



BOOKER

FALL RELEASE

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

2018 WHITE \$50 60% ROUSSANNE, 40% VIOGNIER

Fresh is the key word for the 2018 White. This vintage is more vibrant than the wine has been in the past, taking us back to the original 2005 White. While there was skin contact, it was limited, and there was no Chardonnay in the blend this year. This allowed the Roussanne and Viognier to sing. The palate shows a mix of marmalade, honeysuckle and fresh, ripe peaches with hints of floral. As always, our whites will age 15 years without a problem.

2017 RIPPER EXT \$85 100% GRENACHE

Very similar to a 2016 Châteauneuf du Pape, the extended-aged Ripper brings masculine notes of dark strawberry jam and raspberries at the peak of their ripeness. The density in the mid-palate shocked me since this is normally a wine that is pure finesse. It combines the mass of 2016 with the polish of our 2017 Spring bottling and shows a bit more stewed red fruit. This wine is ready to drink upon arrival!

2017 OUBLIÉ EXT \$75 56% GRENACHE, 22% MOURVÈDRE, 22% SYRAH

Perhaps the wine-of-the-vintage, the 22 month Oublié brings more structure and power than the Spring bottling. The tiny bit of Syrah pushes it from a light and red fruit dominated wine to one that has gorgeous canned strawberry jam in the front and ripe black cherries and blueberry pie on the finish. This wine can be consumed upon arrival.

2017 VERTIGO EXT \$75 65% SYRAH, 30% GRENACHE, 5% MOURVÈDRE

As I firmly believe all the wines in 17 benefited from extended-aging, Vertigo gained the most. Even though it has plenty of Grenache and Mourvèdre, the Syrah drives this brooding, powerful GSM that has plenty of structure and mouthfeel. This wine is a showy crowd-pleaser that should be opened next to other legendary bottles at parties when people are trying to show off! Drink now or hold 25 years.

2017 FRACTURE EXT \$98 100% SYRAH

There is an argument that Fracture has been the most consistent 100% Syrah in the world over the past 13 years, and the extra time in barrel helped the 17 hold court. Dark fruit and soft tannins still lead the way, but now it seems less acidic and more mellow, as if it wants you to start your drinking journey with it now! This wine is ready now or can age 25 years gracefully.

2017 TEMPRANILLO EXT \$85 100% TEMPRANILLO

While I'm still perplexed as to why the early bottling of Temp got very tight and reductive once it was bottled, the extended will be ready to drink sooner. With either bottling you are best served to splash decant. However, the extended version is showing more cards than the early bottling and can be enjoyed now or held for the next 25 years. The wine shows the blackest of fruits in the mid-palate, but starts with a shot of espresso and dark chocolate, followed by a seamless flow across the tongue.

I believe this wine will get better with a year of cellaring but is plenty enjoyable now!

THESE WINES WERE RECENTLY BOTTLED.
WE ADVISE TO WAIT UNTIL JANUARY BEFORE CONSUMING.