

## Major New Releases from California's Blue Rock Vineyard 2012-2014

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Over the years we have observed enthusiastically the steady development of this small winery in Alexander Valley. Under the guidance of its founder and owner, Kenny Kahn, Blue Rock Vineyard has gone from strength to strength and today is among the finest artisanal wineries in the valley. Beginning with its first commercial vintage in 1999 Blue Rock has

shown steady improvements in the crafting of high quality estate-bottled premium Bordeaux varieties and Syrah from its 46-acre hillside vineyards.

This year Blue Rock celebrates the release of three new wines, two stunning white wines, Baby Blue White, a fragrant and delicious Bordeaux blend, a rich barrel-fermented Chardonnay, Burgundian in character, and a cool climate Pinot Noir. The grapes for these wines are sourced from some of Sonoma County's finest coastal vineyards, such as Sangiacomo. Kent Humphry, a new winemaker with winemaking experience in Burgundy, has joined Blue Rock's winemaking team to produce these new wines. He joins Miro Tcholakov who craft's Blue Rock's red wines. Miro also makes the wine for Trentadue and his own label.

Blue Rock produces 5,000 to 6,000 cases annually which are distributed in 22 U.S. markets and abroad. In view of the small quantities, these wines sell out quickly. If readers can't find them at their local wine shop, they can buy them directly from the winery www.bluerockvineyard.com.

## Wine Reviews

Blue Rock 2014 Baby Blue Sonoma County (\$28) 91 The 2014 Baby Blue is an attractive blend of five Bordeaux varietals and Syrah. It offers rich spicy aromas of red and black fruit and pure ripe concentrated fruit flavors on the palate with a touch of earthiness. It has a lovely texture, excellent balance and acidity, ripe round tannins and a long finish. This is the eighth vintage of this wine and it is showing better than ever, probably due in large measure, to the maturity of the vines.

Blue Rock 2015 Baby Blue Blanc Sonoma Coast (\$24) 90+ The Baby Blue Blanc, a new release, is a fragrant Bordeaux blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon with a touch of Viognier. It reveals appealing flavors of apple, stone fruit and herbs with good ripeness and acidity. It has a light creamy mouth feel, purity of flavor and a long finish. Very nice, but more acidity might make it even better.

Blue Rock 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon "Best Barrels" Alexander Valley (\$70) 93+ The Cabernet Sauvignon "Best Barrels" is sourced from Blue Rock's oldest vines planted in 1987. It is an attractive wine displaying aromas of black currants and sweet French oak. It is elegant and refined on the palate with a silky texture, rich concentrated fruit and soft round tannins. A wine ready to drink now but has good aging potential of up to 10 years. Only 380 cases produced.