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# Welcome to the 2020 Sonoma County Barrel Auction



As proud supporters of the local agricultural community, we recognize the important role the **Sonoma County Vintners** have played in promoting the region's outstanding wines. As we celebrate the craft and passion behind these wines, we also want to acknowledge the innovators and icons who have contributed to the Sonoma County winemaking community for decades.

We're honored to present this year's event. Enjoy!



## SONOMA S O C O BARREL AUCTION

#### Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2020 Sonoma County Barrel Auction! As we navigate the current global situation, we are very grateful for your support and are excited you are able to join us for this year's virtual format and the sixth anniversary of this amazing auction. Recently recognized as the "Wine Region of the Year" by *Wine Enthusiast* magazine, there is no better time to celebrate Sonoma County, and share with you our incredible array of "Never Before, Never Again" Sonoma County wines, curated and handcrafted specifically for this year's Barrel Auction by our world-class vintners and growers.

This year, from the comfort of your home, you have access to these unique and one-of-a-kind wines that truly showcase the extraordinary diversity of our 18 appellations, each with its distinctive character and personality.

As we celebrate Sonoma County, our Barrel Auction, and these very special wines, I would like to pay tribute to our resilient, dedicated and generous vintners, growers, sponsors and wine community here in Sonoma County. It is this amazing and inspirational group that makes up the heart of our county, and the soul of our wines.

And a big thank you again to each of you, for joining us this year and for your continued support of Sonoma County Vintners and our wonderful home, Sonoma County!

Cheers!

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# 2020 SONOMA COUNTY BARREL AUCTION INNOVATORS & ICONS

Over the last five years, the Sonoma County Barrel Auction has honored and celebrated Icons of Sonoma County, vintners who have shaped the heritage and history of Sonoma County winemaking, helping make Sonoma County the world-class wine region it is today. We also recognize and salute the Innovators of Sonoma County. These are vintners who have demonstrated exemplary leadership and are forward-thinking visionaries, who push the envelope and take Sonoma County to greater heights.

#### ICONS

STEVE MACROSTIE

MacRostie Winery & Vineyards

MARCELLO MONTICELLI E. & J. Gallo Winery

INNOVATOR

JORDAN KIVELSTADT
Kivelstadt Cellars & Free Flow Wines

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# STEVE MACROSTIE MACROSTIE WINERY & VINEYARDS



Steve MacRostie started making wine in 1974 in Sonoma County when only 40 small wineries existed. He is recognized as one of the region's great pioneers, strongest advocates and most respected winemakers. He worked with other leaders to establish Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Alliance and served as president for the Carneros Wine Alliance.

In 1987, he founded MacRostie Winery & Vineyards where he developed a fresh, elegant style that showed its roots in the cool vineyards of Sonoma County. This style has played a pivotal role in helping to differentiate Sonoma County from other wine regions. MacRostie established the Sonoma Coast AVA Wildcat Mountain Vineyard in 1998. He opened the MacRostie Estate House in 2015 setting a new standard for hospitality in Sonoma. Now, he works alongside MacRostie's acclaimed winemaker, Heidi Bridenhagen, challenging and inspiring each other to make more than 20 single-vineyard wines. He currently serves as a regional director for Sonoma County at the Wine Institute, advocating on behalf of the region he loves.



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# MARCELLO MONTICELLI

E. & J. GALLO WINERY



Marcello Monticelli, right, pictured with Julio Gallo, circa 1982

Born in Tuscany, Italy, to a family of vintners, Marcello Monticelli has been around the romantic culture of wine for his entire life. He contributed to his family legacy in Madera, eventually graduating Magna Cum Laude with an Enology degree from Fresno State University with minors in Viticulture, Chemistry and Physics. His winemaking career began at Gallo in September 1970 under the guidance of E. & J. Gallo Winery Co-founder, Julio Gallo.

In 1989, Monticelli took on the responsibility of coastal winemaking. Working closely with Gina and Matt Gallo, he developed Gallo Estate and Gallo single vineyard wines. His direction, skill and creativity paved the way to the creation of an award-winning portfolio of wines from Sonoma County. Today, he is a Master Winemaker and Vice President of North Coast Winemaking for Gallo continuing a legacy of winemaking excellence while showcasing world-class wines of Sonoma County.



