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## **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, December 2014**

### **2014 Fiddlehead Cellars, Pink Fiddle Pinot Noir Rose', Sta. Rita Hills**

(made from fruit grown in the Fiddlestix vineyard): Light, lurid pink. Intensely perfumed nose offers vibrant red berry, citrus fruit and floral scents, along with suggestions of smoky minerals and white pepper. Spicy, incisive and pure, offering tangy raspberry and bitter cherry flavors, silky texture and a touch of rose pastille. The smoky quality repeats on the finish, which shows a vibrant stony quality. **90** -- Josh Raynolds

### **2010 Fiddlehead Cellars Pinot Noir Fiddlestix Vineyard "Seven Twenty Eight," Sta. Rita Hills**

Brilliant ruby. A highly perfumed bouquet presents ripe dark berries, cherry-cola, smoky Indian spices and potpourri. Sappy and penetrating on the palate, offering intense black raspberry and candied rose flavors and an overlay of star anise, allspice and cola. Rich yet lively as well, finishing with excellent power and spicy persistence; the supple tannins build slowly and evenly. **92** -- Josh Raynolds

### **2011 Fiddlehead Cellars Pinot Noir Fiddlestix Vineyard "Seven Twenty Eight," Sta. Rita Hills**

Bright ruby-red. Explosive mineral- and spice-accented raspberry and boysenberry aromas show outstanding clarity, picking up deeper cola and licorice qualities as the wine opens up. Sappy and broad on the palate, offering sweet dark berry and floral pastille flavors plus a touch of spicecake. The boysenberry and mineral notes come back on the gripping, gently tannic finish. **91** -- Josh Raynolds

### **2010 Fiddlehead Cellars Pinot Noir Fiddlestix Vineyard "Lollapalooza," Sta. Rita Hills**

Vivid ruby. Explosive, highly seductive aromas of raspberry, blood orange, candied flowers, star anise and minerals. Intense cherry and red berry liqueur flavors are brightened by zesty minerals, picking up a rose pastille element with aeration. The broad, seamless finish repeats the cherry note and leaves a sexy floral quality behind. A deep and lively pinot with finesse. **93** -- Josh Raynolds

### **2013 Fiddlehead Cellars Sauvignon Blanc "Goosebury," Santa Ynez Valley**

Pale gold. Racy lemon and quince aromas give way to deeper melon and peach with aeration. Smooth, gently sweet citrus and orchard fruit flavors are braced by a note of bitter quinine and show a dusty mineral quality on the back end. This energetic, rather powerful sauvignon blanc finishes with tangy citrus pith and succulent herb qualities. **91** -- Josh Raynolds

### **2012 Fiddlehead Cellars Sauvignon Blanc "Happy Canyon" of Santa Barbara**

Pale, green-tinged yellow. Highly perfumed aromas of ripe citrus fruits, jasmine and tarragon, plus a deeper hint of mango. Fruity and expansive on the palate, offering an array of citrus, pit and tropical fruit flavors given lift and spine by juicy acidity. Closes on a floral note, with lingering stoniness and a refreshingly bitter jolt of lemon pith. **90** -- Josh Raynolds



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## **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, December 2014 (cont.)**

### **2009 Fiddlehead Cellars Sauvignon Blanc "Hunnysuckle" Santa Ynez Valley**

Bright yellow-gold. Ripe pear and honeydew on the nose, with notes of pungent mango and anise adding complexity. Fleshy, weighty melon and pear flavors are enlivened by suggestions of orange zest and white flowers, with a kick of candied ginger on the back half. Shows very good energy for its heft, finishing with impressive clarity and length. **92** -- Josh Raynolds

### **2014 Fiddlehead Cellars Gruner Veltliner, Fiddlestix Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills**

Bright, green-tinged straw. Aromas of mineral-laced lime, quince, succulent herbs and green tea, with a hint of white pepper coming up with air. Dry, nervy and sharply focused, offering bitter citrus zest and pear skin flavors and a touch of tarragon. Closes spicy and long, leaving a chalky note behind. Quite impressive and ridiculously easy to drink. **90** -- Josh Raynolds

### **2010 Fiddlehead Cellars "Seven Hundred Twenty Eight Bubbles," Sta. Rita Hills**

(100% pinot noir): Bright straw. Vibrant, mineral-laced aromas of dried citrus fruits, white flowers, anise and white pepper, with a hint of gingery spices in the background. Dry and sharply focused, offering intense orange and bitter quinine flavors that deepen and stretch out with air. This lively, concentrated, spicy pinot finishes with excellent clarity and stony persistence. **91** -- Josh Raynolds

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