



The **HITCHING POST II**
RESTAURANT & WINERY

Bottle Wine List

*We Specialize In Our Own
Hitching Post Wines
And
Specially Selected
Santa Barbara County Wines*



Frank Ostini & Gray Hartley

Long before Hollywood discovered the glories of Santa Barbara Wine Country, Frank Ostini and Gray Hartley were busy crafting wines at home while holding down full time jobs. Gray was a commercial fisherman, and Frank was chef (with his brother Bill) of the Hitching Post. Frank and Gray made their first wine at home in 1979, and their first Pinot Noir in 1981. The first Hitching Post wines were created at Byron Winery (1984-89). The brand moved to Au Bon Climat/Qupe Winery (1991-2000), Central Coast Wine Services in Santa Maria (2001-07). Now they direct their winemaking at Terravant Winery in Buellton, and Frank and Gray produce over 15,000 cases per year.

Many vintages and different vineyard bottlings are offered here for your dinner this evening. Several wines are available by the taste (in our bar) and bottles are available for retail take home.



PINKS 2015 Dry Rose \$28

Serious dry rose, barrel fermented, fruity, crisp, and delicious. A good start to your Hitching Post experience.

We are bullish on PINKS...

...But since 1981, our passion has been Pinot Noir.



Santa Barbara County Pinot Noirs

We create Pinot Noir blends from many vineyards from Pacific cooled coastal valleys of Santa Barbara - Santa Maria, Los Alamos, & the Sta. Rita Hills. These wines each represent value and quality for their price, and are produced in quantities to be available elsewhere.

Pinot Noir HOMETOWN 2013 \$32
A blend from vineyards in Los Alamos, Santa Maria, and Santa Rita Hills. Layered and showing a nice balance of cherries, spice, and earth.

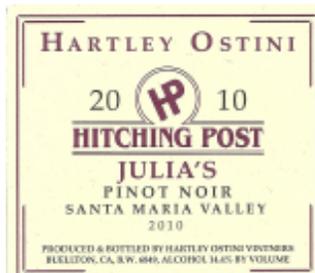
Pinot Noir CORK DANCER 2013 \$38
Flavors of dark cherries, plums and hints of licorice are all showing up here. Juicy and delicious, this wine is perfectly matched with grilled foods.

Pinot Noir HIGHLINER 2013 \$52
Highliner is “the best fisherman in the fleet.” This “best of the best” cuvee comes from top barrels of our best vineyards (mostly Fiddlestick and Bien Nacido). Elegant, ethereal, full of flavors that float into a long finish.

Pinot Noir HIGHLINER 2009 \$61
Same story as the 13, except this 7 year old has gained roundness & richness. From a ripe vintage, this shows mature, dark fruit.

Pinot Noir Pence 2012 Blair Pence’s vineyard just west of Buellton is now classified as Sta. Rita Hills. A very good site and farmed well, this is compact, with aromatic cherry cola that opens with air. \$46

Pinot Noir Kick On 2009 (Los Alamos) \$46
Cool vineyard site west of Los Alamos. Elegant aged bouquet.



Pinots from the Santa Maria Valley

103 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido 2010 \$54

Forward with ripe flavors and typical Bien Nacido spice.

110 Pinot Noir Julia’s Vineyard 2009 \$54

Flavors of red fruit and winter spice.

35 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido 2002 \$75

Complex bouquet of dried flowers, minerals, and cherry.

27 Pinot Noir Julia’s Vineyard 2001 \$90

With age showing amazing grace and elegance.

Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley 1997 1.5 L Mag \$175

Cool vintage. Sierra Madre & Riverbench Vineyards. Peaking gloriously!

Other Hitching Post Reds

106 Merlot 2012 Santa Barbara \$32

McGinley of Happy Canyon & Alisos vineyards. Med. body, lively palate.

102 Four Top 2007 Red Blend \$38

Mostly Merlot & Cabernet Franc, rustic character great with grilled foods.

114 Syrah BIG CIRCLE 2013 \$35

Young and full of pepper, spice, and smoke.

37 Syrah Bien Nacido Vineyard 2001 \$45

Well structured, aging well, rich full bodied.

209 Sangiovese “La Terantella” 2009 \$45

Don & Ann Petroni’s Happy Canyon vineyard.

13 Sangiovese “La Terantella” 2005 \$78

Great structure & balance, reveals Italian-like character as it opens w/air.

Sparkling Wines

40 Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noir Carneros \$38

Floral raspberry leads to crisp lemon & strawberry flavors. .

43 J Brut Rose \$45

Pretty pink, all Pinot Noir made by Jordon, sweet berries, delicious.

