

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 Brieeee (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 SAUVIGNON BLANC

100% Sauvignon Blanc

FALCON RANCH VINEYARD

Ventura County (Ojai, near Lake Casitas)



14 CASES PRODUCED

13.6% Alcohol by Volume

Aged 16 months in stainless steel

pH: 3.38

Drink now (February 2021) through 2023

TASTING NOTES:

Aroma:

clean fresh cut grass

sweet straw

mango

blood orange

wet stone

Palate:

grilled lime

candied apple

lemongrass

persimmon

Cheese Pairing:

Fresh Chèvre.

Locally, a great option is from Stepladder Creamery, but this is a seasonal offering, only available in Spring & Summer. Fresh goat cheese logs are available at all grocery stores.

2019 ROSÉ OF GRENACHE

100% Grenache

HIGHLANDS VINEYARD

Santa Barbara County



329 CASES PRODUCED

13.5% Alcohol by Volume

Aged 10 months in 75% Stainless, 25% Neutral Oak

pH: 3.49

Drink now (February 2020) through 2023

TASTING NOTES:

Aroma:

peach
nectarine
stone fruits
marmalade
pie cherry

Palate:

stone fruits
candied ginger
cantaloupe
watermelon
lingering finish
balanced acidity

Cheese Pairing:

Havarti. Bonus points for Havarti with Dill!
Havarti is a semisoft Danish cow's milk cheese
Available at most grocery stores.