



LISA PERROTTI-BROWN REVIEWS **SECRET INDULGENCE WINES** FALL 2019

2016 SECRET INDULGENCE BRUT, Napa - 88 points

The 2016 SI Sparkling is made of 100% Chardonnay and aged on the lees for 18 months with ten grams per liter dosage. It features alluring notes of warm apple pie, tarte au citron, poached pears and allspice with hints of honeysuckle and ginger. The palate is finely crafted with an elegant and refreshing, line, finishing long and spicy.

2017 EVOLUNA CHARDONNAY, Sonoma Coast - 90 points

The 2017 Evoluna Sonoma Coast Chardonnay comes from the Martaella, Susanna and Searby vineyards. Fruit was harvested between September 2-11 and the wine was barrel fermented and aged 18 months. It springs from the glass with vibrant tropical fruits—pineapple and guava—plus spiced pears and peach cobbler with wafts of cedar and honeysuckle. Medium-bodied, the palate offers elegantly knit fruit and freshness with a satiny texture and great length. 500 cases produced.

2017 LE DUC NOIR PINOT NOIR, Sonoma Coast - 91 points

This comes from the Boriolo, BCD, Charles Heintz and Murray vineyards and was aged 12 months in 20% new French oak. Medium to deep ruby-purple colored, the 2017 Le Duc Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir sings of baked cherries, black raspberries, mulberries and fragrant earth with wafts of violets

and melted chocolate. Medium-bodied, delicately played and with impressive density, it has a sultry, plush texture and long, perfumed finish. 1,500 cases produced.

2017 CHRONOLOGY RED, California - 91 points

From nine counties across California, the 2017 Chronology Red is made up of 32% Petite Sirah, 22% Merlot, 13% Syrah, 13% Grenache, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Mission, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Mourvèdre and 1% Petit Verdot. Aged 20 months in 16% new oak, it has a deep garnet-purple color and features bold blackberry preserves, baked plums and Morello cherries with suggestions of Indian spices, Sichuan pepper, dusty earth and menthol. Full-bodied, rich and decadently spicy, it has a velvety texture and long, lively finish. 4,035 cases produced.

2017 TAROT CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Napa - (91-93) points

A barrel sample, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Tarot is a blend of 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot and 1% Merlot aged in 34% new French oak. Deep garnet-purple colored, it leaps from the glass with a gorgeous perfume of lilacs, black cherries, black currant cordial and lavender plus wafts of Indian spices and wild roses. Medium to full-bodied, the palate delivers on its

promise with loads of vibrant black fruit and compelling freshness matched by a plush texture, finishing long and earthy. 980 cases are expected to be made.

2017 SECRET BLEND RED, Napa - 92 points

The 2017 Secret Blend is comprised of 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 12% Petit Verdot. It was aged in 49% new French oak and bottled without fining/filtration. Deep garnet-purple colored, it springs forth with fragrant notions of wild blueberries, boysenberries and warm cassis plus exuberant sparks of candied violets, cinnamon stick, cloves and mossy tree bark. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is completely packed with fresh black and blue fruit, supported by a velvety texture and bags of freshness, finishing long and spicy. 372 cases made.

2017 RESURRECTION RED, Napa - 94 points

Made of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon and 36% Petite Sirah aged in 68% new French oak and bottled without filtration or fining, the deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Resurrection has a very serious, refined nose of cassis, mulberries and preserved plums with underlying charcoal, baking spices, violets and cedar chest hints plus a waft of menthol. The palate is medium to full-bodied, finely grained and well-poised, possessing tons of class with a lot of latent energy coming through on the long, mineral-laced finish. 101 cases made.