



2016 Pinot Noir, Block 43 Bien Nacido Vineyard

Rating

93

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Pale to medium ruby-purple, the 2016 Pinot Noir Block 43 Bien Nacido Vineyard features red and black cherries, blueberries, turned earth, floral perfume and herbs hints. Light to medium-bodied with good concentration and savory accents, it has fine, grainy tannins and good freshness, finishing long.

2016 Pinot Noir, Julia's Vineyard

Rating

93

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Pale to medium ruby in color, the 2016 Pinot Noir Julia's Vineyard has a broody nose of forest floor, black cherries, blackberries, cola, woodsmoke and dried herbs hints plus notes of stewed black tea leaves. Light to medium-bodied and concentrated with earthy dark fruits in the mouth, it has grainy tannins and good freshness, finishing long.

2016 Pinot Noir, Block 8 Bien Nacido Vineyard

Rating

92

Drink Date

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The 2016 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 8 has a pale to medium ruby-purple color and nose of dried cherries, blueberries, forest floor, blackberries and hints of dried herbs and charcuterie. It's light to medium-bodied with earthy fruits, very juicy acidity and soft, grainy tannins, finishing earthy.

2016 Pinot Noir, Solomon Hills Vineyard

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92
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Pale to medium ruby, the 2016 Pinot Noir Solomon Hills Vineyard opens with warm cinnamon, wild blackberries, black and red cherries, dried leaves, potpourri and dusty earth scents. The light to medium-bodied palate gives up good fruit concentration, great juicy acidity and soft, grainy tannins, finishing long.

2016 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard

Rating
91+
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[September 2019 Week 2, The Wine Advocate](#)

The 2016 Pinot Noir la Encantada Vineyard has a pale to medium ruby color and scents of stewed black tea leaves, black peppercorn, wild blackberries, black and red cherries and berries plus hints of woodsmoke and cola. It has concentrated fruit and earth layers in the mouth with a light to medium weight, a grainy tannic frame and juicy acidity, finishing long.

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vogelzang Vineyard

Rating
91+
Drink Date

2020 - 2030

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The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Vogelzang Vineyard has a medium to deep ruby color and opens to notes of cedar and nutmeg with blackcurrant, warm black cherries and berries plus accents of chocolate, coffee bean and blackcurrant bud. Medium to full-bodied, it's got tons of spicy fruits in the mouth with very firm tannins and good acidity, with a very long, chocolaty finish.

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, Los Potreros

Rating

91

Drink Date

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The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Los Potreros has a medium to deep ruby color and herbaceous aromas to begin—blackcurrant bud and green bell pepper—plus notes of bitter chocolate over a core of blackcurrant, black cherries and black plums. Medium to full-bodied, it offers dense, dark fruits in the mouth with herbal accents, fine, ripe, grainy tannins and good freshness, finishing long.

2016 Pinot Noir, John Sebastiano Vineyard

Rating

91

Drink Date

2019 - 2027

Reviewed by

[Erin Brooks](#)

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The pale to medium ruby colored 2016 Pinot Noir John Sebastiano Vineyard opens with notes of peppercorn, woodsmoke, autumn leaves and cola with black cherries, blueberries and blackberries plus floral hints. Medium-bodied, it's concentrated in the mouth with grainy tannins to support and juicy acidity, finishing savory and spicy.

2017 Chardonnay, Block UU Bien Nacido Vineyard

Rating

90

Drink Date

2019 – 2023

Reviewed by

[Erin Brooks](#)

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[September 2019 Week 2, The Wine Advocate](#)

The 2017 Chardonnay Bien Nacido Vineyard Block UU opens with notes of toast and a hint of gunflint, fleshing out on the nose to quince, baked yellow apple, peach and floral perfume with a touch of cream. Medium-bodied, it offers concentrated toasty fruits in the mouth and fresh acidity to lift the finish.