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#### INNOVATOR

## JORDAN KIVELSTADT

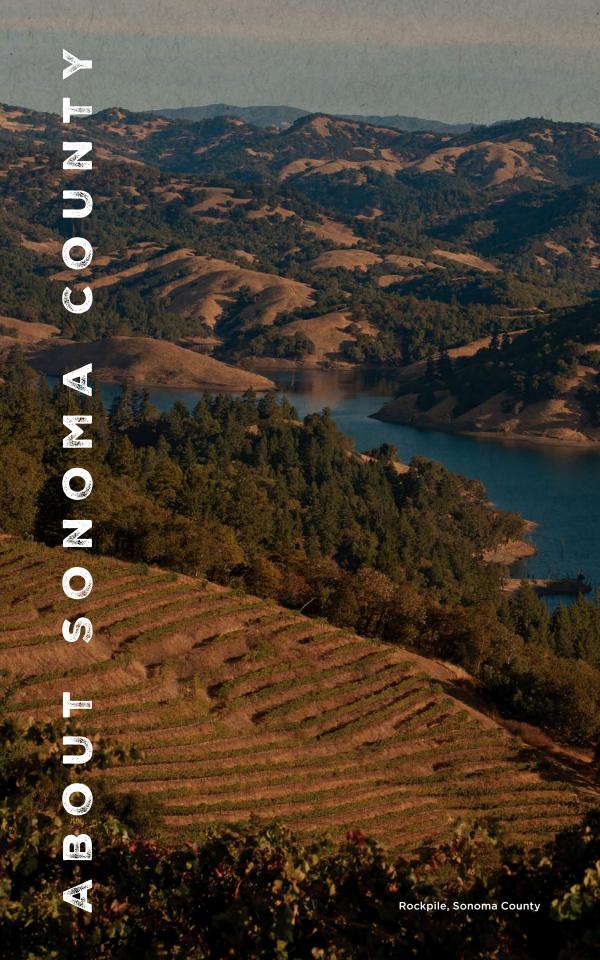
KIVELSTADT CELLARS WINE GARDEN & EATERY, EG WINES & FREE FLOW WINES



In 2007 Jordan Kivelstadt established Kivelstadt Cellars which is one of the leading "new" California wineries and he plans to open Kivelstadt Cellars Wine Garden & Eatery, the state's first Wine Garden, in 2020. After founding Free Flow Wines in 2009, he quickly became known as a champion for alternative packaging. Free Flow Wines pioneered industry-leading practices in wastewater management, wine kegging and canning and reverse asset logistics. Free Flow has helped reduce packaging waste by more than 40,000,000 pounds over the last 10 years.

Guided by his passion for building businesses that are innovative, profitable and provide positive social impact, he co-founded Essentially Geared Wines in 2017. They produce single-serve cans, crafted for people who want wine that can keep up with, and become an essential part of, their lifestyle. In addition, he serves as a steering committee member of the Sonoma Wine Heritage District.





## WINE REGIONS OF SONOMA COUNTY



#### 18 APPELLATIONS | 60+ GRAPE VARIETIES | 450+ WINERIES

Our home is home to over 60,000 acres of vineyards and more than 450 wineries. Within our borders that stretch from the Pacific Coast in the west to the Mayacamas Mountains in the east are 18 American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) — each with its own distinctive character. There are tall mountains and a dramatic ocean, inland hillsides planted with prized varietals and coastal vineyards cooled by sea breezes. When our multitude of soil types are considered along with the countless microclimates found here, it's easy to see that we are blessed with an abundance of terroir riches. Beautiful wines of superior quality flourish here, thanks to Sonoma County's multi-generational winegrowers and vintners, who created a legacy of sustainable practices that are the foundation of this world-renowned wine region.

#### LEARN MORE AT SONOMAWINE.COM



## WINE REGIONS OF SONOMA COUNTY

#### ALEXANDER VALLEY

14,449 vineyard acres

#### TOP VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel

Alexander Valley is located in one of Sonoma County's warmest regions, perfect for producing some of the county's richest Cabernet Sauvignon, along with flavorful, ripe Chardonnay. The valley also produces complex and concentrated Zinfandel, Merlot and Syrah.

alexandervalley.org

#### **BENNETT VALLEY**

900+ vineyard acres

#### TOP VARIETALS: Merlot, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir

Merlot shines in Bennett Valley like nowhere else. Volcanic-laced soils and a moderately cool climate result in extended hang time ideal for the varietal. The long growing season helps maximize flavors and increase concentration, while the cooler temperatures preserve the grape's natural acidity.

