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## JEB DUNNUCK

### 2017 WILD MOUNTAINSIDE VIOGNIER

**94 POINTS** The 2017 Viognier Wild Mountainside comes from three separate vineyards. It has its malolactic fermentation blocked and spends 11 months in barrel followed by three months in stainless steel. I'd put this up against the top examples of Viognier out there (Condrieu included). It has loads of apricot, white peach, exotic flowers, and spice in a medium to full-bodied, powerful, opulent package. Despite plenty of classic Viognier richness, it stays vibrant and pure, with good acidity. It's terrific.

### 2017 LORENZO VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

**96+ POINTS** The 2017 Chardonnay Lorenzo Vineyard comes from a clay-dominated site in the Russian River Valley yet is sourced exclusively from a set of old vines, planted in 1974 in a unique, sandy section of the vineyard. One of the saltier, more savory, and mineral-driven wines in the lineup, it offers rocking levels of white flowers, crushed rocks, citrus pith, and salty notes to go with a medium-bodied, rich, powerful, yet still racy style on the palate. With a stacked mid-palate and beautiful balance, it's another wine that's going to benefit from short-term cellaring and be long-lived.

### 2017 DUMOL ESTATE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

**96+ POINTS** The 2017 Chardonnay DuMol Estate comes from vines planted in sandy soils and is a mix of Hyde Wenté and Mount Eden clones. It offers rock star notes of tart peach, citrus, and salty mineral and earthy notes in a focused, chiseled, crisp style. With terrific concentration and an almost red wine-like level of structure, it's not for near-term drinking and needs a good 3-4 years of bottle age.

### 2017 HYDE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

**95+ POINTS** Coming from 24-year-old Wenté Clone, the 2017 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard has a complex, spicy style in its white peach, flowers, cumin, and baking spice-driven aromas and flavors. It's another wine from this estate that has notable concentration, the bright acidity of the vintage, terrific mid-palate depth, and a great finish. Give bottles a year or three.

### 2017 CHARLES HEINTZ VINEYARD ISOBEL CHARDONNAY

**95 POINTS** I loved the 2017 Chardonnay Charles Heintz Vineyard Isobel, one of the standouts in the lineup. Named after winemaker Andy Smith's daughter and from a site far out on the Sonoma Coast, it has a beautifully rich, layered, textured style as well as impressive notes of white peach, white flowers, and honeysuckle. With plenty of fruit, an awesome texture, great balance, and a singular character, it will be better in another year and I suspect will keep for upwards of a decade.

### 2017 RITCHIE VINEYARD CHOLE CHARDONNAY

**95 POINTS** Lemon curd, chamomile, orange blossom, and a touch of tropical fruit emerge from the 2017 Chardonnay Ritchie Vineyard Chloe, an exotic, full-bodied effort that offers a singular character. Upfront and with a big, mouthfilling texture, it shows a terrific sense of salinity and minerality on the finish and shows a more Burgundian side to this Grand Cru site.



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### **2017 HIGHLAND DIVIDE CHARDONNAY**

**93 POINTS** Also from the Russian River Valley, the 2017 Chardonnay Highland Divide comes from the cooler Green Valley region and a slightly higher elevation site (it's still in the fog layer though). Lots of citrus, lemon curd, and orange blossom notes as well as some salty minerality emerge from this rich yet racy white. A great example of the vintage with its sweet fruit and bright acidity, it's balanced, with terrific purity of fruit and a great finish.

