

February “LOVE” Club Featured Wines

2018 Vineyard Selection Estate Sauvignon Blanc

This is one of our first wines from the Estate since the fires. You have no idea how excited I am and how much I missed this wine over the past year, well some of you probably have a good idea! For us it's all about creating depth and complexity in a clean, fresh and vibrant wine that expresses a time and a place with oodles of fruit. I hope you enjoy this as much as I do.

2016 ‘Nagasawa’ Chardonnay - Russian River Valley

We present to you a unique offering that comes from a blend of 2 special vineyards in the Russian River. This ‘Nagasawa’ Chardonnay is unmistakably true to varietal with an extraordinary array of characters. The nose is a combination of stone fruits and ripe Golden Delicious apples with wafts of pie crust and pecan. The wine enters the plate with a vibrant wave of concentrated fruit that expands through to the finish where tropical fruits vie for your attention.

Well you know I'm one for a good story, so I am excited to tell you that in 2019 we will be planting a new Chardonnay Vineyard on our Estate. The clone we are using is called Mt. Eden and has a wonderful journey that started in the 1930's with Paul Masson (Yes of the Californian Carafe fame) bringing in cuttings from a celebrated vineyard in Burgundy. He gave these to his protégé, a young winemaker by the name of Martin Ray, who planted them in the Santa Cruz Mountains where they thrived. It was from this fruit that one of the first to ever bottles in California to be labeled Chardonnay. It was from these humble beginnings that this varietal became America's favorite wine.

2016 ‘Walters Vineyard’ Estate Pinot Noir

Brooding aromas of wild berries and dark cherry are supported with an intriguing sweet earthiness and invoke a sense of forest floor, (odd descriptors I know, but perfectly acceptable for this varietal) these lead you to explore the glass and find find other nuances that can only be captured when the fruit is only just ripe enough. We want the fruit to be the core of what you find in this wine but want this to be surrounded or framed by nuances that only attention will give. The wine is both subtle and powerful at the same time with a persistent finish that includes baking spices and tobacco. You could very easily get wrapped up in all of these descriptors, so we also advocate just drinking and enjoying without a care in the world, and we celebrate you for that.

2013 Inspirations

We have presented this bottling to you before and she is drinking delightfully with a savory component that is very compelling and entices you to revisit again and again. The blend of grapes that officially made up this wine has now been lost in time, but the 3 main suspects are Syrah, Zinfandel and Petite Sirah, with a “maybe” on a touch of Grenache. There is that unmistakable deep richness and concentration that leads me to believe that there is a healthy dollop of that Petite. We have been creating the ‘Inspiration’ bottlings to celebrate births in the Paradise Ridge Family since 2002, and this may be the last in the line as we don't anticipate another birth anytime soon. But you never know one of them may just surprise us yet.

2015 Rockpile Cabernet - Elevation

From one of Sonoma County's best vineyards we deliver to you this beauty. There is for the first time a decent amount of Cabernet Franc in this blend along with a small amount of Petite Verdot. This wine is still young and would be best decanted if you are going to drink soon. The nose is still shy and she takes time to release her charm of Raspberry and Blueberry fruits that seem to dance with hints of Lavender and Violets. The palate is like silk and flows across the palate seamlessly delivering more of those fruits to a finish that is both vibrant and persistent. There is also that savory component in this wine also. It is my honest opinion that this wine will age beautifully for a decade or more.