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*My tasting at DuMOL was one of the highlights of my January trip to Sonoma.... 2016 and 2015 are two fabulous back to back vintages at DuMOL. This range is seriously impressive. — Antonio Galloni, April 2018*

### **2015 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY**

**92 POINTS** The 2015 Russian River Valley Chardonnay is very pretty, and also a terrific introduction to these wines. Rich, racy and super-inviting, the Russian River Chardonnay captures all the personality and natural intensity of the year. Yellow stone fruit and floral notes are pushed to the foreground in this succulent, pliant Chardonnay. The 2015 is an overachieving, appellation-level wine that punches above its weight.

### **2015 CHARLES HEINTZ VINEYARD ISOBEL CHARDONNAY**

**94 POINTS** Just as compelling from bottle as it was from barrel, the 2015 Charles Heintz Vineyard Isobel Chardonnay is absolutely gorgeous. Fresh, radiant and expressive, the 2015 is endowed with terrific depth and layers of flavors. This is an especially polished Charles Heintz Chardonnay that offers quite a bit of aromatic depth and fewer of the more tropical, botrytized-infected notes that are often found in wines from Charles Heintz. Orange peel, mint, tangerine and sweet spice infuse the finish in this super expressive Chardonnay.

### **2015 RITCHIE-LORENZO VINEYARDS CHLOE CHARDONNAY**

**95 POINTS** The 2015 Ritchie-Lorenzo Chloe Chardonnay is rich, unctuous and super expressive. The combination of fruit from Ritchie and texture from Lorenzo works beautifully here. Apple, pear, jasmine and almond overtones add lovely shades of nuance throughout. This is a stellar wine from DuMOL. 2015 is the last vintage in which the Chloe is a blend of fruit from Ritchie and Lorenzo.

### **2015 CLARE CHARDONNAY**

**96 POINTS** The 2015 Clare Chardonnay is quite a bit more expressive from bottle than it was from tank. A hint of reduction adds freshness to the naturally rich, opulent Hyde fruit. Racy and layered on the palate, with tremendous richness, the 2015 is a wonderfully complete and deeply satisfying wine with a very bright future. In 2015, the Clare did not finish its malolactic fermentation.

### **2015 ESTATE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY**

**95 POINTS** The 2015 Estate Vineyard Chardonnay is just as compelling from bottle as it was from tank. As always, the Estate is distinctly structured and savory in its expression, with the fruit pushed into the background. Sage, white pepper, crushed rocks and candied lemon are some of the many nuances that open up in the glass. Bright, saline notes extend the finish in a powerful yet polished Chardonnay that hits all the right notes.



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### **2016 HIGHLAND DIVIDE CHARDONNAY**

**90 POINTS** The 2016 Chardonnay Highland Divide is another pretty, entry-level Chardonnay in this lineup. Citrus, dried pear, flowers and mint are all given an extra kick of energy from intensely saline notes that underpin the fruit. Although not super-complex, the 2016 is beautifully persistent and nuanced, which makes it one of the hidden gems in this range.

### **2015 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR**

**90 POINTS** The 2015 Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley) is a tasty, appellation-level wine to drink now and over the next handful of years. Succulent, racy and forward, the 2015 has much to offer. Silky tannins wrap around a core of dark red and purplish fruit in this racy, expressive Pinot.

### **2015 WILDROSE VINEYARD AIDAN PINOT NOIR**

**94 POINTS** Bright saline notes and fine veins of tannin give the 2015 Pinot Noir Wildrose Vineyard its distinctive shape and sense of proportion. Medium in body, with terrific energy and cut, the 2015 has more than enough verve to balance the natural richness of the fruit. The 33% whole clusters play an important role in the wine's structural feel but are not especially evident in the flavor profile. The flavors are really popping today.

### **2015 FINN PINOT NOIR**

**94 POINTS** A suave, polished wine, the 2015 Finn Pinot Noir is laced with expressive floral notes, silky tannins and slightly redder fruit than the other wines in this range, all of which give it a very distinctive feel. The power of 2015 comes through, but the Finn retains its gracious personality. Today, the Finn is a bit more refined than it was from barrel.