bvgg.org

#### CARNEROS

6,481 vineyard acres

#### TOP VARIETALS: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir

One of the coolest regions in Sonoma County partly because of the San Pablo Bay's moderating influence, this region is prime Pinot Noir and Chardonnay country, producing crisp sparkling wines and racy still wines. Carneros has also shown itself to produce wonderful cool-climate expressions of Merlot and Syrah.

carneros.com

#### CHALK HILL

#### 1.491 vinevard acres

#### TOP VARIETALS: Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon

On the north and east side of Windsor, extending along a short stretch of the Russian River, is the Chalk Hill district, which takes its name from the white volcanic ash hillsides that offer excellent drainage and sunny exposures.

#### DRY CREEK VALLEY

8,055 vineyard acres

#### TOP VARIETALS: Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon

Morning fog from the Pacific Ocean tempers warm days. The stone-strewn soils are ideal for concentrating fruit and flavor character of Zinfandel, the hallmark of Dry Creek Valley, along with Cabernet Sauvignon. The resulting wines are rocksolid examples of their types.

drycreekvalley.org

#### FORT ROSS - SEAVIEW

715 vineyard acres

#### TOP VARIETALS: Pinot Noir, Syrah

Fort Ross - Seaview lies above the beaches of the Pacific Ocean and is above the fog line that shrouds the surrounding Sonoma Coast AVA. This region is on the rise for its distinctive Pinot Noirs.

fortross-seaview.org

#### WINE REGIONS OF SONOMA COUNTY

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#### FOUNTAINGROVE DISTRICT

600 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay

This region covers approximately 38,000 acres in eastern Sonoma County at elevations ranging from 400 - 2,000 feet and has a cooler climate than surrounding areas.

fountaingroveava.com

#### **GREEN VALLEY**

2,860 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay

Located within Russian River Valley, but slightly cooler and with sandy soils, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay thrive in Green Valley for both still and sparkling wines. Distinctive cool-climate Syrah also shines.

greenvalley-russianriver.com

#### KNIGHTS VALLEY

2,496 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

Protected from direct Pacific Ocean influence, Knights Valley is the warmest of the county's appellations. Bordeaux varietals — Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec for the reds; Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon for the whites — thrive here, producing complex and enjoyable Meritage blends.

#### MOON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

1,500 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel

Towering above the eastside of Sonoma Valley in the Mayacamas range is Moon Mountain AVA. The designation helps explain the differences between valley-and mountain-grown grapes, as well as how farming high elevations can be challenging, yet rewarding. Some of the finest high elevation Cabernet Sauvignon in the state is found here.

#### NORTHERN SONOMA

This AVA region combines six AVAs:

Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley, Knights Valley, Chalk Hill, Russian River Valley and Green Valley.

#### PETALUMA GAP

4,000 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah

The wind and the fog are the Petaluma Gap's trademark. The "Gap" is named after a coastal mountain opening that stretches east from the Pacific through the town of Petaluma south to the San Pablo Bay. Soil and climate conditions are ideal for growing premium Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Syrah.

petalumagap.com

#### WINE REGIONS OF SONOMA COUNTY

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#### PINE MOUNTAIN - CLOVERDALE PEAK

310 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

This region is on the western edge of the Mayacamas, overlooking Cloverdale. The high elevation and red rock soils yield small berries and intense flavors for the Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux varietals.

pinemountainAVA.org

#### ROCKPILE

192 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel

Spreading west of Lake Sonoma to the Mendocino County border, it is known for intensely-flavored red grape varietals with great concentration and balance.

#### RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

14,167 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir

The confluence of well-drained, soils, maritime and river influences providing cooling fog and warm summer afternoons are ideal for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The moderate temperatures ensure that fruit maturity is achieved without loss of depth and suppleness, resulting in wines that are uniquely ripe and elegant.

rrvw.org

#### SONOMA COAST

5,055 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir

One of the hottest new regions in the county is, in fact, its coolest. A place so close to the Pacific, with more than twice the annual rainfall of its inland neighbors, can still be warm enough to ripen wine grapes to their fullest flavor potential. Pinot Noir and Chardonnay shine, along with cool-climate Syrah. \*This AVA includes overlap with other AVAs.

