

Wine Spectator

January 2020

**92 Points- 2017 Syrah, Williamson-Doré Vineyard**

Elegantly multilayered, with expressive blueberry, orange zest and pepper beef flavors that take on richness toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2029. 316 cases made. — TF

**92 Points- 2017 Syrah, Tinaquaic Vineyard**

Refined and handsomely made, with expressive black cherry and blueberry flavors, accented by grilled herb and licorice notes, taking on richness toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2030. 435 cases made. — TF

September 2019

**92 Points- 2016 Syrah, Williamson-Doré Vineyard**

Combines elegance and brooding power, offering layered blueberry, spiced cinnamon and smoked meat accents that dance on a long finish, ending with refined tannins. Drink now through 2026. 400 cases made. - TF

June 2019

**92 Points- 2016 Cuvée Jeanne Marie**

Refined and expressive, with floral raspberry, smoky butter and orange zest flavors that build tension toward polished tannins. Grenache, Mourvedre and Syrah. Best from 2020 through 2026. 318 cases made. – TF

**91 Points- 2016 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard**

Exuberant minerality accents the crushed red fruit flavors, featuring floral hints. Medium-grained tannins show on the Asian spice-filled finish, with some forest floor details. Drink now through 2024. 500 cases made. – KM

**91 Points- 2016 Syrah, Tinaquaic Vineyard**

Firmly structured, yet complex and precise, with expressive blueberry, orange peel and smoky pepper beef accents that build tension toward taut tannins. Best from 2020 through 2026. 430 cases made. – TF

**90 Points- 2016 Pinot Noir, John Sebastiano Vineyard**

Refined, with finely honed accents of slate and white pepper to the dark currant, dried berry and cherry flavors. The juice finish has savory notes. Drink now through 2023. 700 cases made. - KM

September 30, 2013

**92 Points- 2011 Pinot Noir, Sea Smoke Vineyard**

Plump and juicy, with generous raspberry, blueberry and wild berry notes that are fresh and snappy, ending with a long, vibrant finish. Drink now through

2022.

91 Points- 2011 Pinot Noir, Julia's Vineyard

Intense and gutsy, with gripping tannins and a mix of herbal, dried berry, black licorice and savory notes that are deep and persistent, gaining on the finish.

JULY 2013

90 - 92 Points- 2011 FOXEN Chardonnay, Block UU-Bien Nacido Vineyard

"A wine of significant potential, the 2011 Chardonnay Bien Nacido Block UU (from tank) is cool and beautifully focused, with lovely purity in its aromas and flavors. Flowers, lemon peel, crushed rocks and spices are layered into the energetic, polished finish." Drinking window: 2013 - 2016

90 - 92 Points- 2011 FOXEN Chardonnay, Tinaquaic Vineyard

"The 2011 Chardonnay Tinaquaic Vineyard wraps around the palate with sensual layers of fruit. This is a slightly richer, more textured style than the Bien Nacido, largely owing to much lower yields in the vineyard. Honeysuckle, orange blossom, mint and spices flow through to the creamy finish." Drinking window: 2013-2016

91 - 93 Points- 2012 FOXEN Chardonnay, Block UU-Bien Nacido Vineyard

"An exotic, intriguing Chardonnay, the 2012 Bien Nacido Vineyard Block UU wraps around the palate with an appealing melange of tropical fruit, jasmine, spices and mint. The aromas and flavors are quite extroverted, yet the 2012 remains a delicate, mid-weight Chardonnay built first and foremost on finesse. Today, it is shaping up to be a drop-dead beauty. I tasted the 2012 just before it was bottled." Drinking window: 2013 - 2019

90 - 92 Points- 2012 FOXEN Chardonnay, Tinaquaic Vineyard "TThe 2012 Chardonnay Tinaquaic Vineyard, which I tasted just prior to bottling, is gorgeous and impeccable from the very first taste. Rich and layered - yet light on its feet - the 2012 impresses for its purity, length and finesse. Hints of lemon, crushed rocks and spices linger on the precise,

beautifully articulated finish. There is a lot to look forward to here.” Drinking window: 2013-2019

