

Spring 2024 Wine Club Newsletter

Spring is such a beautiful time of year in the vineyard. Lush emerald grasses sweep our hillsides and avenues, spring flowers sprinkle the hilltops, cover crops flourish between freshly pruned grapevines just beginning to bud, and our reservoir is overflowing.

We have some **exciting vineyard news!** We are gearing up to plant 8-10 acres of grapevines this year as part of our re-planting program. We'll be putting in Chardonnay, Grenache, Syrah, Cabernet Franc and Blaufrankisch.













We Got a Cool New Tractor!

The Monarch MK-V is the world's first 100% electric tractor, and it is a zero-emissions powerhouse! It combines the latest in smart technology, electrification and autonomy, and it's one more step in our constant goal to increase sustainability in the vineyard.

Tasting Notes

2022 Essential Albariño

Pale straw color. Flashy aromatics of citrus, white flowers, and lemon zest. Peppy acidity balances fleshy mid-palate exhibiting notes of wet stone, papaya, and honeycomb. Refreshing finish lingers with elements of plantain, guava, and minerality.

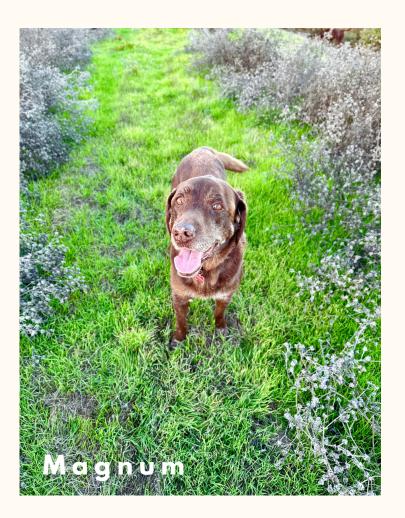
175 cases produced

Winemaking:

- Whole cluster press
- 30-day fermentation at 55 degrees
- · No malolactic fermentation or lees stirring
- 7 months in 70% concrete egg and 30% neutral French oak

Double Gold Medal ~ SF Int. Wine Competition **94 Points & Gold Medal** ~ North Coast Wine Challenge

Gold Medal ~ SF Chronicle Wine Competition



2019 Essential Riesling

Golden straw in color with bright aromas of honeysuckle, melon, pink grapefruit and lemon verbena. A rich mid-palate of nectarine, lemon cream and honey is all kept in perfect balance with a bright acidity and long finish.

115 cases produced

Winemaking:

- · 100% Riesling
- Whole cluster press
- 30-day fermentation at 55 degrees
- · No malolactic fermentation; no lees stirring
- 8 months in 25% stainless steel & 75% neutral French oak

91 Points - Wine Enthusiast Gold Medal ~ Sonoma County Harvest Fair

2019 Essential Tolay

Magenta color. Dark fruit mélange, with bold aromatics of blueberry, currant, and pitted black cherry. Plush mid-palate filled with elements of black tea, chocolate-covered espresso bean, and cedar. Pleasantly vibrant finish of tight-knit tannins combined with ripe plum, raspberry, and black pepper.

315 cases produced

Winemaking:

- 37% Blaufränkisch, 27% Syrah, 18% Petite Sirah, 18% Petit Verdot
- 10 months in 100% neutral French oak
- · 5-day cold soak & 14 to 17-day skin contact
- Once daily punch-downs & once daily pumpover during fermentation

Tasting Notes

2019 Reserve Pinot Noir

Flashy, ripe red and blue fruits. Ripe plum, dark cherry, and hibiscus. Textured and juicy midpalate with cardamom, sarsaparilla, raspberry, and violets. Elongated finish with notes of maraschino cherry, allspice, and blueberry. 147 cases produced

Winemaking:

- 15 months in 100% French oak (80% new)
- · 5-day cold soak & 14-day skin contact
- 9-day fermentation
- Once daily punch-downs and pump-overs during fermentation
- · Clones 667 & 115

New score! 93 Points ~ Wine Enthusiast 97 Points & Double Gold Medal ~ North Coast Wine Challenge

Gold Medal ~ SF Chronicle Wine Comp.