#### SONOMA MOUNTAIN

667 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay

Rising above Sonoma Valley and the Santa Rosa Plain and set apart by being well above the morning fog line, this region is known for powerful, yet elegant Cabernet Sauvignon. Due to the wide variety of slopes and exposures, several other varieties also thrive in the rocky mountain soil.

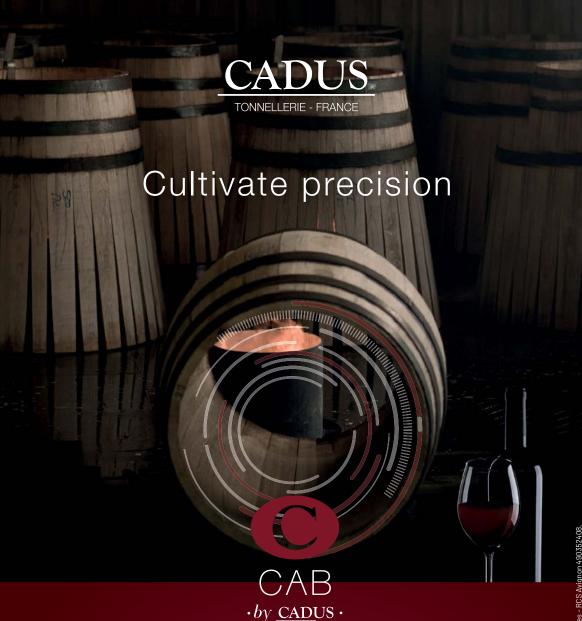
#### SONOMA VALLEY

5,565 vineyard acres

TOP VARIETALS: Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon

Winegrowers take advantage of a climate warmed by slanting rays of sun and cooled by air from both the Petaluma Gap (to the west) and the Santa Rosa Plain (to the northwest) to produce a wide range of wines, each with distinctive varietal characteristics.

sonomavalleywine.com



Cabernet's new signature

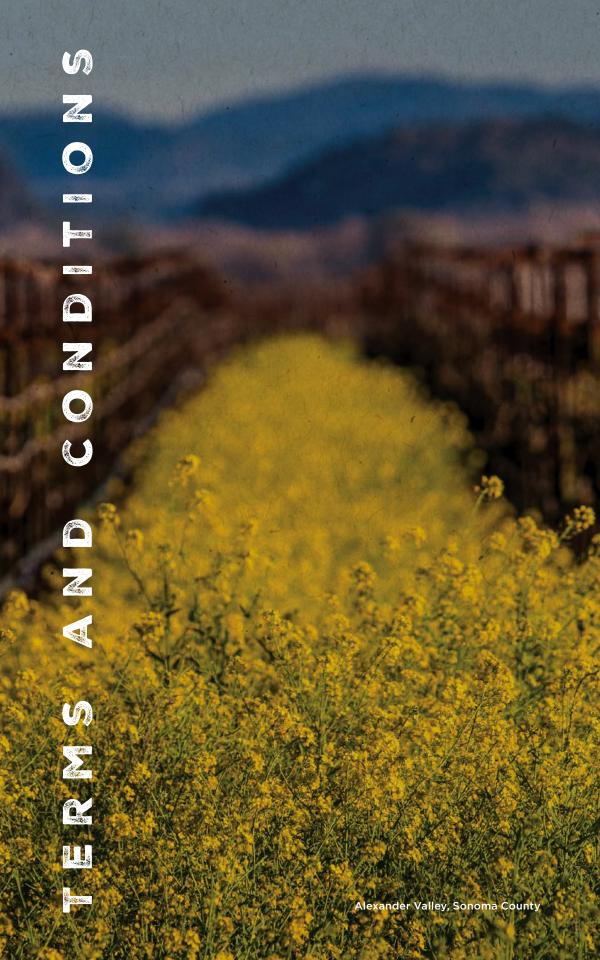
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# SONOMA S Q C Q BARREL AUCTION

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

The Sonoma County Barrel Auction is produced by Sonoma County Vintners, a nonprofit organization committed to promoting the wines and wineries of Sonoma County. Since 1946 the association has focused on building awareness of its diverse appellations and the resulting distinctive wines.