2016 Cabernet Franc, Tinaquaic Vineyard

Rating

90

Drink Date

2019 - 2026

Reviewed by

[Erin Brooks](#)

Issue Date

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Source

[September 2019 Week 2, The Wine Advocate](#)

The 2016 Cabernet Franc Tinaquaic Vineyard contains 12% Petit Verdot and has a medium to deep ruby-purple color in the glass. It's scented of cigar ash, dried violet, blackcurrant bud and graphite with notes of old leather. Medium to full-bodied, it has lovely layers in the mouth with firm, detailed tannins and juicy acidity, finishing very long and layered. This does have some "sweaty horse" character, but it's well balanced with fruit.

2016 Range 30 West

Rating

90

Drink Date

2019 - 2026

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[Erin Brooks](#)

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[September 2019 Week 2, The Wine Advocate](#)

The 2016 Range 30 West is a blend of 57% Cabernet Franc and 43% Merlot. It has a medium ruby color and nose of blackcurrant bud, cigar box, cedar and spice with graphite hints over a core of dense blackcurrant, black cherries and black plum. Medium to full-bodied, it fleshes out a bit in the mouth to reveal red fruit notes, with ripe, grainy tannins and good freshness, finishing long with herbal hints.

2016 Pinot Noir, Sta. Rita Hills

Rating

90

Drink Date

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[September 2019 Week 2, The Wine Advocate](#)

The 2016 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills has a pale to medium ruby color and a cracked pepper and dried violet-scented nose with cola, woodsmoke, dried leaves, blueberries, dried cranberries, rhubarb and sweet raspberry aromas. It's light to medium-bodied with savory fruits, juicy acidity and soft, grainy tannins, finishing spicy.

2016 Syrah, "Old Vines" Tinaquaic Vineyard

Rating

92+

Drink Date

2020 - 2030

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[Erin Brooks](#)

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[September 2019 Week 2, The Wine Advocate](#)

Medium to deep ruby-purple, the 2016 Syrah Tinaquaic Vineyard Old Vines is scented of bay leaves, roasted coffee beans, turned earth, olive and charcuterie with dense, spicy black fruits at the core plus notes of chocolate and dried flowers. Medium to full-bodied, it floods the mouth with wonderful layers of savory, spicy fruits, framed by firm, slightly chewy tannins and a long finish with good freshness to lift.

2016 Syrah, Tinaquaic Vineyard

Rating

91

Drink Date

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[September 2019 Week 2, The Wine Advocate](#)

Containing 7% Viognier, the 2016 Syrah Tinaquaic Vineyard is deep ruby-purple with aromas of dried blueberries, dark chocolate, menthol, warm black cherries and blackberries plus notes of pepper. Medium to full-bodied, it gives up fresh blue and black fruits in the mouth with a firm frame of chewy tannins and great freshness, finishing long.

2016 Syrah, Williamson-Doré Vineyard

Rating
91

Drink Date
2020 - 2030

Reviewed by
[Erin Brooks](#)

Issue Date
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Source
[September 2019 Week 2, The Wine Advocate](#)

Medium to deep ruby-purple, the 2016 Syrah Williamson-Doré Vineyard has a dense nose of wild blackberries, blueberries, boysenberry, black cherries, olive, charcuterie, bitter chocolate and a coffee hint. Medium to full-bodied, it packs in the dark fruits in the mouth with savory accents to frame, firm, chewy tannins and good freshness on the finish.

2016 Foxen Vineyard Chardonnay Bien Nacido Vineyard Block UU

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by William Kelley
eRobertParker.com (May 2018)

Rating: 91

Drink 2018-2021

The 2016 Chardonnay Bien Nacido Vineyard Block Uu offers up notes of citrus pith, lime, buttered apples and grapefruit, followed by a medium-bodied, glossy palate underpinned by bright, mouthwatering acids. It has a nice sense of completeness and finishes quite long. It's also quite keenly priced.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 43

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)

Rating: 93+

Drink 2017-2024

Medium ruby-purple colored, the 2015 Pinot Noir Block 43 Bien Nacido Vineyard is scented of cherry cordial and cranberry sauce with touches of stewed tea, red roses and underbrush, plus a hint of pencil shavings. The medium-bodied palate offers a great intensity of red berry and savory layers, supported by firm, grainy tannins and a lively backbone, finishing long with a pleasant herbal lift.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Chardonnay Bien Nacido Vineyard Block UU

