

MODEL FARM

2021 VINTAGE REVIEWS

John Gilman, A View from the Cellar #104



As we approach the 10 year milestone of Model Farm, we continue our commitment to producing world class wine from compelling vineyards that share in our dedication to sustainability and honesty in their work. We take the same approach when it comes to reviews, prioritizing who we feel are honest, independent voices in wine media today.

BERGER VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 94PTS

LA CRUZ VINEYARD SYRAH 94PTS

P·M STAIGER VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 93+PTS

WILDCAT MOUNTAIN VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 93PTS

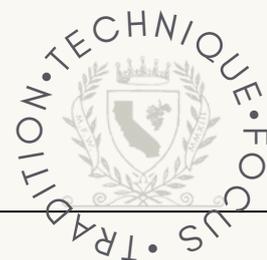
SONOMA VALLEY SYRAH 93PTS

"A MUST BUY FOR ANYONE WHO LOVES THE GREAT OLD CABERNETS FROM MAYACAMAS, HEITZ AND THE OTHER CLASSICISTS."

"The Berger Vineyard plays a very important historic role in the annals of Sonoma County cabernet sauvignon, as this vineyard was once one of the backbones of Patrick Campbell's fine examples from Laurel Glen, and before that was where the Artist Series bottlings from Kenwood were produced. This is a mountain vineyard, perched on the side of Sonoma Mountain and planted to old vines, facing east to catch the morning sun. The 2021 from Model Farm comes in at 13.5 percent octane and offers up a superb, old school nose of red and **black cherries, tobacco leaf**, dark soil tones, cigar smoke, a hint of the **spice tones** to come with bottle age and a deft framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and beautifully structured, with a rock solid core of fruit, excellent mineral undertow and grip, ripe, firm tannins and excellent focus on the long, nascently complex and impeccably balanced finish. This is a real, classical example of cabernet, with fine soil signature, chewy tannins and the need for many years in the cellar to soften up and blossom into the great glass of wine that is clearly its destiny! We can now add Model Farm to the short list of classic cabernet sauvignon producers crafting wines in the style of the wines from the decades of the 1960s and 1970s that made California famous!"



94 PTS

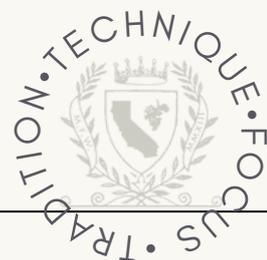


"SOME OF MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE CHARDONNAY AND SYRAH BOTTLINGS IN CALIFORNIA!"

"The P. M. Staiger Vineyard in the Santa Cruz Mountains was originally planted prior to prohibition and revived again in 1973, making these ungrafted vines now forty-eight years of age. Sean and Joanna first started producing wine from this superb vineyard in 2016 and their 2021 Chardonnay comes in at 13.5 percent octane and offers up a beautiful aromatic constellation of pear, **pineapple**, a touch of **orange zest**, a hint of iodine, a lovely foundation of **minerality**, fruit blossoms and a delicate framing of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and focused, with a snappy spine of acidity, excellent depth of fruit at the core, impressive mineral undertow and grip and a long, complex and impeccably balanced finish. This is a beautiful young chardonnay! It is very tasty already, but clearly will gain in complexity with some cellaring time."



93+ PTS



"TWO OF THE FINEST RED WINES PRODUCED IN AMERICA, LIKE GONON ST. JOSEPH PLANTED ON CALIFORNIA SOILS"

"The La Cruz Vineyard was planted back in 1989 by Ted Lemon, of Littorai fame. The vineyard is farmed organically with biodynamic principles. The wine itself came in at 12.5 percent octane in 2021, with the standard Model Farm cellar protocol of native yeasts, including seventy percent whole clusters and elevage in neutral oak puncheons for a year and a half prior to bottling. The older vines give this bottling a bit more depth on both the nose and palate, with the bouquet wafting from the glass in a complex blend of red and black **raspberries, smoked meats**, bonfire, lovely range of **spices**, a superb base of soil, sweet stem tones and a floral topnote redolent of peonies. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and nicely soil-driven, with a superb core of fruit, fine-grained tannins, excellent balance and a long, complex and very refined young finish. This is going to be a dynamite glass of syrah when it is fully mature!"

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2021 LA CRUZ SYRAH



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MODEL FARM IS A SUPERSTAR IN THE MAKING FOR CALIFORNIA SYRAH AND CHARDONNAY"

"The 2021 Sonoma Valley bottling of Syrah from Joanna and Sean Castorani at Model Farm hails from the Kuenster-Miers Vineyard, located at the base of Sonoma Mountain. Sean and Joanna planned this vineyard and helped plant it back in 2013...The 2021 version comes in at an even thirteen percent octane, was fermented with indigenous yeasts and raised in neutral five hundred liter puncheons for eighteen months prior to bottling. The wine delivers a superb bouquet of **black raspberries, sweet cassis, black olives**, pepper, smoked meats, volcanic soils and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is deep, pure and full-bodied, with stunning transparency, a lovely core, ripe, well-integrated tannins and excellent focus and grip on the long, complex and impeccably balanced finish. A beautiful wine in the making."

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MODEL FARM 2021 SONOMA VALLEY SYRAH





"ONE OF THE BEST-KEPT SECRETS IN CALIFORNIA ARE THE BEAUTIFUL WINES FROM MODEL FARM"

"The Wildcat Mountain Vineyard is planted on an outcropping of volcanic stone, making this one of the most minerally vineyards in all of Sonoma County. It sits in the Petaluma Gap, open to the fogs and cool evening airs. The 2021 from Model Farm is their second vintage of chardonnay from Wildcat Mountain, coming in at thirteen percent and having been raised solely in older oak barrels. The wine offers up a bright and youthful nose of apple, fresh pineapple, **orange peel, stony minerality, honeysuckle** and a whisper of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and zesty, with lovely depth at the core, superb mineral drive and grip, lovely balance and a long, complex and very classy finish. This is a very refined chardonnay that will age effortlessly for at least a couple of decades."



93 PTS



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