



Potek Winery

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Potek 2015 Bien Nacido Vineyard Chardonnay (Santa Maria Valley)

Lemon blossoms, crushed chalk, sea salt, sandalwood smoke and lime pith swirl together into an extremely inviting, compelling and truly Burgundian nose on this bottling by Dave Potter. The palate is grippy and layered with texture and flavors of lemon rind, crushed nuts, judicious oak and the slightest pop of crème brûlée on the finish. **(95 points, Cellar Selection)**

Potek 2015 Mormann Vineyard Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)

Very light in the glass, this wine's nose is very expressive and ever-evolving, with stark aromas of white flowers, Key lime meringue, smashed kumquat, mango marmalade and a kiss of oak. It's very firm and tightly wound on the bright palate, showing lemon peels, yuzu and crushed sea shell flavors. **(93 points)**

Potek 2015 Kick On Ranch Riesling (Santa Barbara County)

Green-orange pith, tart pear flesh and hints of orange blossom show on the nose of this clean fresh bottling. It's grippy on the palate, where the texture is more compelling than the easy flavors of pear flesh and white flower blossoms. **(89 points)**

Potek 2014 Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills)

Tangy redplum, rhubarb, cranberry and tart hibiscus aromas show on the light-red fruit-forward yet stylistically reserved bottling from this historic vineyard. It's extremely lively

and way more complex on the palate, where flavors of rose hips, rose petals, potpourri, tarragon and dried mint mix effortlessly with snappy pomegranate fruit. **(94 points)**

Potek 2013 Mormann Vineyard Syrah (Sta. Rita Hills)

Vibrant aromas of freshly plucked violets, lavender, black tobacco and white pepper make for a very beautiful and fulfilling nose on this cool-climate bottling. The palate is fresh and bursting with flavors of smashed boysenberries and rose petals, with a savory touch of rosemary oil. **(93 points)**

Potek 2013 Kimsey Vineyard Syrah (Ballard Canyon)

Dried black currant and blueberry meet with crushed black rocks, turned loam and slight caramelization on the nose of this single vineyard expression. The palate lands with ripe blackberry syrup flavors that are lifted by anise, violet and beef char. **(90 points)**

Potek 2014 Demetria Vineyard Grenache (Santa Ynez Valley)

Damp funky herbs meet with boysenberry, dark cranberry, cinnamon and mace on the compelling, unique nose of this bottling. Juniper and fennel pollen spice up the tightly wound, dark-red fruits on the sip, where meaty hints of roasted game add to the complexity. **(92 points)**

Potek 2014 Kimsey Vineyard Grenache (Ballard Canyon)

Very floral on the nose, this bottling from a young vineyard shows crushed slate, red cherries and a touch of potpourri on the nose. The palate offers hearty flavors of baked boysenberry, peppery spice and a tart violet florality, proving quite a mouthful of flavors. **(91 points)**

