

PRESQU'ILE

‘Quite simply the most exciting new winery I've come across in several years. It's hard to overstate just how remarkable these wines are and the statement they make.’ – Alder Yarrow, Vinography

‘Proprietor Matt Murphy and his family have been absolutely relentless in their total pursuit of excellence. Presqu’ile is an estate to keep an eye on.’ – Antonio Galloni, Vinous

Year Founded: 2007

Region: Santa Maria, California

Owners: The Murphy family

Winemaker: Dieter Cronje, assistant winemaker Mike Chase and Jeremy Seysess, owner of famed Burgundy estate Domaine Dujac, as consulting winemaker.

Known for: Being one of the top producers in the Santa Maria Valley.

Cool Fact: Presqu’ile (pronounced PRES-KEEL) means ‘almost an island’ in Creole. It is the name of the Murphy family’s beloved Gulf Coast gathering place that was lost in Hurricane Katrina.

-Organic, Sustainable-

In 2007, after an extensive search that spanned the West Coast of the United States, the Murphy family acquired an ideal unplanted 200-acre property in the hills of the Santa Maria Valley. Over the next two years, the Murphys, along with Santa Barbara County Vineyard Manager Jim Stollberg and Winemaker Dieter Cronje, meticulously planned the design of the Presqu’ile Vineyard with an emphasis

on diversity. To achieve their vision, they mapped the site's deep sandy soils, distinct airflows, patterns of sunlight, hillside angles and elevations. With the insights derived from these measurements, they planted the vineyard to maximize the diversity of row directions, spacing, clones and rootstocks. To further augment this diversity with older vines, Presqu’ile also acquired an adjacent 11-acre parcel of Clone 777 and 667 Pinot Noir vines planted in 2001. Collectively, the result is a winemaker's dream, offering a treasure trove of individual blocks and sections, allowing Dieter to craft complex and layered small-lot wines. The Vineyard has always been certified sustainable but in the beginning of the 2014 growing season, organic trials began on half of the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay acreage. Beginning in the 2018 growing season, the entire vineyard would be farmed under organic protocols although not under certification. In 2016, Fruili pruning ninja, Marco Simonit, was hired to teach his ways. The idea was to minimize large cuts on the vines when pruning to encourage efficient sap flow and nutrient transfer within the vine which has already yielded huge improvement in the quality and consistency of canes in the vineyard, less shoot thinning in May and even more cluster ripening leading up to harvest.





2023 Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County

Vineyards: North Canyon (70%) Whitehawk (25%) Cottonwood (10%) Tunnel (5%)

Soil: Garey series, Sandy Loam, Sand

Elevage: 6 months in Neutral French Oak and Stainless Steel

Our Santa Barbara sets the foundation for how we vinify whites at Presqu'île. This bright and refreshing wine is loaded with flavors of Meyer lemon, citrus peel, crushed white flowers, and saline. Pair this bottle with cheese boards, creamy pasta dishes, or a variety of grilled fish. **Sustainable!**

92 Points – Vinous – “*Fabulous. Rich and creamy, it offers tons of immediacy. Apricot, chamomile, lemon confit and bright tropical notes all run through this super-expressive Chardonnay. Best of all, this is a superb value.*”

92 Points – Robert Parker - “*Powerful aromas of citrus oil and white peach fill in an otherwise bright, focused nose. The palate is deliciously succulent, concluding with a vibrant, pure finish with just enough creamy breadth. An impressive introduction to the solid winemaking at Presqu'île.*”



2019/2021/2022 Estate Vineyard Chardonnay

Vineyards: 100% Presqu'île

Soil: Garey series, Sandy Loam

Elevage: 11 months Stockinger (70%) and French Oak (30%, 5% new)

Our Estate Chardonnay has something to offer every palate preference. This textured, wine is nuanced with flavors of white peach, apple, toast, and salty sea air. Tangy and palate-coating, this wine is perfect for pairing with roasted poultry, lobster rolls, or cream-based pasta sauces. **Sustainable, Organic!**

