

WINE ENTHUSIAST

93 pts

TURNING TIDE 2021 PICPOUL HAPPY CANYON OF SANTA BARBARA Matt Kettman, Fall 2022 Editors' Choice

At first, this affordable bottling from a warmer corner of the region is quite austere, with aromas of glacial wash and tight citrus blossom. It then opens a touch more toward yuzu peel and crisp pear. The palate is cut by citrus peel and a stony, oyster-shell minerality. Broader white-melon flavor consumes the midpalate.

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RARE NORTH 2021 PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY Michael Alberty, New Year's 2023 Editors' Choice

This graceful, ethereal Pinot Noir was aged for a mere nine months in neutral oak. It is balanced and restrained, with a silky mouthfeel and aromas and flavors of tart red cherries, pine needles and a shot of espresso with lemon. A tremendous value.

92 pts

TURNING TIDE 2021 ORGANIC CABERNET SAUVIGNON CENTRAL COAST Matt Kettman, Fall 2022 Editors' Choice

This is widely available and fairly priced wine made from organic grapes that is as complex as wines many times its price. Aromas of dark strawberry, fresh flowers and toasty oak are juicy and joyous on the nose. The palate is quite grippy in texture, offering solid and rich flavors of marjoram, sandalwood and red fruit, finishing on a chocolate tone.

91 pts

TURNING TIDE 2020 WHITE BLEND Matt Kettman, New Year's 2022

There's a bold spirit behind this unique blend of 66% Chenin Blanc and 34% Verdelho, but the wine is a subtle showcase. Light and delicate aromas of apple and orange blossom meet with chalk on the nose, while the grippy palate offers Creamsicle and lime-twist flavors.

90 pts

TURNING TIDE 2021 SAUVIGNON BLANC Matt Kettman, Fall 2022

Light lime and grass aromas give a crisp nose to this bottling from organic grapes. There's a lingering sense of turned earth as well. The palate is sharp with Granny Smith apple and tart lime-skin flavors, with bright acidity throughout.

91 pts

TURNING TIDE 2020 RED BLEND Matt Kettman, New Year's 2022

This blend of 72% Grenache and 28% Mourvèdre by former Joel Gott Winemaker Alisa Jacobson is an affordable and lovable wine. Light in the glass, it begins with aromas of freshly smashed then boiled pomegranate, vanilla and earth. The palate pops with fresh strawberry yet also offers game and scorched earth. It is complex while fresh.

90 pts

TURNING TIDE 2020 CHARDONNAY Matt Kettman, New Year's 2022

Dried lemon and fresh nectarine aromas show on the nose of this bottling. There's a tight grip to the sip, where that dried citrus quality surrounds the stone-fruit core.