

Wine Rack Tasting Notes -- 12 October 2018

Wines with Kathleen from Empire Distributors

2017 Sauvion Vouvray, France

100% Chenin Blanc. The nose features notes of honeysuckle and ripe citrus fruit. On the palate, the wine is off-dry and medium bodied with food-friendly acidity. Flavors of honey and dried fruit lead to a long finish.

2016 La Crema RR Chardonnay, California

91 points WS Aromas of meyer lemon, nectarine and jasmine. Flavors of yellow plum, d'Anjou pear, tangerine and toasted hazelnut. Richly textured, velvety and concentrated with balanced acidity and subtle toast.

2016 Soter Planet Oregon Pinot Noir, Oregon

91 points Vinous Brilliant red. Fresh red berries, cinnamon and a hint of woodsmoke on the fragrant nose. Pliant raspberry and cherry cola flavors are braced by tangy acidity and a touch of blood orange. Sappy, penetrating and precise; a jolt of peppery spices enlivens the long, gently tannic finish. This sexy Pinot delivers absolutely superb value.

2015 Michael David Earthquake Zinfandel, California

90 points WE Just smashing! Deep red purple in color. Aromas of cherry pie filling, dark berry, smoke and spice. Full bodied with soft, upfront flavors of stewed dark fruits, strawberry jam, licorice, baking spice and black tea. Burly but inviting, this Zin won't disappoint!

2015 DAOU Cabernet Sauvignon, California

93 points WE 93 points WS 92 points RP Rich deep dark berry color with creamy mocha-espresso flavors is the first impression of this wine. The tannins are well integrated with the fruit and create a long finish that keeps going. It's full bodied with a saturated finish while accompanied by bright acidity and infused by black current and cooked blueberry fruit. Balanced and intense, it showcases what Bordeaux varieties can perform when managed correctly.

