

The 40th Annual l'Eté du Vin Vintners' Tasting

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Tasting Notes

Domaine Marcel Servin Chablis Vaillons Premier Cru 2017

The 2017 Chablis Vaillons Premier Cru has an expressive bouquet with orange zest and light mango scents that allow the terroir to come through. The palate offers flavors of citrus fruits and some apple, with a firm streak of minerality underlying the lemon cream fruit; quite crisp on the finish.



Domaine Marcel Servin Chablis Blanchot Grand Cru 2014

Blanchot is one of the seven official climats of the Chablis Grand Cru hill, located on the eastern side of the Serein river above the town of Chablis itself. It is the southernmost of the Grand Cru climats. Blanchot wines are quite distinctive from the other Grand Cru wines, considerably lighter in style, they tend toward flavors of lime and grapefruit with accentuated minerality.

François makes the Grand Cru entirely in stainless steel. It is opulent, incredibly layered and structured for a wine that sees no oak whatsoever. Rich, with earthy citrus and exotic spice notes with great intensity and aromatic quality.

Presented by François Servin, Domaine Marcel Servin



Heitz Cellar Ink Grade Vineyard Zinfandel 2014

The 2014 Ink Grade Vineyard Zinfandel is made in a classic expression of the variety and stays true to the many wonderful characteristics of Zinfandel. This Ink Grade Vineyard sits high upon Howell Mountain where the flavor of mountainside grown fruit noticeably stands out. Notes of red cherry, tart plum, ripe raspberries and cassis are complemented by a toasted marshmallow and a hint of vanilla from the oak barrel aging.

Presented by Carlton McCoy, Jr., MS, Heitz Cellar

Heitz Cellar Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

The 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet strikes you visually with its brilliant bright purple and ruby hues. Aromas of black cherry, blackberries, ripe raspberry, and tart plum are complemented by savory herbal notes and a gentle vanilla lift from oak aging. Its bright and inviting aroma matched by smooth tannins and a refreshing, yet lingering finish provide a classic expression of Napa Valley terrior.



Heitz Cellar Trailside Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford, Napa Valley 2013

Since 1986, this outstanding vineyard has been part of the Heitz estate, producing the first Trailside Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon in 1989 and is one of our three, single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons. Nestled between the Silverado Trail and Conn Creek on the fertile, eastern side of the Rutherford AVA, only the best vineyard blocks are selected for this earthy, yet delicate wine.

Silky tannic wine with notes of blackberry, ripe raspberry and briar are complemented by an earthy sweetness that Trailside has become synonymous with. Fresh vanilla, toasted nuts, and baking spice characteristics from the Limousin oak it is aged in give an elegant lift to the ripe fruit notes.



Heitz Cellar Linda Falls Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley 2014

This picturesque, hilly vineyard is surrounded by pine trees, deer, and bears; a truly special slice of Napa Valley. Stretching above the fog at an average elevation of 1500 feet, this area is known for well-drained, volcanic soils and a cooler climate which results in longer hangtime.

The Linda Falls Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon shows how refined and elegant a Howell Mountain wine can be; a firm tannin structure yet silky, with a juicy lingering finish. Undeniably made in the classic Heitz style, it has a liveliness to it with balanced acidity

Presented by Carlton McCoy, Jr., MS, Heitz Cellar