

Habit

This is a fabulous set of wines from Habit and proprietor Jeff Fischer. Native fermentations, aging on the lees, manual punchdowns and low levels of new oak are some of the stylistic choices that allow the flavors to emerge with striking purity in these delicious, incredibly pleasing wines.

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Year	Vintage	(Hover for Commentary)		Tasting		Author	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
		Producer	Name	Notes	Score				
2014	Habit	Sauvignon Blanc McGinley Vineyard	The 2014 Sauvignon Blanc McGinley Vineyard is bright and focused to the core. Lemon zest, grapefruit and lime jump from the glass in a zesty, refreshing Sauvignon to drink over the next year or two. -- Antonio Galloni	88	Antonio Galloni	2015 - 2017	\$30.00	Aug 2015	
2014	Habit	Chenin Blanc Jurassic Park Vineyard	Green apple, pear and subtle hints of earthiness mesh together in the 2014 Chenin Blanc Jurassic Park Vineyard. Soft and open-knit, the 2014 is quite pretty today. Partial aging in steel, along with the blocked malo style, keep the flavors bright. -- Antonio Galloni	90	Antonio Galloni	2015 - 2018	\$30.00	Aug 2015	
2014	Habit	Grüner Veltliner Rancho Arroyo Perdido	The 2014 Grüner Veltliner Rancho Arroyo Perdido emerges from a small site in Los Olivos. Dried pear, flowers, mint and chamomile are some of the notes that open up in the glass. Soft and beautifully textured throughout, the Grüner is another winner from Habit. The Grüner is done entirely in steel. -- Antonio Galloni	90	Antonio Galloni	2015 - 2018	\$30.00	Aug 2015	
2013	Habit	Cabernet Franc	The 2013 Cabernet Franc is not especially varietal, but it is absolutely delicious if taken on its own terms. Dark red cherry, plum, spice, lavender and mint are all laced together in a super-appealing, mid-weight red. Saline notes underpin the finish and add a kick of brightness. The 2013 was fermented in open-top vats, using 80% whole clusters. -- Antonio Galloni	92	Antonio Galloni	2015 - 2020	\$30.00	Aug 2015	
2013	Habit	Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard	The 2013 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard is an attractive, mid-weight wine, with plenty of sweet red cherry and raspberry character to match its mid-weight personality. Bright and focused throughout, the 2013 is a feminine, gracious wine to drink over the next few years. Pretty saline and savory notes support the ethereal, slightly fleeting finish. Only a slight element of excitement is missing. The 2013 spent 12 months in French oak barrels, 30% new. -- Antonio Galloni	88	Antonio Galloni	2015 - 2017	\$50.00	Aug 2015	
2012	Habit	Red Wine (Santa Ynez)		94	Antonio Galloni	2015 - 2022	\$40.00	Aug 2015	

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The 2012 Red Wine Santa Ynez Valley, a blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, is superb. Layers of rich plummy fruit, savory aromatics and pulsating minerality open up in this effortless, radiant red. A rush of Cabernet Franc notes round out the finish. The 2012 isn't a huge wine, but it delivers extreme pleasure. Don't miss it.

-- Antonio Galloni

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