### **2015 ESTATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR**

**94+ POINTS** The 2015 Pinot Noir Estate Vineyard is a huge, dense wine that is going to need at least a few years to come around. Black cherry, plum, licorice, spice and graphite notes infuse this sumptuous yet tannic Pinot Noir. Readers won't find much vintage 2015 sexiness here, as the Estate is decidedly powerful and tannic. Andy Smith chose to vinify the Estate with no whole clusters.

### **2015 WIDDOES VINEYARD RYAN PINOT NOIR**

**95 POINTS** The 2015 Widdoes Vineyard Ryan Pinot Noir is creamy, resonant and beautifully expressive, with seamless layers of aromatics and fruit that give the wine its tremendous overall balance. Rose petal, lavender and succulent red stone fruit notes abound. This silky, inviting Pinot once again hits all the right notes. The 2015 was done with fully destemmed fruit, but the Martini clone Pinot planted on this site nevertheless confers notable perfume.

### **2016 HIGHLAND DIVIDE PINOT NOIR**

**90 POINTS** The 2016 Pinot Noir Highland Divide is a pretty, lifted wine. Bright red berry fruit, blood orange, floral aromatics and mid-weight structure give the 2016 tons of appeal. I would prefer to drink this gracious, airy Pinot over the next handful of years.



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### **2015 MONTECILLO VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**93 POINTS** Smoke, grilled herbs, new leather, licorice and lavender make a strong opening statement in the 2015 Montecillo Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. Powerful, dense and massively constituted, this huge mountain Cabernet Sauvignon needs time to be at its best, but it is impressive, even in the early going. Here, too, the new oak needs time to fully integrate.

### **2015 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**90 POINTS** DuMol's 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon is plump, juicy and open-knit, all the qualities that make it a terrific choice for drinking now and over the next few years. A rush of bright red cherry, plum, pomegranate, mint, wild flowers and chocolate meld together. Even with all of its intensity, the 2015 offers a good bit of freshness in its aromatics. I would give the wine a year or two in bottle to fully come together. Today, the new oak is a bit prominent. The Napa Valley Cabernet is a blend of fruit from Meteor, Reve and Ballard.

### **2015 METEOR VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**95+ POINTS** Another highlight in this range, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Meteor Vineyard is vertical, powerful and explosive, with tons of personality and site-specific character. Lavender blueberry jam, anise, leather and cedar notes build in the glass as this huge, potent Cabernet struts its stuff. Sadly, yields were down a punishing 67%.

### **2015 BALLARD VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**94 POINTS** The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Ballard Vineyard is a sumptuous, racy wine with no hard edges and plenty of allure. Silky tannins give the Ballard a sensual feel that stands apart from the more powerful, structured style found in the other 2015 Cabernets in this range. Dark fruit, chocolate, blackberry, leather, licorice and menthol infuse this super expressive, polished Cabernet Sauvignon. Today, the oak is a bit prominent. Otherwise, the 2015 is very nicely done, even if it doesn't quite have the multidimensional personality of the other Cabernets.

### **2015 TENCH VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**95+ POINTS** The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Tench Vineyard is powerful, intense and also surprisingly closed, which is probably a very good thing for its long term aging prospects. Readers won't find much Oakville charm here today. The 2015 is going to need a number of years to unwind from its presently shut down state.

### **2015 GREYWACKE VINEYARD *EDDIE'S PATCH* SYRAH**

**94 POINTS** The 2015 Greywacke Vineyard Eddie's Patch Syrah is a dense, powerful wine that brings together considerable fruit richness with the more mineral notes that are so typical of this site.

### **2015 *LIA* VIOGNIER**

**90 POINTS** DuMOL's 2015 Viognier Lia is soft, supple and inviting, with lovely apricot and orchard fruit character. Floral notes develop nicely in the glass. Blocked malolactic fermentation keeps the flavors fresh in this decidedly vibrant, mid-weight Viognier.