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)

Rating: 93

Drink 2017-2023

The 2015 Chardonnay Bien Nacido Vineyard Block Uu reveals pleasant sulfide/struck match notes over a core of lemon curd, grapefruit and baking bread plus a waft of orange blossoms. Light to medium-bodied with a wicked backbone of racy acid, it delivers intense citrus and mineral layers with a nice perfumed lift to the finish.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Solomon Hills Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)

Rating: 92+

Drink 2017-2023

Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, the 2015 Pinot Noir Solomon Hills Vineyard gives a nose of kirsch, cranberry sauce and rhubarb pie with touches of baking spices and violets. The medium-bodied palate sports a great core of vibrant red fruits, supported by fine-grained tannins and appealing freshness, finishing with lingering spice hints.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Syrah Williamson-Doré Vineyard

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast CA

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)

Rating: 92+

Drink 2017-2024

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2015 Syrah Williamson Dore Vineyard delivers expressive blackberry preserves and blueberry notes with underlying violets, chocolate box and licorice suggestions plus a hint of black pepper. Medium-bodied with a firm frame of chewy tannins and refreshing acidity, it has plenty of crunchy black fruit and spicy layers, finishing with an herbal lift.

2014 Foxen 7200 Los Potreros

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from USA , Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara,

California, USA,

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)

Rating: 92+

Drink 2017-2025

The 2014 Los Potrerros presents a deep garnet-purple color and fragrant nose of cassis, crushed red plums and wild blueberries with touches of bay leaves, cigar boxes and pencil lead. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated in the mouth, it delivers loads of expressive black and blue fruits with grainy tannins and a long, savory finish.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)

Rating: 92

Drink 2017-2022

Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, the 2015 Pinot Noir is scented of violets, cinnamon stick and Ceylon tea over a core of red cherries and raspberries, plus a hint of dried Provence herbs. The light to medium-bodied palate offers up a fantastic intensity of perfumed red berries supported by soft, silky tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing with a lovely herbal lift.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)

Rating: 91+

Drink 2017-2022

Pale ruby-purple colored, the 2015 Pinot Noir la Encantada Vineyard has a delicate nose of kirsch and red roses with a sautéed herbs and earthy undercurrent. Light-bodied and very fine-boned on the palate, it has fine-grained, silken tannins and lovely freshness, finishing with a softly spoken perfume.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 8

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)

Rating: 91+

Drink 2017-2022

The 2015 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 8 has a medium ruby-purple color and nose of black cherries, mulberries and fertile loam with touches of tar, dried Provence herbs, cedar and new leather. Medium-bodied, with a firm structure of chewy tannins and lively acid, it offers an abundance of earthy/meaty/savory layers on the long finish.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Julia's Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by William Kelley
eRobertParker.com (May 2018)
Rating: 94
Drink 2018-2025

Another of the more Burgundian-styled wines in the portfolio, the 2015 Pinot Noir Julia's Vineyard reveals lovely aromas of clove, rose hip, red berry fruit and spicy new oak, followed by a medium-bodied, juicy palate with a sapid core of fruit framed by velvety tannins and an intense, lingering finish.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Syrah Tinaquaic Vineyard

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast CA

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)
Rating: 91
Drink 2017-2022

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2015 Syrah Tinaquaic Vineyard offers notes of warm black currants and baked black berries with touches of anise, underbrush, black soil and chargrill. Medium-bodied, with a firm, taut structure of grippy tannins and lively acid, it offers plenty of earth, pepper and baked black berry flavor layers and a long finish.