2019 Reserve Malbec

Onyx color. Powerful aromatics of violets, blackberry, and molasses. Firm tannins create a textured mid-palate with notes of graphite, boysenberry, and brown sugar. Expressive finish exhibits nutmeg, caramel, black cherry, and cola.

156 cases produced

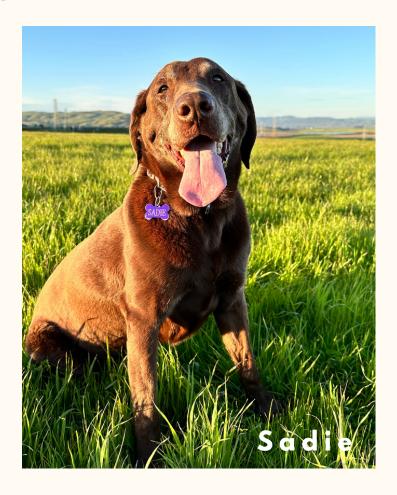
World Malbec Day April 17th

Winemaking:

- · 100% Malbec
- 17 months in 100% new French oak
- 5-day cold soak; 24 days total on skins before pressing (including cold soak)
- Twice daily pump-overs during fermentation with no punch-downs

New score! 93 Points ~ Wine Enthusiast 92 Points & Gold Medal ~ North Coast Wine Challenge

Gold Medal ~ SF Chronicle Wine Comp.



2019 Reserve Petit Verdot

Dark purple in color with deep notes of black currant, black raspberry, huckleberry, tobacco, and spice. The rich and structured mid-palate has layers of wild berry pie, crème de cassis, bakers' chocolate, and rich supple tannins. An incredibly long finish completes this beautifully balanced wine.

130 cases produced

Winemaking:

- 17 months in 100% new French oak
- 5-day cold soak; 24 days total (including cold soak) on skins before pressing
- Twice daily pump-overs during fermentation

Double Gold Medal, Best of Class ~ SF Chronicle Wine Comp.

Double Gold Medal ~ SF Int. Wine Comp. **94 Points & Gold Medal** ~ North Coast Wine Challenge

Recent Scores and Awards

2024 SF Chronicle Wine Competition



2021 Reserve Pinot NoirDouble Gold Medal

2021 Essential SyrahDouble Gold Medal

2022 Essential AlbariñoGold Medal

2021 Essential Pinot NoirGold Medal

Wine Enthusiast Magazine

2019 Reserve Pinot Noir 93 Points

2019 Reserve "The Hermit" 92 Points

2019 Reserve Malbec 93 Points





Taste with Al & Lisa

Interested in a private wine tasting with Al and Lisa? Reach out to Lisa on her cell phone at 415-269-7419.





Lisa and Al had some quality
hang-out time with our amazing
winemaker Shane Finley recently
during our Focus Week at Region
Wine Bar in Sebastopol. Good
times and great wines!

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Don't Miss the Boat!

Join our adventure aboard AmaWaterways luxury river ship the AmaCello. Al and Lisa will be co-hosting this **magical trip of a lifetime** featuring exclusive wine tastings, wine-pairing dinners, and small group excursions in every port with three other Petaluma Gap wine producers ~ Bevan Cellars, Panther Ridge, and Schermeister Winery.

We can personally attest that it will be an amazing experience: the accommodations are deluxe, the food is incredible, the views are breathtaking, and the experiences are captivating and exclusive. Heads-up...the ship is already 65% booked.

For more information refer to the flyer in your upcoming club shipment, call Lisa at 415-269-7419, or contact an Expedia Wine Cruise specialist at 877-651-7447.

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Save-the-Date!

14th Annual Harvest Party Sunday, August 4th

