

TOPA MOUNTAIN WINERY

FEBRUARY 2021 WINE CLUB RELEASE

Cheers
TO THE NEW YEAR

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I think I speak for all of us at Topa Mountain Winery when I say, good riddance 2020!

... With the new year, we will continue to adapt to whatever cards are dealt to us with the hope that normalcy is just around the corner. As I write this letter, we are encouraged by the great news that we get to reopen once again for onsite enjoyment of wine. We look forward to welcoming you back on property as Topa Mountain Winery has always been more fun, more beautiful and more special when shared with our members and guests.

We are also excited

to share with you the amazing wines released in your February 2021 club shipment. While all of the wines in this release are excellent, there are two that really stick out in my mind. Our 2018 Marsanne from Bien Nacido is a stunning white wine that you might not be familiar with. Don't worry -- Marsanne is a lesser known Rhone varietal that is typically used for blending with Viognier and Roussanne. On its own, this Marsanne shines with rich aromas of buttercup and poached pear while the palate is lifted and bright with flavors of pineapple, quince and lemon-lime. This is the type of white wine you keep going back to, sip-after-sip, as it's edgy elegance inspires compulsive gulping.



owner
LARRY GUERRA

Then of course there is our 2017 Syrah, John Sebastiano. Each Syrah we make from John Sebastiano Vineyard (Santa Rita Hills) is a wine worthy of a special occasion. This Syrah is bursting with fruity expressions of cherry, black currant and blue fruit. However, it's the savory notes of peppercorn and smoked duck and smooth, integrated tannin that makes this cool climate Syrah really special. While this wine is showing great today, we highly suggest that you stash it away somewhere safe, cool and dark for 2-4 years before enjoying.

Thank you, as always, for your support, loyalty and patronage. Cheers to the new year, new wine and whatever 2021 may bring.

Larry

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TASTING ROOM: OPTION 2

WINE CLUB: OPTION 3



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Thank you so much for your unwavering support during the challenges we faced in 2020. It truly meant the world to us. We appreciate all of you!

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JACKIE FRANKLIN & KATIE OTA
GENERAL MANAGER // DTC MANAGER

Sweet Dreams Are Made of Cheese

...I traveled the world for a wheel of Brie (okay, we're done!)



Is there a more perfect match than wine & cheese? For this release, we have hand-selected a stellar cheese pairing for each wine.

Happy Pairing & Have Fun!

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2018 MALVASIA BIANCA

100% Malvasia Bianca

FRENCH CAMP VINEYARD

Paso Robles Highlands District



126 CASES PRODUCED

13.6% Alcohol by Volume

Aged 8 months in stainless steel

pH: 3.35

Drink now (February 2021) through 2023

TASTING NOTES:

Aroma:

lychee

ripe pear

canned fruit cocktail

orange blossom

honeysuckle

Palate:

stone fruits

honeycomb

lavender water

peach cobbler

mandarian

melon

Cheese Pairing:

Israeli Feta. This type of feta can be made from either sheep or goat's milk, producing a firmer texture with a fuller flavor that's less salty and still creamy.

Available at many grocery stores, including Trader Joe's.

*If unavailable, make sure to get a whole block of feta, **not** the pre-crumbled stuff!*

2018 MARSANNE

100% Marsanne

BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD

Santa Maria Valley



116 CASES PRODUCED

14.1% Alcohol by Volume

Aged 9 months in neutral French oak

pH: 3.28

Drink now (February 2021) through 2025

TASTING NOTES:

Aroma:

*citrus pith
lime curd
honeydew
peach
orange rind
lemongrass*

Palate:

*dried honeycomb
golden raspberry
peach
nectarine
beautifully fresh &
complex finish*

Cheese Pairing:

Ragged Point (bloomy rind triple crème cow's milk) by Stepladder Creamery, Cambria, CA

Available at the Ojai Certified Farmer's Market, Paradise Pantry in Ventura, & directly through Stepladder Creamery's web store for shipment.

2017 TOPA RED

71% Barbera, 29% Mourvèdre

California

(Paso Robles Highlands & Ventura County)



168 CASES PRODUCED

14.7% Alcohol by Volume

Aged 22 months in neutral French oak

pH: 3.4

Drink now (February 2021) through 2023

TASTING NOTES:

Aroma:

maraschino cherry
candied orange
hibiscus

Palate:

currant
pomegranate
cured meat

Cheese Pairing:

Cambozola: Cow's milk cheese that is a combination in style of a French soft-ripened triple cream cheese & Italian Gorgonzola.

Available at most grocery stores.

2017 SYRAH, JOHN SEBASTIANO

100% Syrah

JOHN SEBASTIANO VINEYARD

Santa Ynez Valley



138 CASES PRODUCED

13.8% Alcohol by Volume

Aged 33 months in neutral French oak

pH: 3.67

Ideally hold 1 year (drink in 2022); drink through 2030

TASTING NOTES:

Aroma:

*cracked pepper
smoked cherry
blood sausage
pencil shaving
blackberry
cedar
olive*

Palate:

*blueberries
blackberry jam
cassis
pine
sweet cherry
fig pudding
savory & lengthy finish*

Cheese Pairing:

Paso Vino (hard cow's milk cheese with Syrah-soaked rind) by Stepladder Creamery, Cambria, CA
*Available at the Ojai Certified Farmer's Market,
Paradise Pantry in Ventura, & directly through
Stepladder Creamery's web store for shipment.*