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Turley	Zin	★★★½	★★★★	2015 Paso Robles Dusi Zin 2015 Howell Mtn Cedarman Zin (Qty 2)	Great server. He was very knowledgeable who made several excellent winery recommendations. We tasted 8 or so wines from all three Turley major locations: Paso, Lodi, and Napa. Every wine was excellent – we could have, and perhaps should have, bought lot more.
Tablas Creek	Rhone blends	★★★½	★★★	2014 Esprit De Tablas Blanc 2017 Patalin De Tablas Rose 2014 Esprit De Tablas	Sister vineyard to Château de Beaucastel in France. Their wines are entirely made in the Rhone blend style way with Paso Robles grapes. They had several whites heavily based on the Roussasanne grape that Bill is fond of including the Esprit Blanc. Very knowledgeable server.
Brecon	Zin, blending grapes	★★½	★★½	2016 Albarino Central Coast 2016 Adelaida Zin/Tannat	Outdoors. Nice tasting. Wines were nice but not memorable. I'd skip this one.
Four Lanterns	Rhone, Bordeaux blends	★★★	★★★½	2014 Right Bank 2014 Fire Light Syrah 2015 Jacinth Grenache	Nice personal service - met the owner/winemaker. . Nicely balanced. The have a 2016 Viognier – the same wine both filtered and unfiltered. It was interesting to taste them side-by-side.
Caliza	GSM, Italian grapes	★★★★	★★★★	2012 Primitivo 2013 Cohort Syrah 2013 Companion Cab-Syrah 2013 Sympatico Tempranillo	This is a boutique winery in the middle of nowhere. Fabulous server who gave us her full attention. Every wine was better than the one before it. Simply great red blends – we had a hard time limiting ourselves to 4 bottles. Met winemaker. It made sense for us to join their club and so we did.
Calcareous	Cab, GSM, Gren	★★★½	★★★½	2014 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (Qty 3)	Friendly and knowledgeable staff. A great venue with an unbelievable view. An outstanding place to have a glass and sit outside. The star of their lineup is the Cabernet. They also poured a couple of excellent, but unaffordable, reserve wines. We could have ordered one of everything, but the Cab was too simply good – If tasting it blind, would swear it was Napa Trinchero.
Adelaida	Zin, Syrah, Pinot, Cab	★★½	★★★	2014 Anna's Signature Red 2015 Estate Syrah	Beautiful place and view with a good server. They had sold out (or were saving for Zin Fest) of their recent Zin release and us a bad library zin. Poured us other high end wines. We bought the best of the lot

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Lone Madrone	Weird blends	★★	★★½	2014 Points West White 2013 Old Hat Zin	This was the most unique tasting of the week. The Winemaker is also the Tablas Creek winemaker and this is his private operation. It's a small production "Lab" with about 2000 cases a year. This is his "laboratory" to try things he can't do at Tablas. Consequently, the tasting menu included a variety of unusual blends. They had a few other Zins, but the server refused to open them. However, the Points West wine was the best white of the week for us.
Halter Ranch	GSM, other blends	★★★	★★★	2017 Rose 2015 CDP GSM 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon	Glamorous and beautiful site and tasting room – a great place to buy a glass and sit outside. Our server was brand new and struggled quite a bit, but it still a nice experience. They had the best Rose of the week and some nice and affordable reds.
Pasolivo	Olive oil	★★★★	★★★★	California Extra Virgin Lemon Rosemary	This is a large Olive oil producer with 6500 trees consisting of 7 different olive varieties. We went into their tasting room in the Paso village, but it was too busy and ended up stopping at their tasting room in the middle of the vineyards. This was a great move as the experience was amazing. The server took us through tastings of about a dozen different extra virgin olive oils combined with a variety of spices and vinegars. We were there for at least an hour. Suzanne was in heaven. We joined their club.
McPrice Myers	Syrah, GSM	★★★½	★★★½	2014 Beautiful Earth GSM Qty 2 2015 Larner Syrah	Tasting was in an unassuming small room in their production facility. Server was remarkably knowledgeable about her wines and the entire Paso region. Several excellent Rhone blends and a great, but expensive, viognier. The GSM was just so good that we bought 2 bottles instead of one of the other GSMs. We bought the Larner instead of one of the Syrahs we tasted based on her personal recommendation.

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Alto Colina	Syrah, GSM	★★★½	★★★★	2104 Downslope GSM (Qty 3) 2013 Toasted Slope Syrah 2014 GSM	This winery was recommended by several of their competitors. It did not disappoint. We tasted more than 10 wines including several "2 bottle verticals". Every one of them was delicious. The owner/winemaker came through and spent 15 minutes with us – he has a great story. We were there for more than an hour. Downslope is a wine they make for local restaurants that is ready to drink right now. It was so good and inexpensive that we bought 3 bottles. We might have joined their wine club but it's already filled.
Herman Story	Syrah, Blends	★★★	★★	2015 Bein Nacido Syrah 2016 Milk & Honey Temp-Cab-Verdot	I think of HS as the Orin Swift of Paso. He makes weird and powerful wines that are irresistible. The tasting experience wasn't overwhelming – small, cramped and rushed but it's hard to argue with the final product. The tasting notes on Bein Nacido reads: <i>"If a cigar smoking saber tooth tiger crashed it's Peterbilt into a chocolate factory while making a Valentine's delivery of fresh cut flowers This is the mindset at Herman Story.</i>
Denner	Zin, GSMs, Bordeaux blends	★★★½	★★★½	2016 Zinfandel 2015 Mother of Exiles Cabernet	Beautiful gated estate with sit down tasting. Wines were all excellent and all expensive. The Roussanne based white was one of the best of the week, but too pricey to buy. Server was excellent and shared his opinions as well as the facts.
Epoch	GSMs, Zins, Tem'nillo	★★★½	★★★½	2014 Zinfandel 2013 Estate Blend GSM	One of the coolest tasting rooms ever – modern reconstruction (using the original bricks and wood) of the original 1800's winemaking building. Server was extremely familiar with their wines and of the wines in the entire region – gave us several recommendations for our next visit. Every wine we tasted has a rating of 92 or over from Wine Spectator or Wine Advocate and it was obvious why. They served all reds and they were all powerhouses.

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Restaurant	Location	Meal	Food	Exper	Comments
Red Scooter Deli	Paso Robles Square	Lunch	★★★★	★★★	Went there for breakfast, but hit it exactly at 11:00 when they were changing from breakfast to lunch. Bill had a breakfast sandwich, Suzanne had a Lunch sandwich. The sandwiches were spicy, generous, and delicious. The coffee and iced tea were also good. It's a small place right on the park square where you order and pay at the counter and they bring your food to you at your outdoor table. And the bill was only \$21. Yes, in California, in a beautiful town square.

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