2014 Foxen 7200 Cabernet Sauvignon Vogelzang Vineyard

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from USA , Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara, California, USA,

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)
Rating: 91
Drink 2017-2024

Composed of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Merlot, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Vogelzang Vineyard has a medium to deep garnet-purple color and nose of crushed blackberries, red currants and plums, plus hints of pencil shavings, dried herbs and dusty earth. Medium-bodied with lovely freshness and expression in the mouth, it has a solid frame of ripe, fine-grained tannins and gives a long, earth-laced finish.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Cuvée Jeanne Marie

Proprietary Red Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, CentralCoast CA

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)
Rating: 90+
Drink 2017-2022

Composed of 60% Grenache, 23% Syrah and 17% Mourvèdre, the 2015 Cuvée Jeanne Marie Proprietary Red reveals a medium to deep garnet-purple color and nose of cherry cordial,

raspberry tart and spice cake with suggestions of garrigue, dried lavender and chopped herbs. Medium to full-bodied and packed with red berry preserves and spice layers, it has a chewy backbone supporting the gregarious fruit, finishing with a pleasant herbal lift.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir John Sebastiano Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)

Rating: 90

Drink 2017-2021

The 2015 Pinot Noir John Sebastiano Vineyard has a pale to medium ruby-purple color and nose of fresh raspberries and black cherries with hints of forest floor, dried Provence herbs and lavender. Light to medium-bodied with very refreshing, elegant red berry and herbal layers, it has a chewy backbone and earthy finish.

2015 Foxen Vineyard Chardonnay Tinaquaic Vineyard

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com (Sept 2017)

Rating: 90

Drink 2017-2020

The 2015 Chardonnay Tinaquaic Vineyard offers up fresh peaches and lemon pastilles on the nose with touches of marzipan, allspice and chalk dust. Medium-bodied, elegantly crafted and with a nice suggestion of grip to the texture, the stone fruit and citrus flavors are backed by a racy line and it finishes on a toasty/savory note.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 43

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 95

I loved the two Pinot Noirs from the Bien Nacido Vineyard, and both have distinct characters. The inky colored, rich, concentrated, yet gorgeously pure 2014 Pinot Noir Block 43 Bien Nacido Vineyard (destemmed and aged in 40% new French oak) gives up fabulous notes of very ripe raspberries, spring flowers, forest floor and a touch of oak in its textured, rich, layered, silky personality. This is a fabulous wine.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 94

Spice box, sappy herbs, bright acidity, rose petal, black cherry and currant notes all emerge from the 2014 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard. This medium-bodied, supple, layered and charming effort has fine tannin, bright acidity and a good finish, all suggesting it will evolve nicely. Note, this spent 17 months in 40% new French oak.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir John Sebastiano Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 93

Spicy and complex, with lots of sour cherries, dried underbrush and crushed flowers, the 2014 Pinot Noir John Sebastiano Vineyard (aged 17 months in 50% new French oak) is medium-bodied, silky and polished on the palate. It has fine tannin and a clean, classy, balanced style that's already hard to resist. Nevertheless, it will evolve for 5-7 years.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Solomon Hills Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 93

Supple, pure, polished and loaded with fruit, the 2014 Pinot Noir Solomon Hills Vineyard offers tons of strawberry, wild flowers, spice and hints of licorice in its fruit-forward, plump, mouth-filling style. Despite all of the fruit, it has bright acidity and stays clean, fresh and focused on the finish. I love this vineyard, and this 2014 was destemmed (all of the Pinots here are destemmed) and aged 17 months in 33% new French oak. Drink it anytime over the coming decade.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Julia's Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 92

Ripe black cherries, strawberries, forest floor and lots of spice emerge from the 2014 Pinot Noir Julia's Vineyard, which is medium-bodied, nicely textured, fresh and elegant. There's a kick of tannin, yet ripe and polished. Give bottles a year or two and drink through 2024.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 92

Possessing a beautiful, high toned nose of violets, blood orange, toasted spice and caramelized cherries, the 2014 Pinot Noir la Encantada Vineyard hits the palate with a silky, polished,

elegant, finesse-oriented texture that keeps you coming back to the glass. Fresh and lively aromatically, yet with more richness and depth coming through on the palate, it's an impressive wine to enjoy over the following 7-8 years.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Melville Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 92

Spice box, dried underbrush, hints of olive and game (I always find a touch of gaminess in wines from the Melville Vineyard), with sweet cherry fruit and framboise, all show in the 2014 Pinot Noir Melville Vineyard. This Pinot is translucent colored, medium-bodied, balanced and elegant on the palate. Drink it over the coming 5-7 years.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 8

