

Welcome to the Parabola California By the Glass Selection

Throughout April and May this year Parabola is running a California wine extravaganza with an extensive range of wines by the glass and tasting sets (minimum order 3 tasting pours), and all bottles available to buy at retail price + JPY 2,000 corkage.

Selection changes daily - ask Richard what is available today

****Wines of the month JPY 1,000 / 150ml glass | JPY 5,000 bottle****

Castle Rock Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino County - *An attractive floral, apple aroma and generous, ripe apple and herb flavors give this medium-bodied wine plenty of personality.*

Austerity Chardonnay Arroyo Seco - *A richly textured Chardonnay from Monterey's Arroyo Seco AVA. The cool climate and rocky soils are just perfect for this Californian Chardonnay.*

Ca' Momi Napa Merlot - *Rich, textured Merlot from the heart of Napa Valley.*

****Daily tasting sets 6 x 50ml pours ¥4,000 - ask for today's selection****

****White selection****

Sauvignon Blanc

Morgan Winery Sauvignon Blanc 2014, Monterey Arroyo Seco and San Lucas (Sauvignon Blanc Musqué Clone 62%, Sauvignon Blanc Clone #1 28%, Semillon 9%, Albarino 1%) 75ml taste ¥1,000 | 150ml Glass ¥1,500 | Bottle ¥6,000 *This barrel-aged Sauvignon Blanc is a rare specialty. Following fermentation, the wine was transferred to Bordeaux barrels of which 7% were new for 6 months of aging. Aromas of apple, nectarine, and cantaloupe. Flavors of white peach, and lemon-lime with a streak of minerality are lively and refreshing. The small touch of oak lightly accents the bright acidity and adds an elegant texture.*

Domaine De La Terre Rouge Easton Sauvignon Blanc Monarch Mine Vineyard 2013 ¥1,250 | 150ml · Glass ¥1,750 | Bottle ¥7,000 - *The Sauvignon clones that go into this wine have a noble pedigree, coming from Sauternes' iconic Chateau d'Yquem, planted at 800m. Stainless steel fermentation followed by 10 months ageing in neutral French oak barrels. Rich fruit flavours of lime, melon and papaya with a long lingering and complex finish.*

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Matanzas Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County 75ml taste ¥1,250 | 150ml Glass ¥2,000 | Bottle ¥7,000 - *one of our very favourite Sauvignon Blancs in the world! Made from 38+ different blocks, each individually harvested, fermented, evaluated and cared for before blending. Aromas of grapefruit, white nectarine, dry lemon thyme, honeycrisp apples and a hint of lemon zest. A crisp, textural mouthfeel with bright acidity. e addition of Sémillon gives a smooth texture, with a nice lingering finish. There is a slight flint element that comingles with stone fruit and dry herb.*

The Scholium Project

Abe Schoener, professor of Greek Philosophy turned wine maker, set up the Scholium Project aiming to make magic out of lesser sites, the below-sea-level verdello and the mangy old-vine sauvignon blanc tract, and in so doing to master the balancing act between the distinctive and the financially practical. Tiny quantities of highly idiosyncratic wines

The Scholium Project Dulcissima Camilla Farina Vineyards 75ml Taste ¥1,750 | 150ml Glass ¥3,000 | Bottle ¥10,000 - *a highly esoteric Sauvignon Blanc from Abe Schoener's Scholium Project. Only 48 cases made.*

The Scholium Project La Severita di Bruto Farina Vineyards Glass 75ml Taste ¥1,750 | 150ml Glass ¥3,000 | Bottle ¥10,000 - *100% Sauvignon Blanc from a rocky hillside on Sonoma Mountain; 100% barrel-fermented and aged in neutral wood and stainless; made from juice only.*

Chardonnay

Austerity Chardonnay Arroyo Seco 150ml Glass ¥1,000 | Bottle ¥5,000 - *A richly textured Chardonnay from Monterey's Arroyo Seco AVA. The cool climate and rocky soils are just perfect for this Californian Chardonnay.*