### **2017 FLAX VINEYARD ESTATE PINOT NOIR**

**96+ POINTS** The 2017 Pinot Noir Flax Estate Vineyard comes from a vineyard next to Rochioli and is all Pommard clones (from 21-year-old vines) that spent 15 months in 50% new oak. One of my favorites in the lineup, it has classic Pommard earthiness and forest floor as well as beautiful red and black currants, loads of spice, medium to full body, lots of tannins, integrated acidity, and a great, great finish. This is a complete, complex, brilliant Russian River Valley Pinot Noir that's going to have two decades of

### **2017 JENTOFF VINEYARD RYAN PINOT NOIR**

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### **2017 FINN PINOT NOIR**

**95 POINTS** The 2017 Pinot Noir Finn comes 76% from the estate DuMol Vineyard and 24% from the Occidental Road Vineyard, and it sees 15 months in 50% new French Ermitage barrels. It's a deep, dense, powerful wine that has lifted notes of plums and darker cherry fruits intermixed with subtle iron, spice, and earthy notes. With medium to full body, a rounded, layered texture, and ripe tannins, it's another beautiful wine from this team that needs 2-3 years of bottle age but will deliver the goods through 2027+.

### **2017 WILDROSE ESTATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR**

**94+ POINTS** The 2017 Pinot Noir Flax Estate Vineyard comes from a vineyard next to Rochioli and is all Pommard clones (from 21-year-old vines) that spent 15 months in 50% new oak. One of my favorites in the lineup, it has classic Pommard earthiness and forest floor as well as beautiful red and black currants, loads of spice, medium to full body, lots of tannins, integrated acidity, and a great, great finish. This is a complete, complex, brilliant Russian River Valley Pinot Noir that's going to have two decades of longevity.

### **2017 DUMOL ESTATE PINOT NOIR**

**94+ POINTS** The 2017 Pinot Noir DuMol Estate Vineyard is more earthy and savory, with a concentrated, foursquare style that's going to benefit from short-term cellaring. Notes of black cherries, bouquet garni, earth, and chocolate all define the bouquet, and it has building tannins, a great mid-palate, and impressive length.



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### **2017 JOY ROAD VINEYARD PINOT NOIR**

**94 POINTS** From sandy soils and a higher elevation site, the 2017 Pinot Noir Joy Road offers a beautiful rose and floral character as well as tons of pretty red fruits. It's medium-bodied and elegant, picking up hints of sandalwood and orange zest with air, and displays a balanced, complex, ethereal style. It's beautiful today, yet I suspect it will benefit from a year or two in bottle and keep through 2027.

### **2017 HIGHLAND DIVIDE PINOT NOIR**

**92 POINTS** Another Russian River release, the 2017 Pinot Noir Highland Divide comes primarily from the estate's DuMol Vineyard as well as small amount from the Jentoft Vineyard. From Calera, Swan, and 943 clones and brought up in 45% new oak, its darker ruby color is followed by savory notes of black fruits, smoked earth, chocolate, and forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, it's nicely concentrated, has plenty of elegance and purity, and a balanced profile that's going to evolve nicely for at least a decade.

### **2017 DUMOL ESTATE VINEYARD SYRAH**

**97 POINTS** The 2017 Syrah DuMol Estate Vineyard is sensational and will give a top Hermitage a run for its money. Incorporating 6% Viognier and aged 16 months in 30% new oak (20% in amphora), it's loaded with notions of blue fruits, iron, ground pepper, and tons of obvious minerality. It's deep, medium to full-bodied, has building structure, and a great finish. This brilliant bottle of wine is going to keep for another 15 years or more.

### **2017 GREYWACKE VINEYARD EDDIE'S PATCH SYRAH**

**96 POINTS** I also loved the 2017 Syrah Eddie's Patch, which has more of a Côte Rôtie vibe in its spring flowers, black raspberries, and dried earth-like aromas and flavors. Coming from pure volcanic soils and brought up 40% new oak, it's medium to full-bodied, has lots of tannins, terrific fruit, and a seamless texture. It's certainly impressive today yet will benefit from 2-3 years of bottle age and keep for 10-15 years.

### **2017 WILD MOUNTAINSIDE SYRAH**

**94 POINTS** There are three Syrahs from Smith. His 2017 Syrah Wild Mountainside comes from a handful of sites in the Russian River and spent 15 months in a mix of one-third new French oak, 20% amphora, and the balance in used barrels. This rocking effort offers classic cool-climate notes of blue fruits, violets, ground pepper, and game. With medium to full body, beautiful tannins, and a seamless texture, it's going to keep for over a decade.