#### Payment

Winning bidders will be invoiced directly following event. Payment for all purchases must be made in US Dollars by check, electronic funds transfer (EFT), Visa, MasterCard or American Express upon receipt of invoice. No sales tax will be charged, with proof of valid resale license. Invoices not paid in full by July 22, 2020 will accrue a finance charge of 1.5% per month (18% per annum) on any unpaid balances until paid in full. Purchaser agrees to pay all attorney's fees and costs associated with the collection of past due amounts. No lot will be released without proof of payment in full.

#### Delivery

All lots are FOB Sonoma County, California by SCV. Wines offered in this Auction do not include the barrel and will be bottled in specially labeled bottles. SCV will design and select the labels in its sole discretion with no input from the Purchaser. All wines will be bottled in 750ml format. The barrel lots, consisting of 20 case (240 bottles), 10 case (120 bottles) or 5 case (60 bottles) per lot, will be sold as described in the catalog.

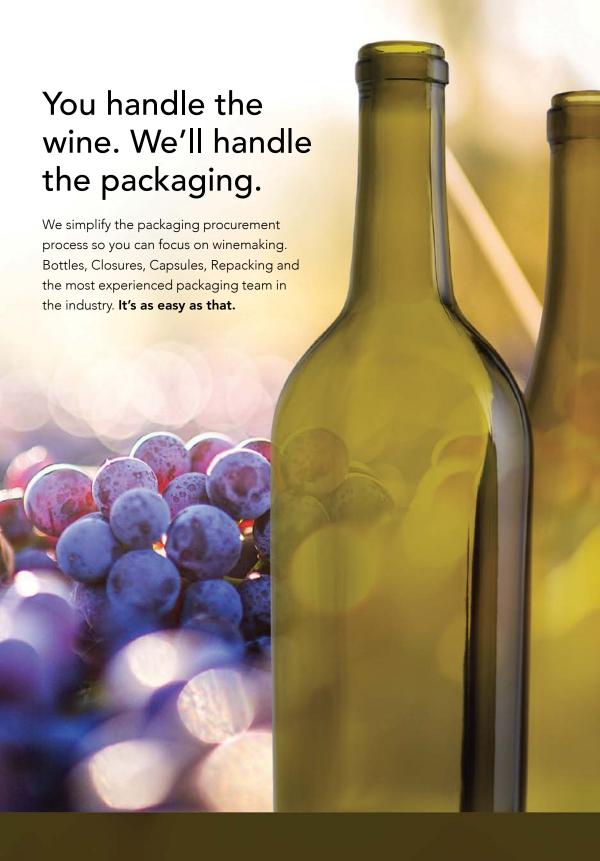
The producing winery retains sole discretion as to when the wine will be bottled and ready for delivery to the Purchaser. SCV will notify the winning bidder when wine is ready for shipping. The Purchaser acquires only the right to take possession of the wine when notified and has no right of inspection pending notification. The right to take possession shall not be assigned or otherwise transferred without first obtaining the written permission of SCV.

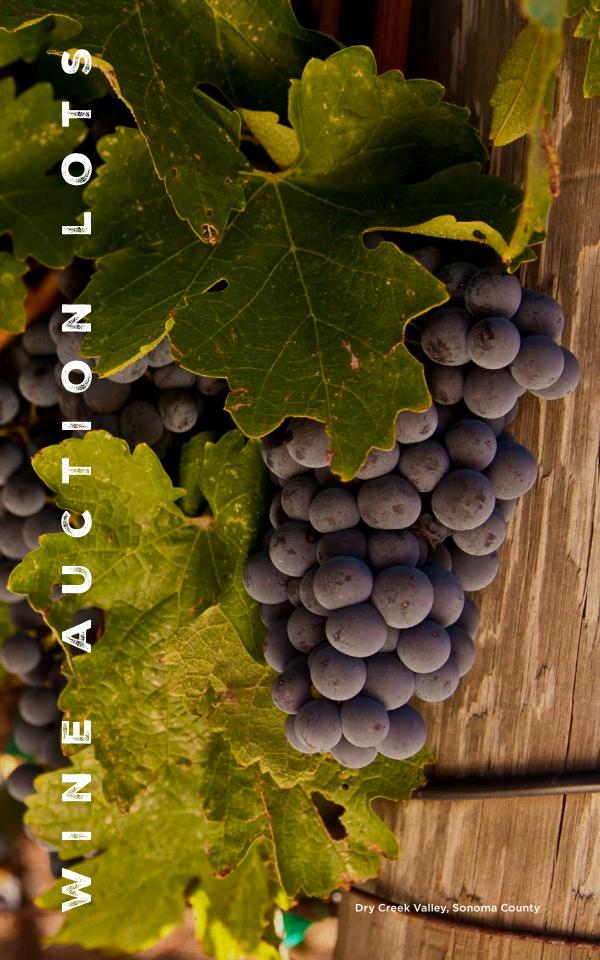
Purchaser agrees to take delivery of the wines within sixty (60) days of notification, provided payment for the lot has been received in full by SCV as required by the Terms and Conditions. Shipping expenses, insurance, and any applicable taxes are the sole responsibility of the Purchaser. Any shipment of the wines out-of-state is the responsibility of the Purchaser, who is solely responsible for compliance with the laws and regulations of said state. SCV's sole liability for failure to tender delivery in California shall be limited to a refund of the purchase price.

