### 2014 CHRYSOS

She is golden

She has legs and viscosity

She is round, but not in a conventional way

She is mysterious and smells of flowers – jasmine, rose, orange blossom, & herbs – coriander, white sage, bay leaf

She requires you to pay attention when you are with her for she is a changeling, evolving as you spend more time with her

She is wild, and free of all convention, and will shock some of your wine friends She tastes of bitter orange, English marmalade on toast and apricot nectar, with an undertone of richness, could that be pistachio?

She has the warmth of your beloved, soft in all the right places

She is your new love or your old love

She is what you remember, what you want to spend time with, as she lingers on your tongue,

She is feminine.

SHE, a poem description by mary fox, proprietor

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pairing \( \text{winter squash soup w/pepitas} \)

## 2014 GRENACHE // DEVILS GATE WINE WORKS

Temptation; a blood red apple in the hand of Snow White, the ripe pomegranate employed by Hades to trick poor Persephone. Not even being the daughter of Zeus could save her, our queen of the underworld. Ahh but we must fly to warmer climes, high in the Mountains of Mexico, where to this day the Nahuatl of our Aztec neighbors is spoken. Fire bringer, chained to his rock as punishment for the crime, Prometheus abounds in mole, nopales, cayenne chiles, fresh cherries, an explosion of white pepper, and ripe tomatoes from the garden carried in a small cedar box, star anise cut and dried. Road trip we must, as this wine is truly worthy of the gods.

notes by clay selkirk, winemaker

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pairing [ duck breast on endive with pomegranate seeds & reduction ]

### 2015 LITTORAL

Royal velvet, dark & decidedly saturnine, this Littoral is literally a twirling dervish in your glass, an excitable demiurge swaddled in folds of fruit leather thickly pressed from blackberries & rose petals; & of course there be oriental sweet-sour plums spun with sun dried Urfa Biber peppers, the aromatic toasted seed of anise, black licorice & tarry plug tobacco of the kind favored by unwashed mountain men, but then there's firm grip at the core where you will find a delightful compote of the blackest brooding mass of cassis enraptured within a finely crafted box of cedar & yew. Now, let's just top the entire works in layers of rhubarb & peach cobbler with a buttery crust, & what you have in hand is an extravagant celebration! Oh, the warm smoking blood of a sacrificial jubilation burning at the ocean's edge! Yes, yes, & behold all the mad gods retreating back through the surf while holding aloft hands filled with giggling briny squid. Welcome these creatures from the sea & the splashing waves in your glass, for the sea is Mother to all, primal & very, very dangerous indeed.

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notes by john munch, wineherd

pairing [ cheddax, chive & black pepper gougère ]

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Velvety ridges of black and red, like creases pinched in svelte linen fabric, shape the hills overlooking a hazy Bedouin camp. Inside a weathered tent, essences of garam marsala and gardenia, saddle leather and Spanish paprika emerge from a dusty carpet, as whiffs of cassis, sweet tobacco and cola ride breezily on a jet stream of blackberry compote and crushed sage and basil. An old-world feel, with a wealth of new sensations – raspberry hard candies crushed into Concord juice, succulent Yakitori grill, portobello, purple potatoes, and plum – pleasing and prurient, a raspy rogue gnawing on the wing of braised duck dipped in camembert, or just an ersatz Wille Nelson daring you to roll him up and smoke him till he dies – a sure way to heaven.

> notes by diane flores-duffy, proselytizer -------pairing [mushroom polenta w/goat cheese]

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### 201<del>5 ZINFANDEL</del>

The warm lusty glow of the purple Puerto Rican sunset draws you in deeper to her waters as the sun slowly fades away. The briny smell of the sea dances and blends with the warm scent of burning wood luring you closer and closer to the sights, smells, and sounds of town. As you warm with the sweet and spicy taste of aged rum on your lips, the cryptic smell of crumbling buildings brings you back to reality as you walk through the arched gates of old San Juan. You find yourself entranced by the the flavors of the island as you dine on doughy fried plantains and roasted meats spiced with chilies and warm spices. Indulge once more in the sweet peppery flavors of the night as smoke begins to fade and the sun begins to play. notes by john menges, chef

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pairing [ candied-rosemary mixed nuts ]