#### 93 Points-2011 FOXEN Cuvée Jeanne Marie

“A drop dead gorgeous the 2011 Cuvee Jeanne Marie has all the elements in the right place. Fresh, perfumed aromatics meld into expressive fruit in this vibrant, energetic Grenache-based red. Constantly changing in the glass, the 2011 boasts marvelous depth and richness. An exceptionally elegant, refined finish rounds things out in style. The Jeanne Marie is 78% Grenache and 22% Mourvedre aged in used French and Hungarian oak. “ Drinking window: 2013-2021

#### 93 Points- 2011 FOXEN Pinot Noir, Seasmoke Vineyard

“A beautiful rendition of this famous Sta. Rita Hills site, the 2011 Pinot Noir Sea Smoke Vineyard shows off gorgeous inner sweetness and perfume. Layers of fruit continue to blossom in the glass with air. The textural richness and personality are simply marvelous to be behold.” Drinking window: 2013-2019

#### 93 Points- 2011 FOXEN Pinot Noir, Block 8-Bien Nacido Vineyard

“The 2011 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 8 is beautifully layered from start to finish. Dark red fruits meld into sweet floral and balsamic notes as the wine opens up in the glass. Medium in body and beautifully textured on the palate, the 2011 is all about polish. This is another terrific showing. Best of all, the 2011 will offer tremendous pleasure right out of the gate.” Drinking window: 2014-2021

#### 93 Points-2011 FOXEN Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard

“Foxen’s 2011 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard is a beautifully precise, sculpted Pinot. Delineation and pure nuance are the calling cards. Black cherries, mint, leather, spices and licorice are some of the many notes that flow through to the vibrant finish. The 2011 will appeal most to readers who like Pinots with a sense of structure. This is undeniably sexy juice.” Drinking window: 2014-2019

#### 92 Points-2011 FOXEN Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard

“Foxen’s 2011 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard is a wine of pure texture. Deceptively medium in body, the 2011 nevertheless packs plenty of punch, but in a more understated style than most of the other wines in this range. Sweet red cherries, hard candy, rose petals and a hint of cinnamon are all layered into the high-toned, floral finish.” Drinking window: 2013-2021

#### 92 Points-2011 FOXEN Pinot Noir, Julia’s Vineyard

“uicy, soft and expressive, the 2011 Pinot Noir Julia’s Vineyard impresses for its exuberance and polish. Sweet red berries, spices, mint and French oak all

jump from the glass in a surprisingly overt, racy Pinot loaded with personality. The Julia's emerges from a parcel within Cambria planted with the Pommard clone, which gives the wine much of its flashiness and raciness. This is a fabulous showing from Foxen." Drinking window: 2013-2021

#### 92 Points-2011 FOXEN Pinot Noir, Melville Vineyard

"One of the more nuanced wines in this range, the 2011 Pinot Noir Melville Vineyard stands out for its silky tannins, length and overall balance. Sweet floral notes are woven throughout a core of expressive red-hued fruit in this weightless, gracious Pinot. The 2011 isn't as overt as some of the other Pinots in this range, but it is among the most attractive. There is a lot to admire in this articulate, precise Pinot from Foxen." Drinking window: 2013-2019

#### 90 Points-2011 FOXEN Pinot Noir, Block 43-Bien Nacido Vineyard

"The 2011 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 43 is delicate, feminine and gracious. It has quite a bit less weight than the Bien Nacido Block 8 Pinot tasted alongside it. Freshly cut flowers, raspberries and sweet spices form a beautiful core in a medium-bodied Pinot best suited to drinking over the next few years. Although outstanding, the Block 43 doesn't quite have the distinctiveness of the very best wines in the range. Still, there is plenty to like, especially the wine's open, approachable personality." Drinking window: 2013-2019