42 Delomotte Champagne \$58

Balanced and elegant, with subtle power. Appealing freshness, soft curves and a precise, fresh fruit finish. Extremely attractive Champagne.

45 Henriot Brut Champagne \$64

A lively Champagne, light citrus, ginger, yeast flavors, brisk acidity.

41 Billecart Salmon Rose Champagne 375 ml \$65

Medium bodied with intense crispness. This has a racy structure propelling its strawberry, black currant and mineral flavors. Plenty of natural acidity ensures a crisp long finish.

Rose Wine

68 Hitching Post PINKS 2015 Central Coast \$26

Fresh barrel fermented blend of Pinot Noir and Valdiguie. Bright strawberry fruit makes a delicious start to your HP Wine experience.

67 Margerum Riviera Rose 2014 \$35

Very light salmon rose of Grenache. Bursting with aromas of framboise, watermelon candy and spice. Dry on the palate, long crisp finish.

Chardonnays

62 Au Bon Climat 2014 Santa Barbara \$32

Jim Clendenen makes classic Burgundian style from Santa Maria. Fermented in neutral oak, emphasis on balance, fruit, and good acidity.

64 Hitching Post 2013 Santa Barbara County \$38

Our first chardonnay since 2000. From Duvarita Vineyard near Lompoc. Barrel fermented, and aged on its lees for 10 months. Young, crisp, lively citrus fruit, with just a touch of oak. Long elegant finish.

58 A Cote 2012 Santa Barbara \$40

18 months in oak and includes Bien Nacido & Riverbench vineyards.

55 Lumen 2012 Santa Maria Valley \$42

Crisp apple-melon notes, then pineapple, mango, and a long finish.

60 Drawing Board by Wenzlau Sta. Rita Hills \$48

First wine for this SHH's producer. This organic chardonnay is a delight. It is fresh and crisp, and has nice grapefruit tones that mark this wine with just the right acidity and balance.

70 Tyler Santa Barbara County \$56

Santa Maria Valley and Sta. Rita Hills fruit. Reminiscent of stone fruit, smoke, and spice notes, with nice texture and balance.

White Wines

53 Feliz Noche Riesling 2014 Santa Barbara \$28

A wine with just the right amount of sweetness and acid zing..

- 66 Buttonwood Sauvignon Blanc** 2013 \$28
Crisp and balanced, slight grassiness and ripe melon flavors.
- 63 Bedford Gewurtztraminer** 2009 \$28
Delicious with crisp acidity and sweet flowery fruit, long gentle finish.
- 54 Refugio Ranch Viognier** 2011 Santa Ynez \$30
Aromas of jasmine with stone fruits, soft round full mouthfeel.
- 57 Quail Crossing Pinot Grigio** 2013 \$32
The wine has beautiful stone fruit aromas (nectarine, peaches, apricot), along with minerals. In the mouth, pear, peach, and apricot.
- 51 Verdad Albarino** 2010 \$32
Bright flavors of pear, meyer lemon, minerals, finishes dry and crisp
- 52 Tablas Creek Blanc** 2011 \$34
Aromatic, refreshing, pretty jasmine & toasted hazelnut notes, flavors of peach, apricot, and melon. Blend of Viognier, Grenache Blanc, Marsanne and Rousanne.
- 56 Clos du Val Ariadne** 2007 Napa Valley \$36
Sometimes digging through the cellar, you find a gem. This is from a Frenchman making wine in Napa Valley since the 70's. This Semillon/Savugonon Blanc blend reminds us of a well aged white Bordeaux, good acidity, yet rounded with age, with slight grass and ripe peach.
- 50 Cold Heaven Viognier** 2013 Le Bon Climat \$42
Floral aromas, white peach, vanilla, traces of minerality & bright acidity.

Pinot Noirs

- 313 Tolosa** 2011 Estate San Luis Obispo \$36
Light flavors of cherry, cola, with a touch of herbs. Very soft and ready.
- 214 Flying Vines** 2005 Arroyo Grande Valley \$38
Made by La Vie. Medium+ body, balanced, mature, nice fruit & finish.
- 213 Costa de Oro** 2006 Santa Maria Valley \$40
Delicious red fruit, strawberry, clove, cinnamon and earth.
- 308 Hug Cellars** 2007 Cedar Lane Arroyo Grande \$45
Earthy well aged bouquet, with dark fruits and a rich, round texture.
- 310 Talley** 2011 Estate Arroyo Grande Valley \$48
Concentrated delicious black cherry fruit opens up with time in glass.
- 306 Cold Heaven** 2009 Makepeace Santa Barbara \$50
Lively structure, savory dried berries and baking spice.
- 21 Fiddlehead** 2009 Fiddlestix Vineyard, SRH \$53
Nice aged bouquet of cinnamin, black raspberry, tar, and Asian spices, medium body with red/black fruits, and a nice finish.
- 18 Prodigal** 2005 Sta. Rita Hills \$54
Delicate and elegant w/age, gorgeous mature cherry fruit & forest floor.
- 20 Alta Maria** 2009 Santa Maria Valley \$58
A blend of the best vineyards in Santa Maria - Rancho Ontiveros, Bien Nacido, & Soloman Hills. Pronounced red fruit with a spicy backbone.

