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JUSTIN VINEYARDS & WINERY | TASTING NOTES AND AGING CHART



2020 ISOSCELES

For more than 30 vintages, ISOSCELES has been our flagship wine and quality benchmark for this style of wine here on the Central Coast of California. A blend based on cabernet sauvignon and supported by cabernet franc and merlot, the 2020 ISOSCELES shows why Paso Robles is such a great place to grow these varieties. Full-bodied with ripe black fruit and complex baking spice, it's ready to drink right out of the gate, but make sure to save a few bottles as it continues to evolve after some time in the cellar. Try it with slow-cooked beef short rib braise, filet mignon, or venison steak.

2021 JUSTIFICATION

With JUSTIFICATION, the Old World meets the New with a blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot. This wine expresses the spirit of legendary Right-Bank French Bordeaux producers by blending Merlot and Cabernet Franc, highlighting the complex expression of herbs, red fruit, and elegant structure, only with a Paso Robles twist of full, mature fruit. Full-bodied but lively and complex on the palate, the 2021 JUSTIFICATION is a versatile wine to pair with a wide range of foods, from hearty pasta dishes such as penne boscaiola – a traditional Italian pasta flavored with tomato, mushrooms, and bacon – to Santa Maria-style tri-tip.

2021 SAVANT

The 2021 SAVANT is a unique blend that combines the distinctive characteristics of Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, exhibiting the depth and complexity that Paso Robles is famous for, while also highlighting JUSTIN's elegant and food-friendly style. Rich with notes of ripe black fruit, spice, and smoky, meaty elements, it's a blend that's perfect for lovers of bold wine. Both fruit-forward and savory, the 2021 SAVANT is an ideal pairing for grilled leg of lamb marinated with red wine and spices, or aged soft cheese served with Marcona almonds.

2021 RESERVE MALBEC

The malbec grape hails from Cahors in southwestern France, just south of Bordeaux, where it is known as Côt. Malbec had mainly been used as a blending component in Bordeaux wines for many years before achieving its icon status in Argentina. The 2021 Reserve Malbec is nearly full-bodied with bold fruit character on the entry, including ripe red plum, black cherry, cassis, and raspberry preserves. Try it with black pepper buffalo burgers with blue cheese or grilled pork and cremini skewers with smoked paprika.

2021 RESERVE TEMPRANILLO

The historic Spanish-variety tempranillo has found a successful home in the vineyards of Paso Robles. Like its birthplace in the Rioja and Ribera del Duero regions of Spain, Paso Robles offers hot summer days, cool nights, and little rainfall. Our 2021 Reserve Tempranillo tempts you with beautifully layered fruit, exotic spice, floral highlights, and a long, complex finish. Try it now with a robust beef and spring onion stew or, after a few years, with grilled vegetable skewers or milder Mexican cuisine.

2021 RIGHT ANGLE

We pride ourselves on crafting Bordeaux-style wines, but are also eager to explore the potential of the distinctive fruit we grow in Paso Robles. The 2021 RIGHT ANGLE is an expressive, eclectic blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Malbec, and Petit Verdot, creating an intriguing mix of dark fruit, spice, savory elements, and supporting texture that is sure to please red wine lovers looking for something different. It's a perfect pairing for rich and flavorful dishes, especially those that are deeply savory like red-sauced pizza with soppressata, or long-cooked dishes such as pork shoulder stew.

2021 MERLOT

The 2021 JUSTIN Merlot shows a serious side of this popular grape variety. In the past, the merlot grape had received a reputation as a soft, cushy, easygoing variety, but this wine proves that it can hold its own. Full-bodied with ripe fruit, a classic Bordeaux-style savory character, and firm tannins, this wine is a complex version of Merlot that announces to the world that this is a grape variety with serious intentions. The 2021 JUSTIN Merlot is a great pairing with full-flavored dishes such as grilled portobellos with chimichurri, or sharp-salty cheeses such as aged Parmigiano Reggiano.