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 92

The 2014 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 8 is another terrific wine, yet it lacks a touch of the charm and elegance of the other Pinot Noirs here. Saddle leather, wild herbs, black cherries and framboise all emerge from this rich, structured, even tannic Pinot Noir that will benefit from short term cellaring. Like the other Pinots here, it was whole berry, destemmed and spent 17 months in 40% new French oak

2014 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 91

Black cherries, toasted spice, licorice and wild herbs all emerge from the balanced, gorgeously textured 2014 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills. And, it's a smoking value that has both fruit and complexity. It will shine for 4-5 years.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 90

Spice, underbrush, wild herbs and assorted red fruits all emerge from the charming, medium-bodied, supple, forward 2014 Pinot Noir from the Santa Maria Valley. It's geared for drinking over the coming 3-4 years, but offers incredible quality for not much buck. Note, this is a mix from Bien Nacido, Riverbench and Solomon Hills vineyards, and spent nine months in old French oak.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Syrah Tinaquaic Vineyard

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast CA

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

eRobertParker.com # , #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 91-93+

Tasted as a barrel sample, the inky colored 2014 Syrah Tinaquaic Vineyard gives up tons of black and blue fruits, crushed rock and liquid violet notes in its medium to full-bodied, concentrated, tannic style. I love the purity here, and I suspect the tannin will be more approachable once this is in bottle. Nevertheless, a few years in bottle will do it good.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Syrah Williamson-Doré Vineyard

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast CA

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

eRobertParker.com # , #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 91-93+

A beautiful effort, the inky colored 2014 Syrah Williamson Dore Vineyard (100% Syrah aged 20 months in 45% new French and Hungarian oak) is loaded with ripe black fruits, pepper and spice box aromas and flavors, has full-bodied richness, and impeccable purity and freshness. It should be approachable on release and keep through 2024.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Chardonnay Tinaquaic Vineyard

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 93

Even better, the 2014 Chardonnay Tinaquaic Vineyard is a rich, medium to full-bodied, textured effort that offers lots of lemon curd, toasted bread, spice and sautéed peach aromas and flavors. Raised in 25% new French oak puncheons, it's another incredibly high quality Chardonnay that has true depth and richness.

2014 Foxen Vineyard Chardonnay Bien Nacido Vineyard Block UU

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from USA , Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

eRobertParker.com #226 (July 2016)

Rating: 90

The lemon, floral, citrus and crushed mint-scented 2014 Chardonnay Bien Nacido Block Uu has a touch of buttery richness in its medium-bodied, juicy, lively and nicely balanced style. Barrel-fermented and aged (10% new), it's an outstanding Chardonnay to drink over the coming 4-5 years.

2013 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 8

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)
Rating: 95
Drink 2015 - 2023

An incredible, profound Pinot Noir, Foxen's 2013 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 8 was completely destemmed and aged 17 months in 50% new French oak. Its deep ruby color is followed by sensational notes of sweet cherries, black raspberries, crushed flowers and a touch of licorice. Medium to full-bodied, layered and multi-dimensional, with seamless texture, this is California Pinot Noir at its finest. Drink it any time over the coming 7-8 years. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

2013 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Block 43 Bien Nacido Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , San Luis Obispo, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)
Rating: 95
Drink 2015 - 2025

Just as good as the Block 8, yet in a more focused, ethereal style, the 2013 Pinot Noir Block 43 Bien Nacido Vineyard was vinified similarly, but only saw 33% new French oak as opposed to the 50% used for the Block 8. This ruby-colored block 43 has fabulous rose petal, crushed violets, sweet spice and ample black cherry and black raspberry characteristics to go with a medium to full-bodied, ultra-pure, elegant and beautifully precise feel on the palate. I love it, and it's another terrific Pinot Noir from this estate that will have a decade or more of longevity. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

2013 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)
Rating: 93+
Drink 2017 - 2025