17 **Expression 44** 2006 Eola-Amity Hills Oregon \$60
Ripe but refined, black cherry & charred meat flavors.

22 **Sinor-LaVallee** 2005 Aubaine, San Luis Obispo \$68
Smokey dark fruit, rich round & full palate. Still young at 11 years old.

15 **Paraiso** 2001 West Terraces Santa Lucia Highlands \$74
Still alive at 15, good fruit, and balanced, with aged complexity.

16 **Chanin** 2009 Le Bon Climat Santa Maria Valley \$78
In Pursuit of Balance, lively tart fruit, with mineral & floral aromas.

14 **Hilliard Bruce** 2009 Sta. Rita Hills \$89
Rich & full, with black cherry, anise, earth, and fine tannins in the finish.

Cabernets

102 **Hitching Post Four Top** 2007 \$38
Mostly sweet Merlot & savory spicy Cabernet Franc, this has a well aged bouquet, and a lively melange of herb and currant flavors.

309 **Folkway** 2010 Revelator Santa Barbara \$38
52% Merlot, 41% Cabernet Franc, 7% Cabernet. Rich in tannins, ripe with cherries & currants. Only 310 cs. made by the Bozzano brothers.

206 **Le Vigne Cabernet** 2014 Paso Robles \$38
Black currant, cassis, sweet toasty oak, this well balanced opulent Cab is medium bodied and will pair well with many grilled foods.

Lucas & Lewellen 2012 Cote del Sol (SYV) \$45
Cabernet from south facing hillside ValleyView Vineyard just east of Solvang, dark and smoky with spicy notes, rich and round.

201 **Lieu Dit Cabernet Franc** 2014 SYV \$50
Made in the Loire Valley style, this wine has versatility with a range of foods, and a unique herbaceous flavor that blends well on the palate.

26 **Le Vigne Cabernet Franc** 2013 Paso \$60
Reminiscent of picking berries in the forrest. The palate is robust and deeply layered with hints of leather and cocoa powder.

12 **Inglenook Cask** 2012 Napa Valley \$84
A historic property being revived by Coppola with this retro label and very fine wine. Deep purple, sweet floral, berry, violet, & spice notes, thick & concentrated with supple, long lasting tannins and long finish.

30 **Grassini** 2013 Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara \$92
One of our region's best, powerful, elegant and balanced, dark fruit, ample soft tannins, delicious mouthfeel and long finish. Only 864 cases.

36 **Cedar Knoll** 2012 Napa Valley \$98
Founded in 1881, this property was restored by the Palmaz family in 1986. Ripe berries, dried herbs, round tannins, with rich, spicy flavors.

120 **Chateau Branon** 2001 Bordeaux France \$110
At 15 years old, this beauty is powerful and full, with a long palate, yet well balanced and fresh with nice acidity and refined tannins.

19 **Chappellet** 2013 Napa Valley \$126
Deep purple, notes of blue & blackberry with cassis, camphor & spring flowers. Full bodied, powerful, w/supple tannins, & a long, long finish.

Syrah and Rhone Blends

- 114 **Hitching Post Big Circle** 2013 \$35
All Alisos Vineyard. Young and full of dark fruit, spice, and smoke.
- 212 **Core** 2006 Red Wine Santa Barbara \$36
Syrah, Mourvedre, Grenache blend from the eastern edge of SBC (near New Cuyama). Firm, intense with vibrant wild berry flavors.
- 301 **La Cuadrilla** 2014 Ballard Canyon \$38
A collaboration of the vineyard crew at Stolpman. Mostly Syrah, with Sangiovese & Grenache. Full bodied, hints of cherry pit & lavender.
- 200 **Larner Syrah** 2011 Ballard Canyon A nearby \$39
vineyard, deliciously rich & round with mature flavors of ripe berry and chocolate. Top grower for years now making their wine in Buellton.
- 302 **Ground Effect** 2011 Rock Garden Paso Robles \$40
Grenache, Counoise, Syrah. Rich blackberry with dark licorice & red candy, full body & firm.
- 314 **Laetitia Syrah** 2004 Arroyo Grande \$44
Tannic when young, with time this has evolved into an elegant balanced expression of dark fruits of cherry, plum, leather, and earthiness.
- 37 **Hitching Post Syrah** 2001 Bien Nacido \$45
Perfect vintage, long cool growing season. Aging nicely, hints of dried cherries, pepper and rich earth. Mellowing tannins, but still lively.
- 121 **Bernat Syrah Gratitude** 2009 Los Olivos \$47
Sam has sold our wine at his L.O. Cafe, so we return the favor to offer his wine here. Rich, ripe, plummy fruit has rounded with age.

