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“Overall, the 2022 vintage in Paso Robles is characterized by upfront fruit, good ripeness, and wines intended for early enjoyment”

ESTATE RESERVE 2022

TASTING DATE 8/15/2024

RATING **97**

Renamed due to confusion in the market (largely in the export market), the 2022 Estate Reserve checks in as 55% Syrah, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot that will spend 18 months in 70% new French oak. It has a beautiful dark purple hue as well as a great perfume of cassis and black raspberry fruits, ground pepper, violets, graphite, and hints of chalky minerality. It's rich, full-bodied, has beautiful mid-palate depth and concentration, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It's going to be one of the longer-lived wines in the vintage.

FOR HER 2022 (RELEASING SPRING 2025)

TASTING DATE 8/15/2024

RATING **97**

More Syrah-dominated, the 2022 For Her includes 58% Syrah, 30% Graciano, and the rest Viognier that spent 15 months in 37% new French oak. It's one of the clear standouts in the lineup and has an absolutely gorgeous nose of ripe black and blue fruits, ground pepper, sappy flowers, and leather. It's beautifully balanced, full-bodied, has a layered, elegant mouthfeel, and a great finish. It's up with the crème de la crème of the vintage and has more depth and concentration than most in vintage.

CHLOÉ 2022 (RELEASING SPRING 2025)

TASTING DATE 8/15/2024

RATING **94**

Juicy red and blue fruits, peppery herbs, graphite, and leather all shine in the 2022 Chloé, a Syrah-dominated blend that has more Viognier than normal. It's another ripe, medium to full-bodied, round, supple, and approachable 2022 from this team that's already drinking nicely. The full blend is 55% Syrah, 33% Grenache, 9% Viognier, and the rest Graciano, all aged 15 months in 43% new French oak, with a full 28% of the blend brought up in Amphora.

CÔTE A CÔTE 2022

TASTING DATE 8/15/2024

RATING **94**

The 2022 Côte A Côte checks in as a mix of close to equal parts Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre, along with splashes of Graciano and Viognier. Brought up in a combination of oak, amphora, and concrete. It shows the more upfront, ripe, perfumed style of the vintage beautifully and offers both red and black fruits, some peppery, meaty, gamey, iron-like nuances, medium to full body, ripe, polished tannins, terrific balance, and lots of upfront charm. It's another beautifully balanced, layered, already impossible to resist effort.

OPTIMUS 2022

TASTING DATE 8/15/2024

RATING **93**

The 2022 Optimus checks in as 66% Syrah, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 9% Petit Verdot. This deep ruby/purple-hued effort offers a terrific nose of ripe blackberries, peppery herbs, violets, and game to go with a full-bodied, concentrated, yet beautifully balanced style on the palate. I love its tannins, it has soft, supple mouthfeel, and a great finish. It's already drinking beautiful and will evolve nicely for 8-10 years.

ESTATE RESERVE BLANC 2023

TASTING DATE 8/15/2024

RATING **93**

The 2023 Estate Reserve Blanc checks in as 60% Roussanne, 20% Viognier, and 20% Grenache Blanc that was raised in stainless steel, acacia, and barrels. Bright citrus, tangerine, honeyed mint, and a touch of spice all define the aromatics, and it's medium-bodied, vibrant, and classy on the palate, with nicely integrated acidity and outstanding length.