



GREETINGS ALL! We hope this new Cellar Club wine release finds you well. As we start the new year, we would like to express our appreciation to every single one of you, our loyal members who always support our endeavors. Here at the winery, we're off to a busy start after a welcome Holiday break. We've just bottled the first of the 2019 wines (white, of course!), and we are beginning the arduous (not really!) task of tasting through the many barrels of wine in the cellar in order to begin assembling the various 2019 red blends. At the same time we've been putting together a fantastic calendar of exciting experiences for you to enjoy throughout the year. Check out our Calendar of Events at the end of this Newsletter!

2018 DRY GEWÜRZTRAMINER

As you know, Dry Gewürztraminer has been a quintessential part of our winemaking for all thirty-seven years of our history. We are proud to say that guests from all over the country (and the world) seek out this signature wine, and with good reason. We source the best fruit for our Gewürz from the cool growing region of Monterey County, just a couple hours north of us, where maritime breezes and thick fog guarantee a long and beneficial growing season. Harvested at optimum maturity, the grapes yield a beautiful, aromatic wine, white gold in hue and redolent of rose petals, citrus peel, and a subtle hint of pine resin. As time goes on, other lively fruits such as lychee and apricot, will come to the fore. And as usual with our Gewürztraminer, the palate is dry and balanced and the finish is long and smooth.

2018 CUVÉE FREDERICKA

We made our name by producing dry stylings of Riesling and Gewürztraminer, the so-called "alternative whites." However, since the late 1980s we have also made small amounts of Chardonnay, which just happens to be the signature white grape of our Edna Valley. It wasn't long before we realized that we could produce something special through a creative blending of these wines. Enter our "Cuvée Fredericka", a wine that brings together the best of both worlds: solid structure, body and depth from our Chardonnay, and aromatic fruit and good acidity from our Alsatian varietals. Enjoy this vintage of Cuvée Fredericka with creamy sauced seafood and pasta dishes to appreciate it fully.

WINE ENTHUSIAST

91 PTS

ALCOHOL 13.9%
RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.2%
HARVESTED October 21, 2018
VINEYARDS 100% Viento Vineyard,
Monterey County AVA
AGING 100% Tank Fermented and Aged
BOTTLED January 15, 2019
CASES PRODUCED 1,269
RETAIL PRICE \$24



ALCOHOL 13.1%
BLEND 24% Gewürztraminer, 16% Riesling,
60% Chardonnay
BARREL AGING 60% Neutral Barrel Aged
and 40% Tank Aged
BOTTLED March 5, 2019
CASES PRODUCED 195
RETAIL PRICE \$34



2017 CLASSIC PINOT NOIR

The Edna Valley has a well-deserved reputation for producing Pinot Noir wines with beautiful fruit, bracing acidity, and a comfortable affinity with all sorts of cuisines. We honor that tradition with several unique Pinot Noir bottlings, including first and foremost this wine: our "Classic." We bestow this name (rather than a vineyard designation) on the wine we think best typifies our region's viticultural and winemaking traditions. For this 2017 Classic we selected three clones, each picked, vinified, and barrel-aged separately before being blended into a harmonious whole. The wine opens with aromas of strawberry, rhubarb, and a bit of toasty oak. The palate displays fresh red fruitiness and a hint of allspice, balancing the youthful tannins and acidity. Try pairing this with wild-caught salmon, pork tenderloin, or wood-fired flatbread.

2018 SYRAH

This new Syrah marks the first release of red wines from the 2018 harvest. Grown right here in the Edna Valley, the grapes benefitted from a long growing season and a late picking. This 2018 Syrah, with its stunning violet hue, delivers abundant aromas of ripe blackberries, blueberries, and oak, while on the palate there is a complex interplay of anise, leather and red fruit. The rich mouthfeel and ample tannins suggest a long cellaring potential. Grilling season is just around the corner, and we can't think of a better wine to serve with a quality ribeye, a rack of baby-back ribs, along with a heap of marinated portobello mushrooms. And be sure to pick up a few extra bottles to lay down; you will be handsomely rewarded in five to seven years!

WINE ENTHUSIAST

92^{PTS}

ALCOHOL 13.6%
HARVESTED September 23, 2017
VINEYARD 100% Estate Twin Creeks,
Edna Valley AVA
CLONES 48% Martini, 32% 2A, 20% #113
AGING 15% New French Oak
Aged 10 Months in Barrel
BOTTLED August 9, 2018
CASES PRODUCED 750
RETAIL PRICE \$32



ALCOHOL 14.6%
HARVESTED November 7 & 9, 2018
VINEYARD 90% Wolff Vineyard and
10% Spanish Springs Vineyard
AGING 100% Neutral French Oak
Aged 10 Months in Barrel
BOTTLED August 16, 2019
CASES PRODUCED 272
RETAIL PRICE \$38



2020 EVENTS

FEBRUARY

21 WINEMAKER HAPPY HOUR FOR CLUB MEMBERS

MARCH

6 C&C HAPPY HOUR

13 & 14 WINE LIBRARY DINNER WITH EMBER

15 PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE TASTING

27 C&C HAPPY HOUR

APRIL

05 ROSÉ RELEASE PARTY & MAKERS MARKET

26 CÔTE DE CLAIBORNE VELO CHALLENGE

MAY

03 SPRING CELLAR CLUB PICKUP PARTY

29 SIPS & SONGS CONCERT SERIES

JUNE

12 SIPS & SONGS CONCERT SERIES

26 SIPS & SONGS CONCERT SERIES

JULY

10 SIPS & SONGS CONCERT SERIES

17 C&C HAPPY HOUR & FRIDAY FISH FRY

24 SIPS & SONGS CONCERT SERIES

AUGUST

07 SIPS & SONGS CONCERT SERIES

21 SIPS & SONGS CONCERT SERIES

22 SUMMER SUNSET DINNER IN THE GARDEN

SEPTEMBER

04 SIPS & SONGS CONCERT SERIES