliner, Weinviertel DAC. The Baumgartner family meticulously care for their vineyards in the Weinviertel DAC. 100% Gruner Veltliner grown on top sites including Tafelberg, Schatzberg, and Sommerleiten. The wine is produced and aged in stainless steel. Classic Veltliner notes of citrus and white pepper, this wine distinguishes itself with a soft and fragrant honey finish.

GREECE

2015 ANASSA Agiorgitiko (St. George). From George Skouras. 100% Agiorgitiko (aka St. George) from Nemea. Fermentation in stainless steel vats for 12 days followed by full malolactic fermentation and ageing in seasoned barriques. Beautiful notes of dark berry fruit with firm tannin structure and a soft hint of tobacco.

2015 ANASSA Moscofilero/Roditis. From George Skouras. 70% Moscofilero from Mantinia, 30% Roditis from mountainous Peloponnese Nemea. Fermented in stainless steel vats, allowing 3 days of skin contact and a short ageing over fine lees. This special Moscofilero blend has opulent aromas of white flowers and fresh honeysuckle, rounded out with notes of rose petals and passionfruit. Bright acidity with a surprisingly long finish of orange rind and whispers of white pepper.

ARGENTINA

2017 EL REDE Malbec, Mendoza. Jimena Lopez makes the wine from 90-year-old hand-harvested vines in Mendoza. Grapes were gently de-stemmed and fermented in stainless steel for 7 days at 25-28°C. Accented by notes of ripe red fruits, blueberries, dark chocolate and coffee beans.

CHILE

2017 ELKI Sauvignon Blanc, Elqui Valley. From winemaker Giorgio Flessati, the pioneer of the Elqui Valley wine region, the northernmost in Chile. Coastal desert region known for possessing the winning combination of warm days and very cool nights with daily temperature swings of as much as 35 degrees Celsius. Vines are own-rooted, massale selections. Soils are rocky with excellent drainage. Ripe and bright citrus notes are complimented by a kiss of grassy jalapeno, minerality, and briney character from the Pacific Ocean. Mouthwatering acidity on the palate with concentrated ripe fruits that carry through into the long finish.

NEW ZEALAND

2017 TARA-RUA Sauvignon Blanc. The vineyard is sheltered by the Tararua mountain range and enjoys a long and dry growing season with balmy warm days and pleasantly cool nights. Distinct New Zealand aromatics of tropical fruit and herbaceous notes.



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