

New Releases: California

show on the finish. Drink now through 2022. 165 cases made.—K.M.

**91 Staglin Chardonnay Rutherford 2016 \$80** Big and rich, offering a juicy mix of apple, pear and salted almond flavors that are open-textured and spicy. Buttery notes emerge on the finish. Drink now through 2021. 800 cases made.—K.M.

**91 Windstream Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands Sarmiento Vineyard 2014 \$30** Tropical flavors emerge in this rich and spicy white, which is creamy and buttery midpalate, with a zesty finish of coconut and allspice. Drink now through 2022. 500 cases made.—K.M.

**90 Chappellet Chardonnay Napa Valley 2016 \$35** Lemon drop, Asian pear and fresh-cut apple flavors make for a crisp white that features touches of richness. Lush midpalate, with a lithe, spicy finish. Drink now through 2021. 3,871 cases made.—K.M.

**90 Darioush Chardonnay Napa Valley Signature 2015 \$45** Buoyant flavors of apple tart and baked pear are lavishly spiced. Hints of lavender show on the creamy finish, with notes of sage honey. Drink now through 2021. 2,369 cases made.—K.M.

**90 Dutton-Goldfield Chardonnay Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch 2016 \$38** Tilts toward the tart side, with a potent lemon-citrus character amid green apple and green pear flavors. Mouthwatering throughout. Drink now through 2022. 4,500 cases made.—J.L.

**90 Failla Chardonnay Coombsville Haynes Vineyard 2016 \$58** Offers a lively core of apple, citrus and pear flavors backed by firm acidity. Minerally finish, pure and fresh. Drink now through 2022. 507 cases made.—K.M.

**90 Joyce Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands Tondre Grapefield 2016 \$30** Well-framed and pure-tasting, with a lithe mix of citrus, apple and pear flavors. Shows mouthwatering acidity on the rich, spicy finish. Drink now through 2022. 562 cases made.—K.M.

**90 Lloyd Chardonnay Carneros 2016 \$40** Rich and finely textured, with concentrated flavors of apple pastry, pear tart and pineapple that are loaded with spice. The buttery finish is long and creamy. Drink now through 2021. 7,100 cases made.—K.M.

**90 MacRostie Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2016 \$36** Smoky, toasty oak adds flavor and texture, joining zesty pear, melon, green apple and honeydew notes, ending with a tapered finish that brings all the elements together. Drink now. 782 cases made.—J.L.

**90 Marimar Estate Chardonnay Russian River Valley La Masia Don Miguel Vineyard 2016 \$39** Offers notes of white peach, pippin apple, light spice and oak. Medium-weight, ending long, clean and pure. Drink now through 2020. 424 cases made.—J.L.

**90 Oberon Chardonnay Los Carneros 2016 \$22** Delicate, offering layers of white fruit and spice flavors supported by fresh acidity. Lemon drop notes show midpalate, with a plush finish. Drink now through 2022. 6,300 cases made.—K.M.

**90 Roar Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands Soberanes Vineyard 2016 \$45** A sleek white, with a floral aroma and a crystalline quality to the well-structured white fruit flavors. Hints of lavender and peach show on the rich finish. Drink now through 2022. 150 cases made.—K.M.

**90 Tolosa Chardonnay Edna Valley Poletti Edna Ranch 2016 \$85** A rich and buttery style, with hints

**90 Wrath Chardonnay Monterey Fermata 2015 \$35** This has a silky texture, with flavors of Fuji apple, dried fig and pear that are creamy and rich. The buttery finish is well-spiced and plush. Drink now through 2021. 528 cases made.—K.M.



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**89 Buehler Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2016 \$20** Offers spice, elegant white peach, nectarine and floral scents, ending long, clean and pure. Drink now through 2022. 15,000 cases made.—J.L.

**89 B.R. Cohn Chardonnay Russian River Valley Silver Label 2016 \$20** Well-balanced, highlighting white peach, pithy tangerine and nectarine flavors, with nutmeg and spice notes. Drinks clean and easy. Drink now. 10,000 cases made.—J.L.

**89 Davis Estates Chardonnay Napa Valley Carneros Hungry Blonde 2015 \$30** A minerally and creamy white, with hints of anise to the green apple and lemon-lime flavors. Finishes rich, showing accents of sage honey and chamomile. Drink now through 2021. 2,000 cases made.—K.M.

**89 Folie à Deux Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2016 \$18** Big and direct, offering full-bodied pear, melon and oak notes, with hints of nutmeg and citrus. Shows nuance and textural refinement. Drink now through 2022. 19,842 cases made.—J.L.

**89 Maddalena Chardonnay Monterey 2015 \$18** A rich white, with buttery accents to the chamomile and ripe pear flavors. Plenty of spice and custardy notes show on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 7,500 cases made.—K.M.