- 203 **Jaffurs Syrah** 2013 Santa Barbara \$48
Layered flavors of cherry, wild berry and violet aromatics, this wine is fruitful in the mouth, with rich espresso and pepper flavors.
- 305 **Blair Fox Syrah** 2010 SYV Paradise Vineyard \$48
Big, dark, and round, deep blackberry, blueberry, and earthiness, peeking now, this will warm you on a cold night.
- 31 **Falcone Syrah** 2011 Paso Robles Estate \$52
Savory fruit, nice texture, with a creamy mineral infused finish.
- 10 **Tribute to Grace Grenache** 2011 \$59
From Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard in eastern SBC. Strawberry jam, leather, and some vanilla. Smooth and easy.
- 11 **Qupe** 2008 Sawyer Linquist V. Edna Valley \$68
Biodynamic vineyard near Arroyo Grande. Complex array of flavors - dark berry, spiced wood, white pepper. Velvety mouthfeel.
- 33 **Foxen Syrah** 2012 Williamson-Dore Santa Ynez \$85
Very small yields lead to a rich & full wine with aromas of blackberries, asphalt, plum, & molasses, with smoky earth, olive, and meaty flavors.

Zinfandel

- 207 **Renwood** 2013 Amador Premier Old Vine \$30
Chocolate, bramble berry, raspberry, and vanilla bean greet you on the nose, followed by bright red fruit flavors.
- 208 **Novy Four Mile Creek Red** 2011 \$32
60% Syrah, but the 30% Zin stands out with brambly cherry & licorice.

211 **Quivira** 2012 Dry Creek Valley - Sonoma \$38
Plenty of berries, with a good mix of savory earth. Raspberry, dried bay leaf, medium tannins & body. Balanced, ripe berries, sweet earth.

204 **Bedrock** 2012 Sonoma Valley Old Vines \$40
Aromas of licorice, plum, flavors of blueberry, olive, & cracked pepper.

34 **Artezin** 2010 Mendocino \$43
Aromas of dark cherry and licorice. Plum flavors with some sage and anise. Ripe tannins.

Merlot

106 **Hitching Post** 2012 Santa Barbara \$32
Frank & Gray believe that Merlot got a bad rap in the movie, and it grows very well in the warmer areas of Santa Barbara. This is full & round, lively mix of fruits with good acidity making a good food wine.

205 **Victor Hugo** 2011 Paso Robles \$40
Aromas of Bing cherry and bittersweet chocolate are complimented by a background of spicy oak. Rich flavors and a long, intense finish.

202 **Happy Canyon Piocho** 2011 Santa Ynez \$46
From Happy Canyon in eastern Santa Ynez Valley - a warm area good for Merlot & Cabernet. A full bouquet of fresh bright cherry, with warm cocoa and spice. Savory texture with a chocolate raspberry finish.

304 **Matanzas Creek** 2007 Bennett Valley-Sonoma \$48
A well balanced age worthy style, still showing some tannin, with earth and herbs. With air, it opens up with dark currant fruit.

Local, but Italian (style)

300 **Palmina Dolcetto** 2011 \$28
Steve Cliften's light, refreshing, crisp, and easy to enjoy red.

303 **La Vie Sangiovese** 2008 Central Coast \$32
From Paso. Mature, soft, sweet fruit w/spice, dry herbs & orange peel.

210 **Palmina Barbera** 2010 \$40
Young and vibrant, dark berry & spice aromas, lively boysenberry flavors with a smoky nuance and good grip in the finish.

209 **HP Sangiovese** 2009 "La Terantella" \$45
Don & Ann Petroni's Happy Canyon vineyard, just 600 bottles/year.

38 **Stolpman Sangiovese** 2012 Ballard Canyon \$58
Highlights cranberries & fresh red fruits that extend through the finish. Shows ripe forward fruit & full body, very approachable.

25 **Chateau Margene** 2006 Cielo Rosso - Paso \$62
Super Tuscan style Sangiovese blend. At 10 years still vibrant with black fruits & spice, jammy notes of cherry, strawberry, and plum.

13 **HP Sangiovese** 2005 "La Terantella" \$78
Great structure, balance, reveals Italian-like character as it opens w/air.