The darkest Pinot in the Lineup, the 2013 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard comes from a cool site located on the southwestern side of the Sta. Rita Hills. Medium to full-bodied, nicely

concentrated and juicy, yet still young, unevolved and a little rough and tumble, it offers lots of plum, black raspberry, peppery herbs, violets and crushed rocks. Destemmed and aged 17 months in 40% new French oak, it really needs a year or two in the cellar. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

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Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)

Rating: 93

Drink 2017 - 2023

Another terrific Pinot Noir, the 2013 Pinot Noir John Sebastiano Vineyard was 100% destemmed and spent 17 months in 50% new French oak. Full-bodied, rich, mouth filling and beautifully textured, with surprising underlying structure, it offers tons of minerality, ground herbs and sweet Pinot Noir fruit on both the nose and palate. Shining for its seamless texture and purity of fruit, it still needs a year or two in the cellar, but will keep through 2023. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

2013 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Julia's Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)

Rating: 93+

Drink 2016 - 2025

Showing the darker style of Pinot Noir, the 2013 Pinot Noir Julia's Vineyard offers lots underbrush, crushed rocks, licorice and darker Pinot Noir fruit to go with a medium+-bodied, rich, structured and elegant profile on the palate. Completely destemmed and aged in 40% new French oak, it needs a year or two of cellaring and will keep through 2025. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

2013 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Melville Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)

Rating: 94

Drink 2016 - 2023

From one of the most distinctive vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills, the 2013 Pinot Noir Melville Vineyard is another terrific Pinot from this team. Completely destemmed and aged 17 months in 33% new French oak, it has excellent tension and purity on the palate, with medium-bodied depth through the mid-palate and a beautiful, crystalline like profile that's not found in many wines. Possessing notions of raspberry (which turns slightly cassis-like with air), violets, classic Sta. Rita spice and subtle toasted bread, it should be at it's best from 2016-2023. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

2013 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Solomon Hills Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)

Rating: 94

Drink 2015 - 2023

Ruby colored, with a lighter rim, the 2013 Pinot Noir Solomon Hills Vineyard comes from the Santa Maria Valley and a terrific site that's almost within sight of the Pacific Ocean. A fruit-dominated, sexy, seamless and medium to full-bodied beauty, it offers up awesome notes of wild strawberries, framboise, crushed flowers and spice. Rich and fruit-filled, yet never heavy or cumbersome, enjoy this impeccably put together Pinot Noir over the coming 7-8 years. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

2013 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)

Rating: 90

Drink 2015 - 2021

If you're looking for a classic Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir for not much buck, look no further

than the 2013 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills from Foxen. Like all the wines here, it was destemmed and spent 17 months in French oak, with this cuvee seeing roughly 30% new (the single vineyard varies from 30-50% new). It offers a plump, rounded, supple and sexy style to go with beautiful spice, rose petal and sweet red and black fruits. Drink this medium-bodied, layered and exceedingly pure Pinot over the coming 5-6 years. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

2013 Foxen Vineyard Syrah Tinaquaic Vineyard

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast CA

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)

Rating: 91-93

Drink 2017 - 2027

Also inky colored, with more meaty, peppery and herb characteristics in its core of ripe fruit and graphite, the 2013 Syrah Tinaquaic Vineyard is a serious barrel sample that's medium to full-bodied, structured and still tight, with lots of tannin. Cofermented with 4% Viognier and aged 21 months in larger format French and Hungarian oak (30% new), give it a year once released and enjoy bottles over the following decade. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

2013 Foxen Vineyard Syrah Toasted Rope

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)

Rating: (90-92)

Drink 2015 - 2025

Another outstanding barrel sample is the 2013 Syrah Toasted Rope. An interesting blend of 83% Syrah and a massive 17% Viognier that spent 20 months in 15% new French and Hungarian oak, it has tons of peach and violet characteristics (no doubt from the Viognier) to go with more plum, underbrush and dark fruit on the nose. Beautiful on the palate, with a supple, downright sexy feel, it's currently dominated by the Viognier component and it will be interesting to see how this comes

together. I suspect it will impress right from the get go. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