Bidders agree that the sales and delivery of Sonoma County Barrel Auction wines shall not affect the rights of the producing wineries to sell their own wines to any distributor of their choosing in bidder's state, or the right of SCV to sell future Sonoma County Barrel Auction wines to any Purchaser in said state. Purchaser agrees to take whatever steps are necessary to accomplish that, including but not limited to the relinquishment of any rights which Purchaser may have under state law.

#### Indemnity

Participants agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Seller and its officers, directors, employees, parents, partners, successors, agents, members, distribution partners, subsidiaries and their related companies from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, obligations, costs and expenses (including interest, penalties, and attorney fees and amounts paid in investigation, defending or settling any of the foregoing) arising out of or related to: (i) your purchase, delivery, use or resale of the Wines; (ii) your participation in the Auction; (iii) any actual or alleged violation or breach by you of these Terms & Conditions or of any representation, warranty or covenant that you have made to Seller; (iv) your violation of the law; (v) your negligent or willful misconduct; or (vi) your violation of the rights of any third party. You agree to cooperate fully with us in the defense of any claim that is the subject of your obligations hereunder.





### **ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS**

THE ZONE



#### **Cabernet Sauvignon**

Alexander Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Skiers, bikers and runners often talk about THE ZONE - a state of mind experienced after successfully navigating the steepest slopes. The experience is not something they think about, but once it happens, it is magical and they continually try to find it again. You see the same look when someone describes their perfect bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon. This lot is a nod to the extreme grade and steep, 30% slope of the Clone 7 vineyard combined with the prominence of Cabernet Sauvignon in the Alexander Valley.

Winemaker Kevin Hall chose to showcase the richness and structure of this wine. The fruit was de-stemmed into a smaller fermentation tank, cold soaked for 48 hours and underwent a cool, long fermentation with two pumpovers a day. He selected a Vicard Generation 7 Energie French oak barrel for 26 months of barrel aging.

"THE ZONE" has a dark saturated color and opulent aromas of cassis, black cherry and blackberry. There are earthy flavors of plum, black cherry, dark chocolate and a core of balanced acidity. The generous, round tannins will reward those with the patience to age this world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is a truly mystical experience that can't be fully explained.

WINEMAKER: Kevin Hall

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** December 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** May 2021

A winemaker dinner or store visit is offered in your market as part of this lot. Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date and booked within a year of receipt. LOT#





### **ACORN WINERY**

B-Block Field Blend Zinfandel



#### Zinfandel 86%, Alicante Bouschet 12%, Petite Sirah 2%

Alegría Vineyards Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Acorn Winery selected a single barrel from a half-acre block of their historic Alegría Vineyard, certified by the Historic Vineyard Society, for this "never before, never again" auction lot. This B Block was planted in 1890 by Summers Brumfield as a field blend of Zinfandel, Alicante Bouschet and Petite Sirah.

The "B" in B Block stands for Brumfield, the family that settled the land in 1852 and planted vines. The "B" also stands for Arnold Bruschera who owned and farmed the vineyard from 1951 to 1973, and for Betsy and Bill Nachbaur, the owners since 1990.

Bill Nachbaur's close attention to each vine in the vineyard and hands-on farming carries over to barrel selection. Nachbaur tastes through every barrel each month to see what they each contribute to the wine. Every ACORN wine ages in a unique combination of barrels that he thinks best elevate the wine. The Meyrieux 2018 "Tradition" French Oak barrel selected for this wine stood out as his favorite for this Zinfandel field blend.

