

## HEALDSBURG TABLE FALL 2021 OFFERING WINE NOTES

### 2019 Lichen Pinot Gris Anderson Valley

**ABOUT:** Owned and operated by personal friends Douglas and Ana Lucia Stewart. In the year 2000, they bought a 203-acre farm in the heart of Anderson Valley (Mendocino County). It had been a sheep ranch for 150 years. Oaks, bays, and madrones lined the four creeks and dotted the rolling hills of our watershed. Every winter the oaks lost their leaves but the green ghostly garb of lichen remained. Lichen is everywhere here, from the Yorkville Highlands to the Mendocino Coast. They named their farm "Lichen Estate" in honor of its beauty and grace.

**WINEMAKER NOTES:** Seven acres of estate vines perch on the front of the 203-acre Lichen Estate in the Anderson Valley Appellation. Prepared in 2007 and planted in 2008 on meter-by-meter spacing, the vineyard comprises 75% Pinot Noir and 25% Pinot Gris vines on 15% to 35% southeast-facing slopes. Farmed 100% organically. Six blocks and four clones of Pinot Noir (Martini, Wadenswil, Pommard, & 667) on three rootstocks (101-14, 420A, and 161-49). Two blocks of Pinot Gris on two rootstocks. This is a favorite to go with Asian dishes and any of the stir fry's on my site.

**GRAPES:** 100% Pinot Gris

### 2018 Skylark Red Belly Mendocino County

**ABOUT:** A project between two food and wine loving friends, John Lancaster and Robert Perkins. Their wines reflect their palates; the portfolio at Skylark includes crisp, flavorful, aromatic white wines and full-bodied, rich, spicy red wines. Inspired by the beautiful wines of Europe with a "kiss" of California sunshine.

**WINEMAKER NOTES:** Red Belly is our ode to the South of France where blending varietals to create a unique synergy is the way of life. Blending compatible varietals together is a centuries old tradition, and we love the challenges and complexities that come with that tradition. The 2018 Red belly is comprised of 40% Syrah 40% Carignane 20% Grenache Vineyard Grenache. Each varietal is handpicked fermented separately by native yeasts, then after secondary fermentation in barrel, the cepage is finalized after multiple blending sessions. The goal for Red Belly is juicy fruit, integrated tannins and early accessibility with mid-term aging potential. We definitely have achieved that here. This is a wonderful wine that adds richness to any roasts, sausage dishes and even burgers on the grill.

**GRAPES:** 40% Syrah 40% Carignane 20% Grenache

## 2020 Tenuta Le Calcinaie Vernaccia di San Gimignano DOCG Tuscany Italy

“Tenuta le Calcinaie is one of the breakout wineries of this report. The...Vernaccia-based wines presented all performed beautifully. I look forward to tasting more from this estate in the future.” – The Wine Advocate

**ABOUT:** Located near the famous Tuscan town of San Gimignano. Le Calcinaie is one of San Gimignano’s youngest wineries. It was founded in 1987 by Simone Santini and in less than no time he transformed it into one of the region’s best newcomers. He started with 6 hectares but has now grown to 12 hectares covered with vines. The vines have perfect exposure and are farmed organically. Classic Vernaccia with good structure, balance and charm is produced here, as well as a great-value Chianti.

**TASTING NOTES:** Made from organic grapes. This 100% Vernaccia puts others in the category to shame. It’s rich, fruity and vibrant, and is perfect as an aperitif wine or to accompany more robust dishes like roast chicken. This winery is certified Organic by ICEA: The Italian Institute for Ethical and Environmental Certification.

**GRAPES:** 100% Vernaccia

## 2019 Maison Passot “Les Rampaux” Morgon Beaujolais France

**ABOUT:** Maison Passot is a small 11 hectare family property spread over 4 crus in Beaujolais, France. Owners Dominique, Rémy and Simon continue the family tradition, going back generations. The family tends 21 plots - half of which are in Chiroubles, one quarter in Morgon, and smaller holdings in Fleurie and Régnié - in addition to some Viognier vines. All farming follows strict tenets of la lutte raisonnée for a more “natural” wine, surrounded by signs of life and rich biodiversity.

**BEAUJOLAIS REGION:** Morgon is the second largest Cru (after Brouilly) spanning 4.5 square miles and comprised of six named vineyards on three bands facing south, southeast and northwest. Passot works with vineyards oriented Southeast in the Douby climat which has clay/sand soils from decomposed granite based soils known as terre pourrie or “rotten earth” – average vine age is 46 years.

**WINEMAKING:** Hand harvested grapes that undergo primary and malolactic fermentation in stainless steel and cement vats.

**TASTING NOTES:** Deep, garnet red color and aromas of ripe stone fruits such as cherry, peach, apricot and plum. Full-bodied, this rich, powerful wine expresses all facets of its terroir. This Morgon is a cellar worthy selections, as the tannin structure softens and flavors develop with age in the bottle. A perfect pairing for a fall cassoulet.

**GRAPES:** 100% Gamay Noir