2013 Foxen Vineyard Chardonnay Bien Nacido Vineyard Block Uu

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from Santa Maria Valley , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)

Rating: (90-92)

Drink 2014 - 2020

Cost: \$32

Tasted as a barrel sample, the 2013 Chardonnay Block UU Bien Nacido Vineyard has outstanding potential with its pineapple, citrus, lime peel and seawater-like aromas and flavors flowing nicely to a medium-bodied, focused and racy style on the palate. Barrel-fermented and aged on its lees, it should drink nicely for 4-6 years after release. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2013 Foxen Vineyard Chardonnay Tinaquaic Vineyard

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from Santa Maria Valley , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)

Rating: (90)

Drink 2014 - 2018

Cost: \$37

More ripe, yet still classy and elegant, the 2013 Chardonnay Tinaquaic Vineyard has plenty of white peach, pineapple, leafy herbs and mint to go with a medium-bodied, nicely textured style on the palate. It too was barrel-fermented and is aging in 20% new French oak. Coming from clay and sandy loam soils, and dry-farmed vines, it should drink nicely for 3-4 years after the vintage. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2012 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Block 43 Bien Nacido Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from Santa Maria Valley , San Luis Obispo, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)

Rating: 91+

Drink 2014 - 2022

Cost: \$58

More burly and masculine, with ample dark fruits, toast, mineral, licorice and spice, the 2012 Pinot Noir Block 43 Bien Nacido Vineyard Santa Maria Valley is a big-boned, structured effort that will be better with another year of cellaring. As with the Block 8, this was completely destemmed before spending 17 months in 33% new French oak. I like the tannin quality here, as well as the purity of fruit, and it should drink nicely through 2022. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2012 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 8

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from Santa Maria Valley , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)

Rating: 94

Drink 2014 - 2022

Cost: \$62

The 2012 Pinot Noir Block 8 Bien Nacido Vineyard Santa Maria Valley is pure class, with fabulous purity of fruit and an elegant, seamless style. Exhibiting notions of sweet red fruits,

crushed flowers and sweet spice, it shows the suppleness of the vintage, yet has solid richness, a layered, balanced feel and a terrific finish. Completely destemmed and aged 17 months in 50% new French oak, it's an awesome Pinot Noir to drink over the coming 5-8 years. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2012 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from Santa Rita Hills , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)

Rating: 92
Drink 2014 - 2023
Cost: \$66

The 2012 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills is clean and classy, with notions of cassis, toasted spice, toasted bread and hints of earth giving way to a rich, full-flavored, yet elegant and layered profile on the palate. Completely destemmed and aged 16 months in 40% new French oak, it's a beautiful Pinot Noir that shows classic Sta. Rita Hills character, and will drink nicely for 7-9 years. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2012 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir John Sebastiano Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from Santa Rita Hills , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)

Rating: 88
Drink 2014 - 2018
Cost: \$48

Lacking the integration and class of the other Pinot Noirs, the 2012 Pinot Noir John Sebastiano Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills has a ripe, lifted bouquet of plum, violets and green herbs to go with a medium-bodied, bright and focused style. There's solid ripeness here, and it's certainly a very good wine, yet it never really comes together, so I'd lean toward drinking over the coming 3-4 years. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2012 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Julia's Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from Santa Maria Valley , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)

Rating: 94

Drink 2014 - 2019

Cost: \$62

Another stunner by this team, the 2012 Pinot Noir Julia's Vineyard Santa Maria Valley comes from the shale and loam soils of the Cambria Estate vineyard and spent 17 months in 40% new French oak prior to being bottled un-fined and unfiltered. It offers a supple, medium-bodied and lightly textured feel to go with pretty red fruits, spice, underbrush and toasty qualities that continue to change in the glass. Possessing gorgeous purity, no hard edges and a forward, precocious, yet oh so classy style, enjoy this rock-star effort over the coming 4-5 years. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2012 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir la Encantada Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from Santa Rita Hills , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)

