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2016 SECRET INDULGENCE BRUT, Napa - 89 points

A solid sparkler, the 2016 Secret Indulgence Brut offers a nicely textured, medium-bodied, mouthfilling style that carries classic apple, spice, and subtle floral notes. It's clean, has nicely balanced sweetness (there are 10 grams of dosage), and a crisp finish. Drink it over the coming couple of years.

2017 OCEANA, Chablis - 88 points

Brought up all in tank (on lees), the 2017 Chablis Oceana is a lively, classic, and medium-bodied effort offering lots of pure lemon and crushed citrus fruit as well as a touch of oyster shell-like salinity and minerality. It's light, elegant and nicely balanced.

2018 DIGRESSION ROSE, Cotes de Provence - 89 points

The 2018 Digression Rose is an impressive rose that has classy cherry and strawberry fruits as well as a clean, light, elegant style, with a good sense of minerality. Drink up.

2017 EVOLUNA CHARDONNAY, Sonoma Coast - 90 points

Coming from the Sonoma Coast, the 2017 Chardonnay Evoluna was fermented and aged 18 months in 30% new oak. It

represents a terrific value and has classy notes of white flowers, toasted spice, and lemon oil, with just a kiss of background oak. Drink this medium-bodied, balanced Chardonnay any time over the coming 2-3 years.

2017 CHRONOLOGY RED, California - 85 points

The 2017 Chronology Red Wine checks in as a mix of varieties (mostly Petite Sirah and Merlot) and offers a sweetly fruited, charming, quaffable style. It's not going to make old bones, so drink bottles over the coming couple of years.

2017 TAROT CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Napa - 91 points

Based on 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot and the rest Merlot, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Tarot is a seamless, elegant effort that represents a terrific value in Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Made by Stephanie Putnam, it has classic blackcurrant liqueur, cedary herbs, chocolate and a touch of dried earth to go with a medium-bodied, balanced, seamless style on the palate. It's ideal for drinking any time over the coming 7-8 years, and it will probably last longer.

2017 SECRET BLEND RED, Napa - 93 points

The 2017 Secret Blend Red Wine is another outstanding effort and checks in as 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 21% Merlot and the rest Petit Verdot, sourced from five separate sites and aged 18 months in 49% new French oak. It's a beautifully textured 2017 with lots of ripe, dark, chocolatey fruit as well as subtle spice and earthy notes. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, with sweet tannins and ample fruit, it's a winner from this estate to drink over the coming decade or so.

2017 RESURRECTION RED, Napa - 95 points

The 2017 Resurrection Red Wine showed beautifully and isn't far off the 2016. A blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon and 36% Petite Sirah, brought up in 68% new French oak, it offers a ripe, full-bodied, beautifully balanced profile as well as classy notes of creme de cassis, cedary herbs, scorched earth, and tobacco. Its tannin quality is terrific, it has rich, mouthfilling texture, loads of fruit, and a great finish. It's going to evolve gracefully for 20 years or more.