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Top 100 Vintners

CENTRAL COAST

California's Central Coast, which stretches from Ventura to San Simeon, has been recognized only in the last decade or so as an important winemaking region. The region's climate and soils are ideal for producing Rhône-style wines, as vintners like John Alban and Stephan Asseo have discovered. Pinot Noir and Chardonnay of exceptional quality can be grown along the coast in the Santa Maria Valley and in the Santa Rita Hills, west of Santa Ynez.



L'Aventure Vineyards

Stephan Asseo came from France to California to free himself from rigid appellation controls and to allow his instincts to guide his winemaking. Though his first releases were Zinfandel and a Bordeaux-style wine, he has quickly established himself as one of the state's premier producers of Syrah.

Recommended L'Aventure Estate Cuvée Paso Robles 2004 (\$120)