This elegant, cool-climate Zinfandel has aromas of black raspberry with notes of pepper, toasted oak and coffee. Flavors of black cherry, dark plum and boysenberry, with hints of mocha, dark chocolate and pepper will fill your palate.

WINEMAKERS: Bill Nachbaur, Clay Mauritson

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: March 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: December 2020



#### **BALLETTO VINEYARDS**

Hillside and Whole Cluster



#### **Pinot Noir**

Multiple Vineyards Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES

# LOT#

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

The Balletto family is truly a steward of the land, having successfully farmed vegetables and now 18 estate vineyards in high demand across the Russian River Valley AVA. In 2001, the Balletto's reserved the top ten percent of their own fruit to be bottled in the first vintage of Balletto Vineyards estate wines. What makes the Balletto's so outstanding at farming Sonoma County soil is their decision to honor meticulous farming practices and the land from which they source their fruit.

A special winemaker's selection, the "Hillside and Whole Cluster" lot comes from the Balletto family's favorite region to grow wine. Sourced from the Sebastopol Hills this 100 percent Estate grown Pinot Noir blend presents wonderful characteristics made with handson grape-growing techniques that allow the vineyards to authentically speak through the wine.

These hillside vineyards were harvested whole cluster and show especially well using whole cluster fermentation. To maintain the integrity of the fruit and the characteristics of the vineyard from which it came, this lot was created with an extremely light winemaking hand and has been farmed and vinted as such. This Pinot Noir displays an array of spicy and fresh aromas, maintaining a full body and structure.



**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** February 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021



## BACIGALUPI VINEYARDS, FLOWERS VINEYARDS & WINERY, MACROSTIE WINERY

Westside Storey



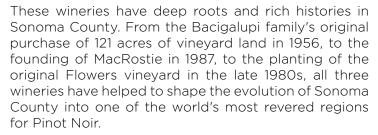
#### **Pinot Noir**

Bacigalupi Estate 34%, Flowers Estate 33%, MacRostie Estate 33% Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES

# LOT#

#### ABOUT THE WINE:

Bacigalupi, Flowers and MacRostie wineries share the same beloved turf on Westside Road, with the Storey Creek running through and adjacent to their acclaimed estate vineyards. In this dynamic Russian River Valley neighborhood, there are new songs being sung by a gang of renowned winemakers crafting lyric Pinot Noirs. For this special lot, neighboring winemakers have set aside "The (neighborhood) Rumble" and come together with "One Hand, One Heart" to create a wine that captures a sense of "Somewhere" from their estate vineyards in their own dazzling Westside Storey.



From its alluring ruby color to its intense wild berry aromatics, silky tannins and luxurious layers of blueberry and blackberry, this stunning wine combines opulence and elegance all underscored by a tantalizing cool-climate acidity that frames the flavors and carries the wine to a rich and radiant finish.

**WINEMAKERS:** Ashley Herzberg (Bacigalupi Vineyards), Chantal Forthun (Flowers Vineyards & Winery), Heidi Bridenhagen (MacRostie Winery)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** January 2021







#### **BACA WINES**

Drink Up Adventure



#### Zinfandel

Maffei Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES

# LOT#

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Spearheaded by Vintner Kathryn Hall's daughter, Jennifer Brown, the BACA Wines mantra is "Life's an adventure. Here's to those who drink it up!" At BACA Wines they produce extraordinary Zinfandels sourced from some of the most notable vineyards in Sonoma County.

BACA Wines makes every effort to create phenomenal wines reflective of the great vineyards they source. Their contemporary approach integrates both time-honored and cutting-edge techniques. This method is responsive to the temperamental nature intrinsic to the Zinfandel grape, notorious for uneven ripening, remote locations, and sensitivity to weather events.

These distinguished grapes were sourced from stoic old vines that were planted in 1929 and 1949. These vines struggle in marginal, loamy soils resulting in wines with profound depth, nuance and serious aging potential. Moderate daytime temperatures create a rich wine characterized by pure, explosive, ripe-berry flavors tempered by cool marine foggy nights that impart a nerve of acidity.

This illustrious "Drink Up Adventure" Zinfandel manifests fresh, dark fruits of strawberry, raspberry, blueberry and pomegranate. In counterpoint to the ripe, fruit-driven nose the palate is decidedly vibrant, dark, brooding, concentrated, structured and layered with bright acidity. This outstanding wine has the energy and tension for beautiful aging potential.