94 Points – '22 Vinous – “*The 2022 Chardonnay Presqu'île Vineyard is elegant and lifted, with lovely brightness and energy. The 2022 is a bit more overt than most years, but it retains striking translucence and plenty of focus. White orchard fruit, sage, jasmine, mint, white pepper and crushed rocks all race across the palate. I especially admire the vibrancy here.*”

94 Points – '21 Vinous – “*One of the best wines I have tasted here in some time. It marries depth, textural resonance and energy in style. Lemon peel, almond, dried flowers and chamomile are some of the many notes that develop in the glass. I love the energy and focus here. There's plenty of the savoriness that is such a Presqu'île signature, but not to the point of being overpowering.*”



2023 Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara County

"It's a gift to find an under-\$30 Pinot that is so polished and graceful. Presqu'île winemaker Dieter Cronje sources grapes from four different vineyards — Rancho Los Alamos, North Canyon, Kick On, and Presqu'île's estate property — to fashion this cherry- and herb-scented red. It's full of flavor yet light on its feet, exactly what you want in Pinot Noir." -Food and Wine 2025

Vineyards: Presqu'île (8%), North Canyon (40%), Kick On (40%) , Full Circle (12%)

Soil: Garey series, Sandy Loam, Sand

Elevage: 11 months in neutral French oak and 6 months in stainless steel

Provides a beautiful look into just how well this grape thrives in the region's soils. 2023 is looking to be one of the best vintages Santa Barbara County has ever seen. With an unusually cold and wet beginning to the year and a long, mild growing season that extended up to a full month behind our normal harvest timing, the grapes enjoyed extra hang time and the opportunity to develop gradually. This lead to grapes with beautiful concentration, balance, and vibrant acidity. Lifted notes of Bing cherries, rose hips, dried orange rind, and sandalwood dominate the wine's earth-driven palate. Pair with game, veggie burgers, or roasted chicken. **Sustainable!**

91 Points – '22 Wine Enthusiast – *"Offers strawberry, red plum and graham cracker aromas alongside a rusty minerality. The palate is both zippy and ripe, with cherry flavors that are cut by a fiery acidity."*



2022 Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

Vineyards: 100% Presqu'île

Soil: Sandy Loam

Elevage: 11 months French Oak (5% new) followed by 6 months in stainless steel.

Our Presqu'île Estate Pinot Noir is produced entirely from 100% estate-grown, hand-harvested, and destemmed fruit. Silky flavors of bright red berries, ripe cherries, orange zest, sage, and mint mesh harmoniously together on the palate and lead to a smooth, long lasting finish. Serve at cellar temperature with lentils, crockpot stews, or mushroom-based sauces. **Organic!**

94 Points – '21 Vinous – *"Plump, juicy and quite expressive. In 2021, the Presqu'île is decidedly fruity, with fewer of the savory notes that are often found in wines from this site. The move away from stems in this wine continues to pay off handsomely."*



2023 Syrah, Santa Barbara County

100% Syrah. 40% Presqu'île Vineyard, 35% White Hawk Vineyard, 25% Zaca Mesa Stainless steel. Aged 9 months in neutral French oak. The 2023 season is regarded as one of the finest in recent memory for Santa Barbara County. A cold, wet winter gave way to a long and measured growing season, with harvest stretching nearly a month later than usual. This extended hang time allowed the fruit to develop slowly, concentrating flavor while retaining remarkable freshness. The resulting wines are marked by balance, depth, and vibrant acidity — a vintage that combines precision with energy. The 2023 vintage brings a lifted, aromatic expression of cool-climate Syrah. Notes of blueberry, violet, and cracked pepper rise from the glass, giving way to a savory, energetic palate shaped by bright acidity and fine-grained tannins. Precise and quietly expressive, it highlights the elegance, spice, and coastal clarity that define Syrah along the Central Coast.

Sustainable!

92 Points –James Suckling – *"Spicy and silky, with ripe plums, crushed blueberries, tamarind paste and a hint of floral peppercorns running through a palate that's giving right now and holds promise in the cellar."*