Spring 2021

Dear Siduri Wine Club Members,

What a year to forget! There - now that we've addressed the elephant in the room, let's revisit some years that were much kinder to us. Rolling back the clock and revisiting the vintages of 2016, 2018 and 2019 – all of which were fantastic – provides some amazing memories that are captured in our Spring release. The infamous drought finally relented in the 2016 vintage, which gave some over-stressed vines a chance to balance out and gave us some incredible wines. Sites that are already naturally stressed, like the John Sebastiano and Rosella's Vineyards featured in this release, gave us not only ample tannin but gorgeous fruit notes. The 2018 vintage was a winemaker's dream – mild, dry, and evenly paced. A couple time capsules of this stress-free nirvana are the Gran Moraine and the Perry Ranch bottlings.

I'm also thrilled to show a couple highlights of the 2019 vintage with the Lingenfelder and Soberanes Pinot Noirs. The 2019 vintage is special to me not only because it was my first as the Siduri winemaker, but also because I was fortunate enough to make the wines with my good friend and Siduri founder Adam Lee. It's a rare opportunity to be able to make wines with one of your best friends, but the collaborative approach we took in 2019 resulted in some wines with some serious flavor and detail. The 2019 growing season was also very kind to us – there were some warmer spells, but the start date of September 12th (also a nod to Adam's birthday – so yes, champagne and cake first thing in the morning after the grapes were unloaded) was relatively late given the string of warmer vintages we've seen over the previous several years.

I look forward to sharing these wines with you in person once things calm down a bit. We'll also have a new and improved Siduri Lounge in Healdsburg to welcome you all to. There are brighter days ahead for sure, and I'll raise a glass of Siduri to that!

Cheers,

Matt Revelette and everyone at SIDURI



Spring Release Tasting Notes

2019 SOBERANES VINEYARD PINOT NOIR SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS

The Soberanes Vineyard – which is basically contiguous with the Garys' Vineyard – has really found its stride and the 2019 showcases the beautiful blue fruit notes that the Santa Lucia Highlands is famous for. With no shortage of color or weight, the wine bursts from the glass with fresh blueberry and blackberry notes, with a zip of acidity focusing the wine and providing great freshness. Composed entirely of 667 clone from an upper section and lower section of the vineyard, this wine did not need any whole cluster to add structure and benefitted from 40% new French oak. I can't wait to see how this wine develops with a few years in bottle, as it is extremely promising now!

8	Retail	Club Babylon	Founders Club
	\$55	\$44	\$38.50

2019 LINGENFELDER VINEYARD PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

The Lingenfelder Vineyard is nestled in an unusually cool pocket of the Santa Rosa Plain region of the Russian River Valley and is always our last vineyard to pick in the AVA. The 2019 vintage benefitted from a warm spell in late September that softened the tannins in the thick skins of the Martini clone and lignified the stems on the Pommard clone that we love doing whole-cluster fermentations on. The resulting blend is a wonderful mix of bramble fruit with accompanying cola and spice notes that emerge through the midpalate, with soft tannins letting the wine glide through a long, luscious finish. Opulent, yet refined, the 2019 is showing great right out of the bottle now and will age beautifully.

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\$55	\$44	\$38.50

2018 GRAN MORIANE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY

From a gorgeous hillside site in the Yamhill-Carlton district of the Willamette Valley, the 2018 Gran Moraine Vineyard Pinot Noir shows cherry, crushed rock and orange peel notes that are interwoven beautifully from the exceptional 2018 vintage. We used a small percentage of whole-cluster fermentation on this vintage, but the velvety tannins needed no help extracting in the fermenter to provide structure and weight. A warm vintage by Willamette Valley standards, the 2018 vintage provided a lusher fruit character to accompany the beautiful floral and earth notes that this vineyard shows every year. A wonderful wine to drink now, we could not have asked for a finer vintage to showcase what this vineyard can really do.

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	\$65	\$52	\$45.50

2018 PERRY RANCH VINEYARD PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Raspberry and sous bois notes on the nose open to bright Bing cherry with time in the glass. Finely textured throughout as a result of judicious use of whole-cluster fermentations and the succulent acidity of this Green Valley site, this Pinot Noir has the aromatic pop and structure to either drink now or age for well over a decade. Tasting from the same bottle the next day, the Perry Ranch offers secondary mushroom notes that are interwoven with the primary fruit throughout the palate and the long, lingering finish. A beautiful wine from a remarkable site in a great vintage – it's a joy to share this wine!

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\$55	\$44	\$38.50

2016 ROSELLA'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS

The 2016 Siduri Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir is one of the more structured 2016 Siduri Pinot Noirs and has aged remarkably well with a few years in the cellar. This structure undoubtedly came from the fact that, the 777 clone had smaller than normal clusters and this led to a higher skin-to-juice ratio, resulting in a Pinot Noir with some serious backbone. Blending this in with our other clones at Rosella's ended up producing a wine that is truly compelling, but also a darker fruited and more age worthy wine. The wine also utilized about 30% whole-clusters, leading to aromas of nutmeg and cinnamon to compliment to bright fruit notes. Some of the flavors are ripe black cherry, roasted espresso, fresh brambly/wild berry/blackberry and include plush and round texture in the mid-palate with moderate acid that holds on from middle to end. There also are flavors of ripe, fresh red cherry, strawberry jam, and clove.

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\$65	\$52	\$45.50

2016 J SEBASTIANO VINEYARD PINOT NOIR STA RITA HILLS

A notoriously steep vineyard near the eastern edge of the Santa Rita Hills, the 2016 John Sebastiano is a dark and concentrated Pinot Noir that expresses the challenging growing conditions of its terroir. Fully destemmed and aged 15 months in barrel, the wine opens with floral and rose petal notes with underlying black cherry with some slight gamey aromas rounding out the nose. The palate is deep and seamless, with raspberry liqueur anchoring secondary notes of sandalwood and blackberry. Refreshing acidity provides lift through the finish of the wine, with soft tannins that have rounded out beautifully in the bottle. This wine is in a fantastic drinking window and I can't get enough of it myself!

Retail	Club Babylon	Founders Club
\$60	\$48	\$42