Bench Russian River Valley Chardonnay 75ml Taste ¥1,000 | 150ml Glass ¥1,750 | Bottle ¥6,000 - *unoaked, but surprisingly rich for a wine that hasn't gone through malolactic fermentation. It's sourced from two unusual Russian River Valley vineyards, Bazzano and Louvau, which have mature vines that are planted on the old AXR1 rootstock, and the vintners believe help retain the grapes' natural acidity, while maintain lower sugar levels late into the season.*

Flowers Sonoma Coast Chardonnay 75ml Taste ¥2,500 | 150ml Glass ¥4,000 | Bottle ¥12,000 - *The Flowers Sonoma Coast Chardonnay comes from the Camp Meeting Ridge vineyard, one of two estate vineyards about two miles from the Sonoma Coast. The vineyard sits at 1200 feet, but the base soil for the vineyard was once ocean floor. The ancient rocks and frequent coastal fog give the Chardonnays produced from this site great minerality and acidity.*

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Tatomer Rieslings

Graham Tatomer is a rising star winemaker in Santa Barbara County, specializing in the unexpected: Riesling! Graham's wines are dead-ringers for the rich yet chiseled styles of the Wachau, thanks to his incredible talent combined with three years working under respected Austrian winemaker Emmerich Knoll. These are wines for serious Riesling lovers, and Graham Tatomer is a winemaker to watch.

Tatomer Vandenberg Riesling Santa Barbara County 75ml Taste ¥1,250 | 150ml Glass ¥2,000 | Bottle ¥10,000

Tatomer Kick-on Ranch Riesling Santa Barbara County 75ml Taste ¥1,250 | 150ml Glass ¥2,000 | Bottle ¥10,000

Anything but Chardonnay: other white varieties

Three Thieves California Pinot Grigio (80% Pinot Grigio, 10% French Colombard, 5% Muscat, 5% Riesling) 75ml Taste ¥750 | 150ml Glass ¥1,000 | Bottle ¥5,000 - *To enhance the best characteristics of this variety, the wine was cold fermented in stainless steel without undergoing any malolactic fermentation bringing bright aromas, fresh fruit flavors and crisp, refreshing acidity.*

Tatomer Meeresboden Grüner Veltliner Santa Barbara County 75ml Taste ¥1,250 | 150ml Glass ¥2,000 | Bottle ¥8,000 - *Blended from several small plantings along hillsides in Santa Barbara County. The common thread besides all being cool climate sites is that they share a similar soil structure of sand, diatomaceous earth, and loam. Meeresboden is balanced with stone fruit, and yellow citrus flavors, as well as a salty, kelp-like minerality. Young, this wine is bright and racy, with age it becomes silky and more honeyed.*

Ferdinand Albarino, Borden Ranch Lodi County 75ml Taste ¥1,250 | 150ml Glass ¥2,000 | Bottle ¥8,000 - *This Albariño features the lime zest aromatics and salinity one might find in a Galician wine but barrel fermentation and eight month's lees aging also gives it savoriness and a rounded mouthfeel to balance out its natural acidity and freshness.*

Bodega de Edgar La Guera, Central Coast (75% Albarino, 25% Roussanne) 75ml Taste ¥750 | 150ml Glass ¥1,250 | Bottle ¥5,000 - *Bright nose of honeysuckle, white flowers and sweet melon. Pure, clean and compelling. It's crisp and balanced, with a clean mineral and lemon hazelnut finish.*

Groundwork Pasa Robles Grenache Blanc 75ml taste ¥1,000 | 150ml Glass ¥1,500 | Bottle ¥6,000 - *Bright citrus, unripe pineapples, watercress scented leaves and pepper plant.*