#### 93 Points- 2010 foxen 7200 Cabernet Sauvignon, Grassini Family Vineyard

"The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Grassini Family Vineyard is another impeccable wine. Dark red cherries, blackberries, flowers, mint and licorice literally explode from the glass in an exuberant, full-bodied wine loaded with personality. It is fascinating to compare these two Happy Canyon Cabernets side by side. The Vogelzang is a bit more restrained, while the Grassini is all about opulence. The Grassini is also about 1% higher in alcohol. Foxen gave the 2010 22 months in French oak barrels, 75% new." Drinking window: 2013-2021

#### 93 Points- 2010 foxen 7200 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vogelzang Vineyard

"Tobacco, dried savory herbs, crushed flowers, plums and dried cherries are all layered in the 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Vogelzang Vineyard. An impeccable racy, perfumed wine, the 2010 is a great example of Cabernet Sauvignon from this site in Happy Canyon, where Bordeaux-based reds have personalities all of their own. What a beautiful wine. The 2010 spent 22 months in French oak barrels, 80% new." Drinking window: 2014-2023

Wine Spectator- December 15, 2012 Issue

92 Points - 2010 Syrah, Williamson-Doré Vineyard

An intense red, with pure, rich dark berry, spice, espresso and cedar flavors that are complex, ending with firm tannins and crushed rock. Gains depth and dimension even as the tannins close in. Drink now through 2022.

91 Points -2010 Cuveé Jeanne Marie

Pure, ripe and well-defined red berry, raspberry and boysenberry flavors are supple and intense, gaining firmness and depth on the finish. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Best from 2013 through 2022.

Wine Spectator- November 2012- Insider 93

Points- 2010 Syrah, Toasted Rope

Presents a complex, intriguing beef stew mix, with plum and berry flavors, offering black licorice and hot brick nuances that add to the delight. Smooths out on a long, plush finish. Drink now through 2022- J.L

Wine Spectator- October 22, 2012- Online

91 Points- 2011 Rosé of Mourvèdre

A rose disguised as a Bandol. This offers a light salmon hue and floral aromas of dried cherry and watermelon, with elegant and supple flavors that show notes of rose petal, mineral and creamy vanilla. Drink now through 2016

Wine Spectator- June 26, 2012-Online

19 Outstanding California Pinot Noirs

92 Points- 2010 Pinot Noir, Sea Smoke Vineyard

Offers richness, depth, purity and focus, with depth and a range of flavors built around dark berry fruit. The most complete of the new Foxens. Drink now through 2023. 525 cases made-J.L

91 Points- 2010 Pinot Noir, Block-8, Bien Nacido Vineyard

Tightly structured, with beam of spicy floral aromatics and firm blackberry and wild berry, spice and boysenberry flavors that linger, ending with crushed rock. Drink now through 2023. 775 cases made-J.L

90 Points- 2010 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard

Taut, dense and firm, offering vivid wild berry, blackberry and raspberry flavors that are pure and focused, with a long, persistent finish. Drink now through 2023-J.L

Wine Spectator-August 2011-Online

90 Points-2009 Pinot Noir, Julia's Vineyard

Rich and full bodied, boasting intense, concentrated ripe plum, blackberry and wild berry fruit. A touch of berry jam folds in on a mineral aftertaste. Drink now through 2017.-J.L

90 Points- 2009 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard

An elegant, graceful style, this full-bodied wine features refined blueberry, plum and black cherry notes that are supple and detailed. Ends with a complex weave of berry and mineral flavors. Drink now through 2017-J.L

Wine Spectator Insider-July 2011

92 Points- 2009 Pinot Noir, Sea Smoke Vineyard

Firm, rich, intense and concentrated, with a tight beam of dark berry, plum, blueberry and raspberry flavors. Full-bodied, with a flinty minerality that gains weight and depth. Drink now through 2017-J.L 07/06/2011

Wine Spectator Online-February 2011

92 Points- 2009 Chardonnay, Bien Nacido Vineyard-Block UU

Sleek, rich and intense, this is marked by mouthwatering flavors, lively acidity and pleasantly complex earthy grapefruit, green apple, spice and floral scents. Full-bodied, gaining momentum on the finish, where the flavors fan out nicely. Drink now through 2018. 930 cases made. —J.L.

