



96 POINTS | 2020 PAUL LATO CHARDONNAY "MA JOLIE" PEAKE RANCH VINEYARD

The 2020 Chardonnay Ma Jolie comes from 11-year-old Hyde and Wente clone vines. It opens with the flinty reduction often associated with Burgundian Chardonnay, before blossoming to white peach, mushroom, honey, toast and integrated baking spices from its 16-month maturation in 63% new French oak. Medium-bodied, the palate is concentrated and ripe, with undertones of matchstick and honey. It offers tangy acidity, a silky texture and a long, elegant finish.

95 POINTS | 2021 PAUL LATO PINOT NOIR "SEABISCUIT" ZOTOVICH VINEYARD

The 2021 Pinot Noir Seabiscuit comes from 18-year-old vines, and the wine was matured for 17 months in 57% new French oak. It's bursting with cranberry and blackberry preserves, blood orange, pipe tobacco and iron, plus forest and autumnal accents in the undercurrent. The medium-bodied palate is just as layered, its fruit concentrated yet nuanced. It has a finely chalky texture, fireworks of fresh acidity and a long finish streaked with dark spices.

97 POINTS | 2021 PAUL LATO PINOT NOIR "SUERTE" SOLOMON HILLS VINEYARD

The 2021 Pinot Noir Suerte comes from 21-year-old vines planted in sand and was matured for 17 months in 53% new French oak. It has a deep, alluring perfume of strawberry, raspberry and pomegranate, with nuances of blood orange, tea leaves, graphite and fresh tobacco that continue to unfurl as it spends time in the glass. The medium-bodied palate is more coiled at this youthful stage, its flavors driven by iron-like mineral tones. It has a fine, powdery texture, mouthwatering bursts of acidity that call you back to the glass and a long, spicy finish. It deserves 3-5 years in bottle to unwind and will be long lived.