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Sean Thackrey

Sean Thackrey crafts his wines in the middle of nowhere in a redwood barn in Bolinas, a small town on the coast about 45 km north of San Francisco. He came to winemaking with no experience, after a successful career as an art dealer. Aside from a course or two on winemaking chemistry, he is entirely self-taught. Indeed, he derives more knowledge from obscure winemaking texts hundreds of years old than from any newfangled research to come out of UC Davis. As a result, his methods are quirky and instinctual compared with those used by more empirical winemakers. He's been known to improvise his way through a harvest, deciding on the spot whether or not to soak, to de-stem, to ferment warm or cool, to punch down or to pump over. He says turning grapes into wine is like a cook turning salmon into a meal. Currently Thackrey produces about 5,000 cases a year of proprietary blends and varietal wines. As for the stars and constellations that name his wines, he's said they are a "symbol of the antiquity and mystery of my craft, which I could have practiced essentially unchanged in the Sumeria of the Gilgamesh epic."

Sean Thackrey La Pleiade 75ml Taste ¥1,250 | 150ml Glass ¥2,000 | Bottle ¥10,000 - *La Pleiade is an evocatively aromatic, fruit-and-mineral-driven white blend whose varietal components (beyond Viognier) and vineyards of origin are not clear. The aromas suggest a melange of flowers, spice and fruit - white peach, yellow apple, mango. The palate is full-bodied and dry but also luscious and a little chewy with more peach and floral perfume flavors. Wet stone-like minerality persists in the finish.*

Broc Cellars

The creative vibe of San Francisco runs through this winery. Wines are made in tiny batches, with less obvious varieties, and behind uniquely designed labels.

Broc Cellars Love White, Love Ranch Madera County (90% Marsanne, 7% Rousanne, 3% Viognier) 75ml Taste ¥1,000 | 150ml Glass ¥1,750 | Bottle ¥6,000 - *A fresh, lively organic white blend with aromas of lemon and pear; medium-bodied with a luscious palate.*

****Rose selection****

Forlorn Hope Ukiyo Rose 2013, Sierra Foothills (50% Touriga Nacional, 30% Tinta Roriz, 15% Tinto Cang, 5% Trincadeira) 75ml Taste ¥1,250 | 150ml Glass ¥1,750 | Bottle ¥6,000 - *A delicate pale rose made from a blend of indigenous Portuguese varieties.*

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****Red selection****

Pinot Noir

Austerity Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir 75ml Taste ¥1,000 | 150ml Glass ¥1,500 | Bottle ¥5,000 - *Fermented in stainless steel followed by 10 months barrel aging in 100% French oak, this elegant and opulent Pinot Noir features aromas of cranberries and graham cracker with earthy overtones. The palate reveals ripe red fruit flavors complemented by balanced tannins and a long, lingering finish.*

Bench Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 75ml Taste ¥1,000 | 150ml Glass ¥1,750 | Bottle ¥6,000 - *Vibrant aromatics and intense flavors characterize this Pinot Noir of the cool Sonoma Coast. It was sourced primarily from the Sangiacomo Amaral Vineyard on the Sonoma side of Carneros with a small amount from the Russian River Valley for additional depth and structure.*

Flowers Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 75ml Taste ¥2,000 | 150ml Glass ¥3,000 | Bottle ¥12,000 - *this cool-climate wine opens coyly with a burst of spearmint on the nose, evolving into layers of flavor steeped in rhubarb, black cherry and tea. Soft and lilted, the wine's finish conjures thoughts of strawberry cream.*

Merlot

Ca' Momi Napa Merlot 150ml Glass ¥1,000 | Bottle ¥5,000 - *Rich, textured Merlot from the heart of Napa Valley.*

Trefethen Oak Knoll Napa Valley Merlot (95% Merlot, 4% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon) 75ml Taste ¥2,000 | 150ml Glass ¥3,000 | Bottle ¥10,000 - *After fermentation in stainless steel, the wine is aged 18 months in 50% French, 36% American and 14% Hungarian oak. Ripe cherry, plum and black licorice aromas precede a luxurious palate that offers a lush mouthful of plum, dark chocolate and notes of leather. Silky tannins linger in a long finish.*

Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux style blends

Foxglove Cabernet Sauvignon, Pasa Robles 75ml Taste ¥1,000 | 150ml Glass ¥1,500 | Bottle ¥6,000 - *Aged in stainless steel, this is a forward, charming wine that has lots of upfront jammy blackberry, savory herbs, licorice and a hint of graphite to go with a medium-bodied, supple, nicely focused feel on the palate. There's a solid kick of tannin on the finish.*

Bench Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 75ml Taste ¥1,000 | 150ml Glass ¥1,750 | Bottle ¥6,000 - *Located well inland and protected from the Pacific Ocean influence, the Knight's Valley has Sonoma County's most ideal climate for growing the Bordeaux grape varieties. This wine was sourced from a single mountain vineyard with blocks at varying elevations and with*

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multiple exposures. Fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged in 45% new French oak for 18 months. Vibrant aromas of violets, huckleberry and vanilla spice precede an elegant palate of red currant, cassis, cocoa and earthy flavors framed by a supple, velvet texture. The spice and fruit notes linger into the finish.

Peachy Canyon Ms Behave, Pasa Robles (95% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot) 75ml Taste ¥1,500 | 150ml Glass ¥2,500 | Bottle ¥9,000 - *This year's Ms Behave bursts with aromas of jasmine, wild flowers and honeysuckle evoke spring and summer blooms. Raspberry and strawberry add succulent depth. Darker flavors of boysenberry, lavender and dark chocolate prevail on the palate alongside plush tannins.*

Ramey Napa Valley Claret (63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 7% Malbec, 3% Syrah, 2% P Verdot 1% Cabernet Franc) 75ml Taste ¥1,500 | 150ml Glass ¥2,500 | Bottle ¥8,500 - *Fermented on native yeasts, the wine underwent malolactic in barrel. After blending, the finished wine aged 12 months in French and Hungarian oak (7% new) and was lightly fined with egg whites and bottled without filtration. Enticing aromas of dark plum, cherry and savory herbs lead to layers of blackberry, cassis and exotic spices. While creamy and smooth, velvety tannins emerge on the finish.*

Spring Mountain Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec) 75ml Taste ¥3,000 | 150ml Glass ¥5,000 | Bottle ¥17,500 - *Spring Mountain Vineyard is an 845-acre estate on the eastern slopes of Spring Mountain. Over 225 acres of the estate are planted to vine, representing 135 distinct hillside vineyard blocks with many soil types, exposures and microclimates. Barrel aged 22 months in French oak, this is a distinctive mountain Cabernet from one of the oldest Napa Valley estates displaying concentration, elegance and longevity.*

The Crane Assembly Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Sirah, 2% Merlot) 50ml Taste ¥4,000 | Bottle ¥40,500 - *Stoic, the 2013 GB Crane Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a layered nose of ripe black plum, blackcurrants, allspice and fir. Massive upon entry, the textured palate floods with flavors of blackberry compote, ristretto and hints of pomegranate, complicated by strings of brambly fruit. Ever evolving on both the nose and palate, the baking chocolate structure has integrated tannins that will soften in time.*

Zinfandel

Peachy Canyon Westside Zinfandel, Pasa Robles (77% Zinfandel, 13% Petite Sirah, 6% Alicante Bouschet, 3% Syrah, 1% Tannat) 75ml Taste ¥1,250 | 150ml Glass ¥2,000 | Bottle ¥7,500 - *Parabola's perennial top selling wine, this is a powerful Zinfandel blend of estate and neighboring vineyards showcasing multiple mountain micro-climes.*

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Broc Cellars Vine Starr Zinfandel 75ml Taste ¥1,500 | 150ml Glass ¥2,500 | Bottle ¥8,500 - *really detailed, fresh nose of red cherries, violets and fine spices. Juicy, bright, supple palate with a hint of sappy greenness and seductive, sweet liqueur-like red fruits. Superbly fresh and drinkable, with a slightly meaty edge to the vivid fruit. Lovely purity and finesse here. Quite enthralling: the perfumed nose on this wine is so exciting.*

