



January 2021 Newsletter

We made it! Happy 2021!

2020 was a difficult year, to say the least. But despite all the challenges (of which there were plenty), I try to look at the glass as half full. While travelling and eating out, two things that I used to do regularly, came to a halt, I have enjoyed having so much time at home. Even being home, the pace did not seem to stop. While the bulk of my business (events) came to a halt, there have been back to back virtual tastings with winemakers, giving me lots of content to write about for my blog and other outlets. I was honored to be listed as number 31 on the [Top 100 Wine Blogs, Websites & Influencers in 2020](#) by Feedspot. This was in addition to also receiving the [Top 101 Wine Writers Of 2020 Award](#) in September from Corking Wines, a leading online wine merchant and retailer based in the city of York in the UK.

I hope that you, too, can see the glass as half full for 2020. More importantly, I hope that 2021 is a year where we can start to come back together and find a new sense of normalcy. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy and keep your masks on!

Join me for one, or all, of these upcoming virtual tastings. After traveling virtually around Europe at the end of 2020, Please The Palate, Wine Weirdos and Riviera Wine Group will be heading virtually to the Southern Hemisphere. Each hour long wine tasting and educational conversation includes two bottles of wine, tasting notes, a history of each variety, stories about the winemakers, and food pairings.

[Southern Hemisphere Tasting Bundle 1: Australia](#)

Friday, January 15, 6pm PST

\$65 (1 bottle of Semillon and 1 bottle of Shiraz)

In order to receive this bundle in time to enjoy during the class, you must place your order by January 4th (if you live in California, you can place your order by January 11th)

[Southern Hemisphere Tasting Bundle 2: New Zealand](#)

Friday, January 29, 6pm PST

\$65 (1 bottle of Sauvignon Blanc and 1 bottle of Pinot Noir)

In order to receive this bundle in time to enjoy during the class, you must place your order by January 18th.

Southern Hemisphere Tasting Bundle 3: South Africa

Friday, February 12, 6pm PST

\$65 (1 bottle of Chenin Blanc and 1 bottle of Cinsault Blend Wine)

In order to receive this bundle in time to enjoy during the class, you must place your order by February 1st.

Purchase the entire bundle for \$165 (6 bottles of wine).

In order to receive this bundle in time to enjoy during the classes, you must place your order by January 4th. (if you live in California, you can place your order by January 11th)



Get to know the winemakers and winery owners behind the brands. Listen to the Wine Soundtrack podcast and get to know them through serious, thoughtful, personal, funny and sometimes challenging questions.

Recent USA podcasts are available with:

- [Youngberg Hills - Wayne Bailey](#)
- [Native Flora - Scott Flora](#)
- [Sweet Cheeks Winery - Jessica Thomas](#)
- [J. Scott Cellars - Jonathan Oberlander](#)
- [Larner Vineyards and Winery - Michael Larner](#)
- [The Hilt - Matt Dees](#)
- [Oceano Wines - Rachel Martin](#)
- [Ehlers Estate - Laura Diaz Munoz](#)
- [Donum Estate - Dan Fishman](#)
- [Donelan Family Wines - Cushing Donelan](#)
- [Folded Hills Winery - Kim Busche](#)
- [Bells Up Winery - David Specter](#)

Recent International podcasts are available with:

- [Wine Soundtrack International: Roberto Stucchi, Badia a Coltibuono, Chianti, Tuscany, Italy](#)
- [Wine Soundtrack International: Yolanda Diaz, Bodegas San Alejandro, Calatayud DO, Spain](#)
- [Wine Soundtrack International: Maria Otero, Bodegas Martin Codax, Spain](#)
- [Wine Soundtrack International: Nigel Westblade, Peter Lehmann, Australia](#)
- [Wine Soundtrack International: Matt Fowles, Fowles Wine in Strathbogrie Ranges, Central Victoria, Australia](#)

- [Wine Soundtrack International: Andrea Costa, Marengo, Piemonte, Italy](#)

Wine Soundtrack is available on [WineSoundtrack.com](#), [Soundcloud](#), [Spreaker](#), [iTunes](#), [YouTube](#), [Spotify](#), [iHeart](#) and on the Wine Soundtrack App. More podcast interviews are coming!