Rating: 93
Drink 2014 - 2021
Cost: \$65

The 2012 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills is a beautiful effort that spent 16 months in 33% new French oak prior to being bottled un-fined and unfiltered. Showing notions of cherry pits, framboise, mint and spring flowers, it flows onto the palate with a rich, seamless texture, outstanding purity of fruit and a nicely focused, layered finish that keeps you coming back to the glass. Completely destemmed, it shows the prettier side the variety, and will shine for 5-7 years. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2012 Foxen Vineyard Pinot Noir Melville Vineyard

A Pinot Noir Dry Red Table wine from Santa Rita Hills , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)
Rating: 92+
Drink 2014 - 2024
Cost: \$64

The most feral and wild in the lineup (which is common from this vineyard), the 2012 Pinot Noir Melville Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills boasts fantastic notes of plum, cherry pit, crushed flowers, leather and tinges of pepper to go with a medium-bodied, seamless and elegant style on the palate. Seeing one-third whole cluster inclusion during fermentation and 16 months in 40% new French oak, it needs another year to settle in, and will have upward of a decade of longevity. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2012 Foxen Vineyard Syrah Tinaquic Vineyard

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from Santa Maria Valley , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)

Rating: 86

Drink -

Cost: \$48

The 2012 Syrah Tinaquaic Vineyard Santa Maria Valley lacks ripeness, and is easily the weakest vintage of this cuvee I've tasted. Giving up aromas of green herbs, mint, eucalyptus and pepper, it's medium-bodied and sappy on the palate, with moderate depth and grippy tannin. Hopefully, this will flesh out with another year in bottle, but I remain unconvinced. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2012 Foxen Vineyard Syrah Toasted Rope

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from Santa Ynez Valley , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)

Rating: 89

Drink 2014 - 2018

Cost: \$44

The 2012 Syrah Toasted Rope Santa Ynez Valley is 85% Syrah and 15% Viognier. Exotic and perfumed, with plenty of peach pit, cherry, flowers and mint, it's moderately concentrated and is a supple charming effort to drink over the coming 3-4 years. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2012 Foxen Vineyard Syrah Williamson Dore Vineyard

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from Santa Ynez Valley , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #214 (Aug 2014)
Rating: 89
Drink 2014 - 2020
Cost: \$48

A blend of 100% Syrah, the 2012 Syrah Williamson Dore Vineyard Santa Ynez Valley is a pretty, classy effort that exudes aromas and flavors of sweet red and black fruits, game, pepper and green herbs. Aged 16 months in 500-liter Hungarian oak puncheons, 30% being new, it's a medium-bodied, focused and nicely balance Syrah that will drink nicely for 5-6 years. I was blown away by these new Pinot Noir releases from Foxen, and they're up near the top of the vintage. Unfortunately, I can't say the same with regards to the Rhone blends, and these had superficial, mid-weight profiles geared for near-term drinking. As to the Bordeaux blends, these come from the eastern most AVA in Santa Barbara County and are labeled under the Foxen 7200 label. Tel. (805) 937-4251; www.foxenvineyard.com

2013 Foxen Vineyard Syrah Williamson Dore Vineyard

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from USA , Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)
[eRobertParker.com](#) # , #220 (Aug 2015)
Rating: (91-93)
Drink 2016 - 2026
Cost: \$0

Made from 100% Syrah that was aged 20 months in 30% new French and Hungarian oak puncheons, the inky colored 2013 Syrah Williamson Dore Vineyard exhibits terrific notes of plums, blackberries, smoked earth, olive and assorted meatiness. Medium to full-bodied, focused, elegant and with awesome purity, it will certainly be an outstanding wine that will have a decade or more of longevity. I continue to be blown away by this estate, which is run by Dick Dore and Bill Wathen, with Bill taking the helm of the winemaking and viticulture. Their 2013 Pinot Noirs were standouts in my Santa Barbara Tasting, and their 2013 Rhone Blends, after struggling in '11 and '12, look to be back on track with beautiful richness and texture. However, I found most of the 2012 Bordeaux blends to be mid-weight and geared for early consumption. Nevertheless, this terrific estate deserves more attention in the market!

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