



2017 Justin Vineyards & Winery 'Justification' Proprietary Red Paso Robles

APPELLATION:

Paso Robles

VARIETAL:

65% Cabernet Franc, 35% Merlot

WINEMAKERS:

Scott Shirley

AGING:

Barrel aged in 100% French oak

BEST FROM:

2022-2028

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Roasted herb crusted Pork Loin - Cheese - Camembert or Brie

ORDERING INFO:

1050885 | \$59.95

DESCRIPTION:

Justin Vineyards was founded in 1981 on 160 acres just west of Paso Robles, at a time when there were less than 10 wineries in the appellation. Founder Justin Baldwin spent three decades committed to producing world-class Bordeaux-style blends and is considered a pioneer of fine winemaking on the Central Coast—indeed, the Justin label is one of the most recognizable in the region. “Working in the wine industry and trying to lead this talented area into the limelight has been the most rewarding thing I could imagine doing,” says Baldwin. “I didn’t want to be just another wine guy in Napa or Sonoma. Paso Robles had these fledgling wineries and had all the reasons viticulturally for why you could grow good grapes and in turn make good wine. Hard work was the motivating factor.”

“Justification” is the winery’s Right Bank-inspired blend, composed of 65% Cabernet Franc and 35% Merlot from estate vineyards rich in limestone—a terroir that echoes that of Bordeaux. The glass radiates a deep ruby-to-purple color. Layers of dark fruit and baking spice on the nose lead to a voluptuous, full-bodied palate of macerated cherries and black currants, vanilla, cigar box, and plush tannins. Wine this decadent feels like wearing a cashmere wrap in front of a roaring fire—warm, cozy, and totally indulgent.





2020 My Favorite Neighbor 'Harvey and Harriet' Red Blend San Luis Obispo County

APPELLATION:
San Luis Obispo

VARIETAL:
40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Syrah, 10% Petite Sirah, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot, 10% Malbec

WINEMAKERS:
Eric Jensen

AGING:
18 Months French, Oak; 70% New

BEST FROM:
2026 through 2029

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:
Simply cooked Roast or Lamb – Cheese - Manchego

ORDERING INFO:
1051018 | \$49.95

DESCRIPTION:

After cutting his teeth at other Paso Robles operations Saxum and l'Aventure, Eric Jensen and his wife Lisa purchased 100 acres of land on Paso's Westside in 2001 with the intention of growing grapes for their winemaking "neighbors." My Favorite Neighbor began as a small project under Jensen's own Booker Vineyards, and the 'Harvey and Harriet' Red Blend is an homage to his parents. Of his wines, Jensen says he is striving to create "Wines that over-deliver and are delicious. No arrogance, not confusing, only yummy." Now that is a philosophy we can get behind!

Impressive aromas of raspberry, cherry, and blueberry fruit are followed by hints of cardamom, roasted rhubarb, and molasses. On the palate, the ripe, ample fruit is supported by vanilla and spice with complex savory notes of cedar and black olive. According to Jensen, the 'Harvey and Harriet' Red Blend is "a world class wine for everyone who appreciates high quality without the high price tag. This wine is meant to be enjoyed now." Mission accomplished, sir! We'll be opening this one again and again all through the upcoming holiday season.





2021 Caliza Winery Kissin' Cousins White Blend Paso Robles

APPELLATION:

Paso Robles

VARIETAL:

37% Viognier, 37% Roussanne, 26% Grenache Blanc

WINEMAKERS:

Carl Bowker

BEST FROM:

Drink 2022-20279

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Halibut tacos with a cilantro lime crema

ORDERING INFO:

1050887 | \$39.95

DESCRIPTION:

Owner-winemaker Carl Bowker founded Caliza Winery almost 20 years ago. The native Hawaiian fell in love with wine on what would prove to be a life-changing trip to Europe in 2001, which sparked a love affair with the wines of the Rhone Valley in France. Bowker completed Napa Valley College's Viticulture and Enology program in 2004 and set out to find his future. He discovered that the soils and microclimates of Paso Robles are ideal for growing world-class grapes from the two varietals that he holds dearest—Syrah and Viognier.

This is a magnificent wine to drink with friends for it will surely spark delightful conversation and debate—everyone is going to pick up something different from this aromatic stunner! The nose is redolent with fresh white flowers, elderflower blossom, lychee, bubblegum, stone fruits, vanilla custard, and banana. A rich and luscious mouthfeel is balanced by zippy acidity that keeps the wine from feeling overly-unctuous. Flavors on the palate bounce from fresh citrus to baked pear. In a word, this wine is exuberant!

