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**NV IMAGINARIUM BLANC DE BLANCS
FRANCE - 89 points**

The NV Imaginarium Blanc de Blancs is a blend of Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Ugni Blanc and French Colombard made using the traditional method with 12 months on the lees. It has a lovely perfumed nose of lemon drops, honeysuckle and peach blossoms with touches of apple pie and baking bread. The palate is elegant, fresh, zippy and invigorating with lovely tension and great intensity.

**2017 DIGRESSION ROSE
COTES DE PROVENCE - 89 points**

A blend of 60% Grenache, 25% Cinsault and 15% Syrah, the 2017 Digression Rosé is very pale salmon-pink with nose of cranberries, raspberry leaves and wild strawberries plus hints of white pepper and dried herbs. The palate is light-bodied with great vibrancy, giving a crisp line and a spicy finish. 1,000 cases produced.

**2016 EVOLUNA CHARDONNAY
SONOMA COAST - 93 points**

The 2016 Evoluna Sonoma Coast Chardonnay is 100% barrel fermented and aged 18 months in 22% new French oak. It offers up scents of ripe grapefruit, fresh apricots, mangoes and pears with touches of toast, fresh ginger and allspice. Medium-bodied with a lovely satiny texture, it delivers loads of tropical goodness in the mouth with a lively line and great length. 1,396 cases produced.

**2017 LE DUC NOIR PINOT NOIR
SONOMA COAST - 92-94 points**

A barrel sample aging in 20% new French oak, the 2017 Le Duc Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is medium ruby-purple colored and comes bursting forth with notes of red currants, Bing cherries and rhubarb plus touches of lavender, sage and dark chocolate. Medium to full-bodied, it packs in the red berry and earthy layers with a beautiful fine-grained frame and long, perfumed finish. 1,500 cases produced.

**2016 CHRONOLOGY RED
CALIFORNIA - 92 points**

The 2016 Chronology Red is a blend of 30% Petite Sirah, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Grenache, 12% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre,

5% Mission, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec and 1% Merlot aged in 14% new French and American oak. Deep garnet-purple colored, it has intense scents of cassis, warm plums, black cherries and violets with hints of black pepper and filled earth. Full-bodied, rich and velvety, it has a refreshing line and long earth-laced finish. 2,509 cases produced.

**2016 EMANCIPATION RED
CALIFORNIA - 92 points**

The 2016 Emancipation Red is a barrel sample blend of 44% Grenache, 34% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 6% Petite Sirah, 2% Zinfandel, 2% Mission and 2% Valdiguié. It has a medium garnet-purple color and gives up notes of warm red and black plums, blackberries and dried mulberries with touches of garrigue, mossy bark and forest floor. The palate is full-bodied, rich and plush with a lively lively invigorating the concentrated flavors and paving the long finish. 1,200 cases produced.

**2016 AMERICAN VINTAGE RED
CALIFORNIA - 91 points**

The 2016 American Vintage Red is a blend of 56% Zinfandel, 42% Petite Sirah, 1% Carignane and 1% Alicante Bouschet. Deep garnet-purple colored, it has a nose of baked blackberries, prunes and raspberry pie with hints of baking spices, potpourri, stewed tea and dusty soil. The palate is medium to full-bodied with great freshness lifting the rich, spicy berry preserves layers, finishing long and plushly textured. 1,473 cases produced.

**2016 CONFESSION RED
NAPA VALLEY - 92 points**

A barrel sample blended of 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Petit Verdot, 12% Syrah, 10% Merlot and 8% Petite Sirah, the 2016 Confession Napa Valley Red is aging in 34% new French oak. Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it's scented of baked blackberries, crème de cassis, chocolate-covered cherries and prunes with touches of Chinese five spice, menthol and cigar box. The palate is full-bodied, concentrated and robust with firm, chewy tannins and packed with spicy layers, finishing on a lingering earthy note. 600 cases are estimated to be made.

**2015 TAROT CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY - 93 points**

Blended of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon with smaller portions of Petit Sirah, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, the 2015 Tarot Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep garnet-purple color and exuberant nose of warm plums, crushed cherries and crème de cassis with touches of Indian spices, fragrant earth and violets with a waft of lavender. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated, it fills the palate with black berry and earthy layers, finishing with the lovely velvety texture paving the way.

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**2016 TAROT CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY - 93 points**

The 2016 Tarot Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot aged 20 months in 34% new French oak. Very deep purple-black in color, it gives up gregarious notions of blackcurrant pastilles, blueberry compote and blackberry pie with hints of wood smoke, cedar chest, menthol and fragrant soil. Full, concentrated and with a lovely structure of firm, very fine-grained tannins, it has great freshness and depth. 824 cases produced.

**2016 SECRET BLEND
NAPA VALLEY - 95+ points**

Blended of 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Cabernet Franc and 11% Petit Verdot aged 20 months in 49% new French oak, the very deep purple-black colored 2016 Secret Blend gives up a vivacious nose of crushed blackberries, blackcurrants and black plums with hints of spice box, filled soil, tobacco and new leather. Full-bodied, firm and grainy with lovely vibrancy, it gives loads of crunchy black fruits and a minty kick to the finish. 466 cases produced.

**2015 RESURRECTION RED
NAPA VALLEY - 97+ points**

Composed of 66% Cabernet Sauvignon and 34% Petite Sirah coming from the St. Helena and Rutherford AVAs respectively, the 2015 Secret Indulgence Red has a very deep garnet-purple color and pronounced nose of crème de cassis, black plum preserves, mocha and licorice with touches of red roses, garrigue and fragrant earth. Full-bodied, rich and decadent in the mouth, it has tons of spice and baked berry layers with a fine-grained texture and great freshness, finishing long.

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