Wine Spectator online-October 2010 91

Points-2008 Syrah, Toasted Rope

Complex, firm and spicy, with ripe plum, cedar, tobacco, sage and mineral folding together. Full-bodied, with the sum being greater than the parts. Drink now through 2020. 430 cases made-JL

Wine Spectator-August 31, 2010 issue

94 Points- 2008 Pinot Noir, Julias Vineyard

Intense and vibrant, rich and layered, with pleasing aromatics of black cherry, plum and wild berry. Full-bodied, tight and focused, woven together on the palate and hanging onto a long, tantalizing finish. Drink now through 2016.—J.L.

94 Points- 2008 Pinot Noir, Sea Smoke Vineyard

Starting with wonderful aromatics of ripe berry, flowers and spice, this full-bodied, muscular and deep wine is rich and layered on the palate, with tiers of blackberry, blueberry, black licorice, mineral, spice, espresso bean and black tea, ending with a long, lingering finish that keeps pumping out the flavors. Drink now through 2016.—J.L.

91Points-2008 Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Vineyard-Block 8

Serves up a complex mix of ripe, rich, high-toned fruit, with layers of black cherry, plum, wild berry and spice. Full-bodied and deep, yet maintains a sense of elegance and finesse. Ends with chewy tannins. Drink now though 2016.-JL

Wine Spectator -December 15, 2009 issue

91 Points-2008 Chardonnay, Bien Nacido Vineyard- Block UU

Tangy citrus, pink grapefruit and green apple flavors give this is mouthwatering sensation, with floral aromas. Full-bodied, rich and layered, ending with a long, persistent finish. Drink now through 2014-J.L

**91 Points-2008 Chardonnay, Tinaquaic Vineyard**

Rich and full-bodied, marked by pure, direct citrus, pear, melon, light toasty oak and butterscotch flavors that are full-bodied without being heavy. Ends with subtle, delicate notes. Drink now through 2013-J.L

**92 Points-2007 Syrah Williamson-Dore' Vineyard**

Ultrarich and concentrated, with pure, ripe, structured blackberry, wild berry, pepper, cedar, tobacco leaf and spice. Full-bodied, gaining depth and richness and holding onto its tight focus. Drink now through 2017. 250 cases made.-JL

**91 Points- 2007 Syrah Toasted Rope Vineyard**

Rich and full-blown, intense and firmly concentrated, offering complex cola, dried berry, roasted meat, mineral, sage and cedary oak. Closed and in need of aeration, but with lots to offer. Best from 2010 through 2016. 140 cases made.-JL

Wine Spectator- September 30, 2009

**96 Points-2007 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills "Select Smoke"Sea Smoke Vineyard**

Offers amazing purity of dark berry, plum, blueberry, and blackberry fruit. Full-bodied, complex and concentrated, yet the flavors dance on the palate, joined by a splash of spicy, toasty oak, with a superlong finish. Drink now through 2014.-JL

**94 Points-2007 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Sea Smoke Vineyard** Beautifully crafted, with pure, rich, supple and layered dark berry fruit built around blueberry, blackberry and huckleberry flavors that hold their focus, ending with a delicate, detailed finish. Drink now through 2014-J.L

**2003 Syrah - Williamson Doré Vineyard**

*Wine Spectator: 92 Points – Spectator Selections – Highly Recommended (March 2006)*

*Santa Ynez Valley*

“Ultrarich, almost syrupy, with dense, plush, smoky currant, blackberry, wild berry and exotic spices and game meat scents. Tightly focused, with a long, deep, rich finish and ripe, supple tannins, ending with a dash of cola. Drink now through 2009.”

–*Jim Laube*

**2004 Pinot Noir - Bien Nacido Vineyard Block 8**

*Wine Spectator: 94 Points (August 2006)*

"Vibrant blueberry and wild berry flavors are joined by rich toasty oak, making it a near perfect marriage of ripe fruit and wood. Supple, balanced and concentrated, this gains momentum, with a long, refreshing aftertaste. Drink now through 2009."

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