

FLIGHTS OF FANCY

BARREL AGING

Oak Barrels are the most common type of barrel used during the wine-aging process. Wood wine barrels are most often made from oak, and the two most common oak origins are French and American. Oak barreling is most commonly used with red wines and Chardonnay. The oxygen that comes through the oak barrel helps the wine mature, and tannins develop the structure of wine over time.

Stainless steel barrels are the second-most commonly used type for Chardonnay. Stainless steel is used more for white wines, as it adds a crispness, freshness and does not allow oxygen in. As wine develops in a stainless steel barrel it builds a fruit forward aroma and flavor. This is important, as it creates a lighter alternative to the more intense flavors imparted when using an oak barrel.

FLIGHT OF CHARDONNAY

3oz. pours | 24

Imagery Chardonnay '21 / California

Crisp and elegant with aromas of apple, lime, and pear. Balanced flavors of green apple and vanilla followed by complex layers of fruit and spice lead to an elegant creamy finish.

Mer Soleil Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands '18 91pts.

The palate features flavor, peach, bright citrus, and lemon meringue pie.

Newton Unoaked Chardonnay St Helena California '17 94pts.

A complex, layered white with cooked apple, lemon, and pear character. Full body. Dense and flavorful. Tangy, citrusy, and thoroughly delicious. Vibrant aromas of tangerine blossom and wet stone.

FLIGHT OF PINOT NOIR

3oz. pours | 27

As red wine ages, the harsh tannins of its youth gradually give way to a softer mouthfeel.

Etude Lyric Santa Barbara County '16 90pts.

Light on the nose with hints of cranberry, crushed gravel, wet slate, and rose petals. There's an herbal background to the bright palate, which offers tart pomegranate and hibiscus flavors.

Resonance '20 / Willamette Valley 94pts.

Expressive nose of strawberry, cherry, rose, orange peel, and licorice. Elegant palate, nice harmony with a bright acidity and a lot of fruity notes.

Belle Glos Clark & Telephone Santa Marie County '19 91pts.

Dark fruit on the palate with flavors of wild berries, caramelized oak, and cacao nibs complemented by subtle notes of vanilla, cedar, and a hint of lavender and forest floor.

FLIGHT OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON

3oz. pours | 39

Cab is King... big, bold, fruit-forward flavors. Especially in California.

AUSTIN HOPE Paso Robles '19 95pts.

Expresses aromas of fresh black currants and cherries accompanied by subtle smoky notes and dried spices. On the palate, this lavish powerful wine is layered with juicy blackberry, ripe cherry, vanilla bean, and brown butter. It's full-bodied and rich, balanced by a touch of bright acidity and firm polish.

GIRARD ARTISTRY Napa Valley '18 nr

Fresh and focused with red fruit, cocoa powder, and graphite on the nose. The palate is elegant with supple blackberry, cherry, and red plum fruit wrapped in notes of coffee, and baking spice. The long and velvety finish reveals bold tannins and well-integrated oak.

FAUST- Napa Valley '17 92pts.

This wine jumps out of the glass with aromas of fresh black cherry and plum. Layers of savory cherry compote, earth, cedar, and graphite are rounded out by a long finish with hints of dark chocolate, balanced acidity, and minerality.