2021 ZINFANDEL

With this limited bottling, we show the versatility of this venerable, classic Paso Robles grape variety. Zinfandel often shows different ripeness levels within a single cluster of grapes, and the result is a unique mix of a full-bodied red wine with rich, ripe brambly berry fruit balanced by palate-cleansing freshness. The 2021 JUSTIN Zinfandel shows the fruit, savory spice, and texture that fans of this grape variety crave, combined with the complexity and balance that are JUSTIN hallmarks. This wine is a perfect match for full-flavored dishes with a slight sweetness like grilled Korean short ribs with sticky rice or prosciutto-wrapped prunes.

2022 CHARDONNAY

The 2022 JUSTIN Chardonnay has a clean, crisp, and textured palate with round, ripe citrus, apple and pear fruit, toasted oak, and an attractive mineral texture. Near full-bodied, elegant, and balanced, it is a very sophisticated style of Chardonnay with complex fruit. It's drinking beautifully right now, but don't be afraid to try it in a year or two when it will show added complexity and richness. With its crisp lemony notes and richly textured palate, the 2022 JUSTIN Chardonnay would pair beautifully with leaner meat dishes that feature citrus in a sauce or marinade, such as Cuban Mojo pork or chicken piccata.

2022 VIOGNIER

Viognier's rich texture, combined with its aromas of ripe stone fruit, citrus, tropical fruit, and haunting floral perfume, have taken this northern Rhône variety from near extinction in the 1960s to a popular variety in the New World. Paso Robles, with its Rhône influence, has been a new refuge for this grape, and the 2022 Viognier is an appealing expression of this variety's showy potential. Its full-bodied, drier style, mouth-filling texture, and long finish have made this wine a favorite, especially for those who normally don't venture into the white zone. The 2022 Viognier is a rich, balanced wine that matches perfectly with flavorful dishes like Cara Cara orange salad, or richly flavored firm cheeses such as aged Dutch gouda.

AGING CHART

This chart is meant to describe how over a decade of JUSTIN wines are showing right now, not to tell you exactly when to drink them. Our wines are delicious upon release and will also age gracefully in the cellar.

- 1 Youthful with primary fruit
- 2 Hold until Spring 2024
- 3 Hold until Fall 2024
- 4 Showing bouquet or aged quality
- 5 Drink up
- Not available

Wine/Vintage	2006*	2007*	2008*	2009*	2010*	2011*	2012*	2013*	2014*	2015*	2016*	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Sauvignon Blanc	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	1	1	1	1
Viognier	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1
Chardonnay	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1
Rosé	•	•	•	•	•	•	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	1	1	1	1
Cabernet Sauvignon	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	•
Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	•
JUSTIFICATION	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	•
ISOSCELES	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	•	•
ISOSCELES Reserve	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	•	•	•
EIGHTY ONE	•	•	•	•	•	4	4	4	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
PLATINUM Reserve	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	1	1	1	•	•	•	•
Syrah	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	•
SAVANT	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	•
FOCUS ¹	•	•	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	•	•
Zinfandel	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	•	•	4	4	4	1	1	1	•	•
Petit Verdot	5	5	4	4	4	4	•	•	4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Reserve Tempranillo	4	4	4	4	4	4	•	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	•	1	•
RIGHT ANGLE	•	•	•	•	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	•
Reserve Malbec	•	•	•	•	5	5	5	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	•
SUNNY'S BLOCK	4	4	4	4	4	•	4	•	•	1	•	•	1	•	•	•	1
OBTUSE	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	•	•
Merlot	•	•	•	•	•	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	•
TRILATERAL	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	•	•

Email Jason.Santos@JUSTINwine.com for information on older vintages or wines not listed.

^{*}Red wines from these vintages benefit from decanting to remove accumulated sediment.

¹This wine benefits from aeration prior to serving.

