

Habit Wine Company

From Focus on Santa Barbara County (Dec 2014) by Josh Raynolds

	Vintage ↓	(Hover for Commentary) Producer	Name	Tasting Notes	Score	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
2013	Habit Wine Company	Cabernet Franc Curtis Vineyard Santa Ynez Valley	(made with 40% whole clusters): Opaque ruby. Highly aromatic scents of smoky cherry and dark berries complicated by hints of musky herbs, leather, cured meat and cola. Juicy, smoke-accented dark fruit and bitter chocolate flavors show good depth and sweetness, with a spine of tangy acidity adding lift and focus. Gains weight on the gently tannic finish, which features bitter cherry, aged beef and floral pastille qualities. Decidedly funky but intriguing; fans of old-school Loire reds should check this one out. - Josh Raynolds	89		\$30.00	Dec 2014	
2013	Habit Wine Company	Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills	(30% new oak): Vivid red. Spicy raspberry and potpourri on the intensely perfumed nose, with notes of allspice and cola adding complexity. Sweet, incisive red fruit liqueur and spicecake flavors pick up an elegant floral quality with air. Packs a serious punch but comes off as lithe and nervy, with no excess fat. Finishes long and sweet, with supple tannins coming in late and adding shape. -- Josh Raynolds	92		\$50.00	Dec 2014	
2012	Habit Wine Company	Red Santa Ynez Valley	(30% new oak): Inky ruby. Red- and blackcurrant, cherry, pipe tobacco and cedar aromas reminded me of Bordeaux. Smoky cherry and cassis flavors show good energy and gain weight with aeration, picking up a peppery nuance on the back half. Finishes sappy and persistent, with sneaky tannins and a late jolt of sweet red fruit. -- Josh Raynolds	90		\$40.00	Dec 2014	
2012	Habit Wine Company	Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills	Ruby-red. Ripe cherry, dark berries, licorice, bitter chocolate and peppery spices on the deeply scented nose. Fleshy and broad on entry, then tighter and more tangy in the mid-palate, offering ripe cherry, black raspberry and spicecake flavors that show very good clarity and cut. Youthfully firm tannins shape the finish, which clings with excellent sappy tenacity. -- Josh Raynolds	91		\$50.00	Dec 2014	