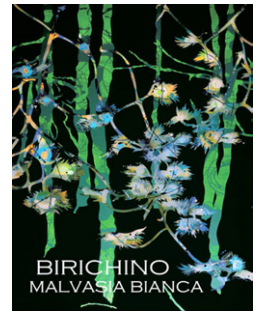




"We're thankful for the opportunity to pursue what we know and love: making wine that is distinctive, present it in a way that is fun, engaging, and not intimidating. If we can manage to impart a sense of discovery and excitement about wine to a broad swath of people while we're at it, that's great!"

APEX VIN-EXOTICA
BIRICHINO
 CENTRAL COAST



These are distinctive, harmonious, highly energetic wines that challenge and transcend our expectations. Owners Krause & Locke focus on varieties they feel appeal most naturally to our senses, creating effortlessly pleasurable wines that emphasize the direct connection between the wine lover and the physical world through the immediacy of the taste experience. *Birichino means naughty or mischievous.*

PETULANT NATUREL MALVASIA

"Birichino has nailed this wine for at least the past 3 years, and it keeps getting better. It flirts with definitions just a bit, in that some fermenting **muscat canelli** is added prior to bottling to help produce the fizz. OTOH, it's also undiluted and unfiltered, and just a tiny bit sweet. It brims with the floral aspects—honeysuckle and orange blossom—that make malvasia so pretty in sparkling form." – Punch, Aug 2016; Vinous on the 2013: **90pts**

MALVASIA BIANCA *San Bernabe Vineyard* Monterey

Vinous on 2013: "Light, green-tinged yellow. Aromas of fresh citrus and pit fruits, with a hint of beeswax emerging slowly. Shows good clarity and lift on the palate, offering juicy peach and tangerine flavors that tighten up on the back half. Closes on a spicy note, with good cling and a touch of bitter peach pit."

CHENIN BLANC *Monterey*

'Compared to our 2014 "Jurassic Park" Vineyard bottling, this 2014 Chenin is ML negative, and has a little higher acidity and also a little counterbalancing residual sugar; about 6 grams. From a teenaged block on shale, decomposed granite and clay, this Monterey bottling is more floral, fewer crunchy minerals, but with a definite electricity to it. Added richness from 8 months **sur-lie** in **4 neutral French** barrels to **5 stainless**, vs. almost all stainless for Jurassic Park.

CHENIN BLANC "*Jurassic Park*" *Santa Ynez*

MUSCAT CANELLI *sweet and gloriously fragrant*

VIN GRIS ROSÉ *Grenache, Cinsault, Mourvèdre*

CINSAULT OLD VINES *Bechtold Vineyard* *Lodi*

Tiny yields from the *Earth's oldest Cinsault vineyard* – planted in 1886! Wine Enthusiast: **92pts** "**Editor's Choice**"

GRENAPE OLD VINES *Bessan Vineyard* *Central Coast*

Planted in 1910 and owned by one family since 1922, these non-irrigated vines sit on a rocky slope just low enough to disqualify it from the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation. 106 year-old dry-farmed, own-rooted Grenache fermented with native yeast, aged in neutral French oak; unfiltered. **2016**: 2.5 tons/acre, yields here are often much lower; WE: **93pts**

MOURVÈDRE OLD VINES *Contra Costa*

"Face in the hot sun, and feet in the water," goes the old saw, describing the preferred environment for mourvèdre. In 1897, on land once home to jackrabbits and coyotes, the Santa Fe Railroad first laid tracks across this balmy stretch of Contra Costa County on the Sacramento River Delta, opening the region to a century of changing fashions and tides. Today, a dwindling patchwork of densely planted, very old vineyards perseveres in the face of an expanding sea of densely planted, very new homes. These head trained, un-grafted vines, planted in deep, pure sand, needn't default to the conventional template for mourvèdre – rustic, tannic and often forbiddingly concentrated by the bayonet of saignée. Indeed they are ideal for a wine altogether different – elegant, supremely aromatic, persistent, buoyant and soignée.

ZINFANDEL "*St. Georges*" OLD VINES *Central Coast*

PINOT NOIR "*St. Georges*" *Central Coast*



Grown just below the southern end of the Santa Cruz mountains, this Pinot enjoys a mild climate, poor Cortina and Garretson-series soils, fastidious farming, and shy yields. Primarily from an old-vine parcel at mountain base where small berries bring elegant, floral characteristics. Darkly fragrant fruit from the steep Larry & Lilo site (slate, schist and sandstone) blended with fruit from limestone soils, and muscular, brooding old-vine fruit from 1800' in the Chalone AVA (Antle Vnyd). Dynamic Pinot Noir! Vinous on 2013: **91pts** "*Black raspberry, cola and fresh flowers on the deeply perfumed nose. Appealingly sweet, deep and expansive in the mouth, offering pliant red and dark berry and floral pastille flavors that are brought into focus by zesty acidity. Blends richness and energy smoothly, finishing with very good clarity and sweet fruity persistence.*"

PINOT NOIR *Lilo Vineyard* *Santa Cruz Mountains*

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