The Scholium Project Il Ciliegio The Stampede Vineyard California 75ml Taste ¥1,250 | ¥2,000 | Bottle ¥7,500 - *A really striking light red wine to be served cold. Fragrant, delicious, with good minerality and acidity. From old-vine Zinfandel in the northeast corner of Lodi.*

Syrah, Grenache and Rhone Blends

Margerum M5 Grenache (41% Grenache, 37% Syrah, 14% Mourvedre, 4% Counoise, Cinsault) 75ml taste ¥1,250 | 150ml Glass ¥2,000 | Bottle ¥7,500 - *boisterous wild berries, allspice-laced brioche, juicy hibiscus and fresh watermelon notes on the fun, inviting nose. It's juicy, light and easy drinking, with hints of anise and dried mint that give character to the bright red fruit.*

Carlotta Cellars Broken Arrow Red (40% Grenache, 30% Mourvedre, 15% Syrah, 10% Carignan and 5% Cinsault) 75ml taste ¥1,250 | 150ml Glass ¥2,000 | Bottle ¥7,000 - *A la Côtes-du-Rhône, this local red smells and tastes of dark strawberries & raspberries, black pepper, dried thyme, tarragon & lavender. Medium bodied, light tannins, fine acidity, good concentration, no oak. This makes an ideal, straight-forward meal companion.*

Sanguis

Sanguis was founded by Matthias Pippig, a German born Bavarian who moved to the U.S. at age 18 with dreams of becoming a professional rock-and-roll drummer. His plans changed over time when he decided it was not all that he had imagined. He then got involved in the L.A. food scene and in time met Manfred Krankl, with whom he'd work with for several years at La Brea Bakery. Krankl moved on to launch his own wine label Sine Qua Non in the mid 90s. Mathias too became interested in winemaking and began a journey of his own that would lead to founding of his label, Sanguis.

Sanguis Pilgrim, Santa Barbara County (98% Syrah, 2% Viognier) 50ml Taste ¥2,000 | 150ml Glass ¥4,000 | Bottle ¥15,000 - *A dash of whole cluster (25%) and extended aging of 30 months in 300L French barrels went into this deeply brooding wine. It was racked once and no fining or filtering occurred. Spicy aromatics with a hint of tar. Blackberries and cassis on the palate with licorice, herbs and a brooding smokiness.*

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Anything but Merlot: other black varieties

Broc Cellars Love Red (65% Carignan, 20% Valdiguié, 15% Syrah) 75ml Taste ¥1,000 | 150ml Glass ¥1,750 | Bottle ¥7,500 - *made from from 50-70 year old vines from Frei Vineyard in Solano County's Green Valley*

Broc Cellars Whole Cluster Cabernet Franc, Central Coast (85% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon) 75ml Taste ¥1,500 | 150ml Glass ¥2,500 | Bottle ¥8,500 - *The wine is sourced from 2 vineyards located within the Central Coast appellation, Happy Canyon in Santa Barbara and Santa Margarita in Paso Robles. The 2012 Cab Franc is 100% whole cluster giving the wine a softer/fleshier texture, plus 15% Cabernet Sauvignon that's completely destemmed. This gives the wine a more medium bodied, Bordeaux nuance as opposed to my single vineyard bottlings of Cabernet Franc which are more Loire-inspired.*

Sean Thackrey Pleides XXIV (Sangiovese, Viognier, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Mourvedre) 75ml Taste ¥2,000 | 150ml Glass ¥3,000 | Bottle ¥10,000 - *The wine starts with a vibrant nose of raspberries, cherries and a smidgen of peppery spice. The palate opens up with lush flavors of cranberry, cherry, and pomegranate. Floral and zest notes resonate into the clean finish. This iteration of Pleiades stands out for its ample mid-palate and transparent flavours.*

Old vintage range - A small range of back vintages to showcase the ageing potential of Californian wine. 4 x 50ml tasting pours ¥4,000

McKenzie-Mueller Napa JAZZ 2009 | Domaine De La Terre Rouge Noir Grande Annee 2001 | Stolpman Hilltops Syrah 2006 | Artezin Petite Sirah 2006