



Space Park Enology Club Presents
**Getting Sideways with Hitching Post Wines,
Gray Hartley & Frank Ostini**
Friday, September 22, 2023, 7:30 pm



Back by popular demand, we welcome Gray Hartley and Frank Ostini, the owners and winemakers at Hitching Post Wines. They have been making wine in Santa Barbara County since 1979. Their popular tasting room in Buellton, CA sits next door to Frank’s famous Hitching Post 2 restaurant, one of the finest Santa Maria styled barbecues in the central coast.



In 1981, Gray, a former Alaskan salmon fisherman, and Chef Frank discovered the wonders of Santa Barbara Pinot Noir and made it their primary focus. In Gray’s salmon fishing days, the “Highliner” was always the best fisherman in the fleet. In their honor, they named their flagship wine “Highliner”, which is the “best of their fleet” of Pinot Noirs. In addition to Pinot Noir, Hitching Post produces a dry Rosé called Pinks, a Syrah, and a Merlot-based red named Gen Red.



Starting in the 1980s, as members of the Space Park Golf Club, some of us began visiting Santa Barbara County annually for a 4th of July golf tournament. As a bonus, we discovered both Hitching Post restaurants and the fabulous wine being made in the area. In 2004, the film Sideways came along and gave away our little secret! The Hitching Post 2 and Hitching Post Wines were prominently featured in the film and, with the resulting rise in popularity, they now produce about 17,000 cases of wine every year. You can find them at many of our favorite local wine shops and grocery stores.

For this event, Gray and Frank are generously offering us a 30% discount for wines purchased for the tasting. You can buy the base set of three Hitching Post Pinots, including the current vintage Highliner. As an option, you can add a bottle of the 2012 Highliner from the Hitching Post Library for a sideways comparison!

Enology Club purchase options for the Hitching Post virtual tasting:

Wine	Retail	w/Discount
2020 Cork Dancer Pinot Noir	\$34	\$23.80
2017 Fiddlestix Vineyard Pinot Noir	\$63	\$44.10
2019 Highliner Pinot Noir	\$54	\$37.80
2012 HP23 (2012 Highliner)	\$100	\$70.00

Bundle 1st three wines for ~\$106 + tax + shipping.

Bundle all four wines for ~\$176 + tax + shipping.

For LA County delivery, tax is 9.5%, 3 bottle shipping is \$20 and 4 bottle shipping is \$31.

To purchase one or more of these bundles and receive your 30% discount, please fill out the attached order form, add your name to the filename, and mail the form directly to Emily Walker at: hpwemily@outlook.com

Emily will contact you to get your payment info and then ship your order.

We recommend that you place your orders by Friday, Sept. 8th. Because this is the hottest time of year, the winemakers want the flexibility to ship your wine at a time that avoids extreme heat waves.

Please register on our website by Wed. Sept 20th: <http://spenology.org/schedule.php>. The Zoom link will be sent out the day before the tasting to those who have signed up.