**89 Roots Run Deep Chardonnay Carneros Educated Guess 2015 \$25** A lithe white, with crunchy apple, pear and ripe citrus flavors that offer tropical accents. The spicy finish has some smoky notes. Drink now through 2021. 4,004 cases made.—K.M.

**89 Starmont Chardonnay Carneros 2016 \$22** Offers aromas and flavors of lemon curd, paired to a lively mix of Gala apple and nectarine notes. Fresh and juicy midpalate, with a spicy finish. Drink now through 2021. 18,000 cases made.—K.M.

**89 Truchard Chardonnay Napa Valley Carneros 2016 \$30** Rich and buttery, with ripe pear and baked apple flavors that are broad and well-spiced. Toasty accents show on the finish. Drink now through 2021. 5,215 cases made.—K.M.

**88 Bravium Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2016 \$22** Clean and spicy from start to finish, with a trim band of citrus, green apple, lime and tangerine flavors. Drink now. 2,100 cases made.—J.L.

**88 Clos Pegase Chardonnay Napa Valley Carneros Mitsuko's Vineyard 2016 \$30** This offers a velvety texture to the snow pea, green apple and ripe citrus flavors. The spicy finish shows some herbal accents. Drink now. 4,300 cases made.—K.M.

**88 Dry Creek Chardonnay Russian River Valley DCV Estate Block 10 2016 \$32** Exhibits a spicy, Muscat-like edge that's vibrant and zesty, clean and elegant, offering a measure of restraint. Drink now through 2023. 1,242 cases made.—J.L.

**88 Hanna Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2016 \$26** Rich and complex without being weighty,

show on the finish. Drink now through 2021. 1,000 cases made.—K.M.

**88 Pine Ridge Chardonnay Carneros Collines Vineyard 2016 \$48** Flavors of baked apple and dried pear feature smoky accents. The finish offers stony notes. Drink now. 2,640 cases made.—K.M.

**88 Pride Chardonnay Napa Valley 2016 \$42** Well-spiced, with a core of crunchy green apple and Asian pear flavors. Shiso leaf notes show on the crisp finish. Drink now through 2020. 1,900 cases made.—K.M.

**88 Ramey Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2015 \$42** Elegantly styled and focused on snappy green apple, citrus and melon flavors, this is impressive for the restraint and vibrancy, ending clean and juicy. Drink now through 2021. 7,019 cases made.—J.L.

**88 Raymond Chardonnay Napa Valley Reserve Selection 2015 \$20** This offers concentrated ripe apple, pear and honeydew melon flavors that are full of creamy richness. The buttery finish lingers, showing plenty of spiciness. Drink now through 2021. 7,515 cases made.—K.M.

**88 Swanson Chardonnay Napa Valley 2015 \$38** Fleshy-filled with spiciness. White fruit and ripe citrus flavors dominate. The blowsy finish shows plenty of buttery accents. Drink now through 2021. 1,500 cases made.—K.M.

**87 Hess Select Chardonnay Monterey County 2016 \$13** Ripe and filled with pear flavors that are creamy, lush and well-spiced. A nice one-note wine. Drink now. 203,095 cases made.—K.M.

**87 Robert Mondavi Chardonnay Napa Valley 2015 \$24** A lithe white, with green apple and pear flavors backed by fresh acidity. Minerally accents show on the finish. Drink now. 34,670 cases made.—K.M.

**86 Bogle Chardonnay Clarksburg Phantom 2016 \$20** Offers concentrated dried apple flavors, with accents of green herbs and spice. Smoky hints show on the finish. Drink now. 33,000 cases made.—K.M.

**85 La Crema Chardonnay Monterey 2016 \$20** This has buttery overtones to the ripe white fruit flavors. The spicy finish shows touches of richness. Drink now. 100,000 cases made.—K.M.

## CALIFORNIA Pinot Noir

**93 Ferren Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Silver Eagle Vineyard 2015 \$75** This Pinot is upple and harmonious, with a graceful texture and ripe, polished plum, raspberry and anise flavors that grow on you, gaining depth and nuance on the finish. Drink now through 2024. 65 cases made.—J.L.

**92 Blue Farm Pinot Noir Fort Ross-Seaview King Ridge Vineyard 2015 \$85** Fresh plum, wild berry and raspberry flavors give this a zesty, assertive personality, with enough fruit to match the tannic flex. Finishes with a long, detailed aftertaste. Best from 2019 through 2026. 168 cases made.—J.L.

**92 Masut Pinot Noir Eagle Peak Estate Vineyard 2016 \$40** Broad and fleshy, with layers of ripe, juicy cherry, plum and blueberry flavors. An engaging style that showcases zesty fruit in an elegant manner. Drink now through 2024. 3,100 cases made.—J.L.

**91 Blue Farm Pinot Noir Carneros Anne Katharina Vineyard 2015 \$70** A fresh, lively, easy-to-enjoy style that highlights supple plum, cherry, anise,