RECENT ARTICLES

PLEASE THE PALATE WINES OF THE WEEK

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Billecart-Salmon NV Brut Nature](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Sans Wine Co 2020 Carignan in 750ml bottle](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Mionetto 2019 Prosecco Rosé DOC](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Lang and Reed 2016 Two Fourteen Cabernet Franc, Napa Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: J Cuvee 20](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Montes Alpha 2018 Carmenère, D.O. Valle De Colchagua, Chile](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Acorn Winery 2016 Heritage Vines Zinfandel, Alegria Vineyards, Russian River Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Far Niente 2018 Estate Bottled Napa Valley Chardonnay](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Weingut Stroblhof 2015 Pinot Bianco, Alto Adige-Sudtirol, Italy](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Vines on the Marycrest Jive Talkin' 2018](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Notre Vue 2019 Chardonnay Musque, Russian River Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: 2016 Les Cadrans de Lassègue, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux, France](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Field Recordings 2019 Dry Hop Pet Nat](#)

PLEASE THE PALATE PICKS OF THE WEEK

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Continuing A New Years Tradition Virtually](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: CBD Living's "Sleep" line - CBD Living
Vegan PM Gummies and Sleep Aid Syrup](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Familie Allendorf 2018 "Save Water Drink
Riesling" Dry, Rheingau with Hanukkah Latkes](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: To-Go Tasting Menu from Vespertine and
Alinea via TockLA](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: The Sip Shield Mask](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Small Business Saturday and Women-
Owned Wineries](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Raeburn 2019 Russian River Chardonnay
and Dungeness Crab Cakes](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Tolago Hard Seltzer](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Sherry Paired with Halloween Candy](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Singani 63 To-Go Cocktails](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: German Wines from Home "Corks &
Forks" pairing German Wine with Food Favorites](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: 2020 Central Coast Wine Competition](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Deskercising with Mika Leah of the Goomi
Group](#)

WINE

[Discovering Armenian Wine: The Armenian Wine Revival](#)

[Safe Traveling In Paso Robles Wine Country](#)

[Growing grapes by the sea at Fort Ross Vineyard](#)

[Portion Control: Examining the Strict Regulations for Vintage Port](#)

[The Cabernet Sauvignons of Far Niente](#)

[Pinot, Pinot and More Pinot](#)

[de Negoce: A New Model for Selling Wine](#)

[The Next Generation of Family Owned Wineries](#)

[The beauty of aged of Chardonnay](#)

[The Story of the American Dream: Mi Sueño](#)

[Caviar, Truffles, Wagyu beef, wine, cocktails and more at The Tavern at Zaca
Creek in Buellton](#)

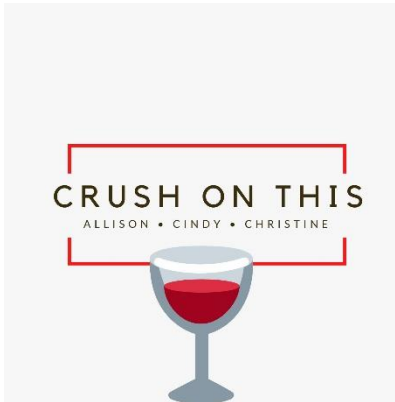
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[Champagne Lanson's Love Tour lands in Malibu](#)

[White wines from Lodi beckon](#)

SPIRITS

[QUALITY DISTRIBUTOR: A Wholesale Company in San Diego, CA Offers A
New Way To Do Business at QDLiquor.com](#)



CRUSH ON THIS VIDEOS

- [Crush On This Episode 24: Champagne](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 23: Dessert Wines](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 22: Wine and Movies](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 21: Kaiken Wines](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 20: Cabernet Franc](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 19: Carménère](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 18: Beaujolais](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 17: Tempranillo](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 16: Merlot](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 15: Greek Wine](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 14: Lambrusco](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 13: Crémant](#)
- [Crush On This Episode 12: Unique Wine Varieties](#)



WINE WEIRDOS VIDEOS

- [NV Lanson Black Label Brut Champagne France Sparkling Wine](#)
- [Chene Bleu Le Rose 2019 IGP Vaucluse](#)

[2019 Tres Sabores Ingrid and Julia Rose, Napa Valley, California](#)
[NV Graham Beck Cap Classique Brut Rose South Africa Sparkling Pink Wine](#)

[2017 Dow Vale do Bomfim Douro Portugal Red Wine](#)

[2018 Pioneer Spear Vineyard Pinot Noir, Santa Rita Hills, California](#)

[2016 Mi Sueño Winery, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California](#)

[2019 Ashes & Diamonds Rose No. 4 Napa Valley California Pink Wine](#)

[2016 Talbott Vineyards Sleepy Hollow Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands](#)
[California White Wine](#)

[Wine Weirdos Celebrate National Zinfandel Day with Two Paso Robles](#)

[Wines - Glunz and Peachy Canyon](#)

[2017 Tenuta di Arceno Chianti Classico Riserva, Italian Red Wine](#)

[2019 ONX Indie Rose of Tempranillo, Paso Robles, California](#)

[2016 CVNE Viña Real Crianza Rioja, Spain](#)

[Fel Wines Pinot Noir 2018 Anderson Valley California Red Wine](#)

[2019 CVNE Cune Rosado Tempranillo, Rioja, Spain](#)

[2019 Bannister Scheurebe Sonoma County California White Wine](#)

[2017 Kelman Encruzado Dão DOC Portugal White Wine](#)

[2017 Robert Biale Old Kraft Vineyard Zinfandel, Napa Valley, California Red](#)

[Wine](#)