WINEMAKER: Alison Frichtl Hollister

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: March 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: August 2021



### ALDENALLI WINERY BY DAN KOSTA

So Sonoma Coast!



#### **Pinot Noir**

Campbell Ranch Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County 2019 10 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

AldenAlli was started in 2013 by the Kosta and Lagasse families as a collaboration based on wine, food, friends and family. After Dan Kosta's departure from Kosta Browne Winery in 2018, he has been able to focus exclusively on AldenAlli where they produce only small lots from unique vineyards from world-class sites.

Dedicated to the exploration of the finest Sonoma Coast vineyards, they fell in love with Campbell Ranch in Annapolis for its exemplary Sonoma Coast profile with its elegance, tension and complexity. They have sourced this vineyard, located just a few short miles from The Sea Ranch, since 2013 and now lease it from Steve Campbell.

To honor the diverse planting of its unique Block 13, they co-ferment its 828, 777, 115 and 667 clones. In order to let the elegance and brightness show through, they showed restraint in their oak application, 25% new French oak. The remaining wine will have been aged in 1-4 year-old barrels. The finished product is brighter red fruit, with pitted cherry, red apple skin, fresh pine needle and hints of pomegranate. A mix of fruit and savory notes is lifted by beautiful acidity, offering a tension that is resolved on the silky vanilla finish.

**WINEMAKER:** Shane Finley

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** January 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** April 2021



# MEDLOCK AMES, SUTRO WINES, HAWKES WINE

Gems of Chalk Hill Road



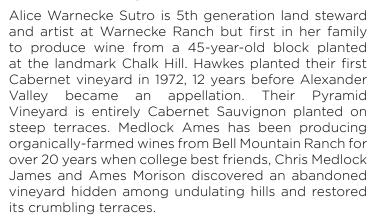
#### **Cabernet Sauvignon**

Bell Mountain Ranch 33.34%, Warnacke Ranch 33.33%, Pyramid Vineyard 33.33% Alexander Valley, Sonoma County 2018
5 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Three distinctive vineyards separated by country lanes are nestled in the southeast corner of Alexander Valley in the foothills of the Mayacamas where volcanic soils are dotted with gem-like obsidian. Hawkes Pyramid Vineyard, Medlock Ames Bell Mountain Ranch Vineyard and Sutro Warnecke Ranch Vineyard show the potential of Cabernet Sauvignon's more noble characteristics. This lot showcases the talents of three winemakers who also farm their land with a deep love for Cabernet Sauvignon.



Three winemakers and neighbors joined forces to craft this "never before, never again" unbelievable "Gems of Chalk Hill Road" Cabernet Sauvignon showcasing dark fruit aromas with flavors of dried herbs and cocoa balanced with elegant tannins.

**WINEMAKERS:** Ames Morison (Medlock Ames), Alice Sutro (SUTRO Wines), Jake Hawkes (Hawkes Wine)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** September 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021







## BENOVIA WINERY, MARITANA VINEYARDS

Pinot Noir Masters with a Twist



#### **Pinot Noir**

Martaella Estate Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES





#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Master Pinot Noir Winemakers Mike Sullivan and Donald Patz (aka Dr. Pinot), collectively bring more than 50 years of experience to the cellar. As veteran winemakers, Patz and Sullivan have spent decades seeking exceptional Pinot Noir vineyards to make their highly-lauded wines. Just a few years ago Patz began making a vineyard-designate wine sourced from Benovia's Martaella Estate Vineyard. Benovia has embraced a small-vine, densely-planted, precision winegrowing philosophy within Martaella, their largest estate vineyard, resulting in concentrated and structured wines attractive to both wineries.



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To make this wine they met for an intimate tasting of their Martaella wines in barrel, each choosing a single lot for the blend. This blending session, however, had a twist. Sullivan picked Patz's lot for the blend and Patz chose his favorite lot made by Sullivan demonstrating earned mutual trust and respect for each other's craft.

This Pinot Noir shines with a tantalizing mix of red and black fruits, dark plum, red raspberry and dark cherry, notes of cola and an abundance of baking spices such as nutmeg, cinnamon and allspice. It is a brooding, yet fresh wine with exotic aromas of wood. Concentrated with solid tannins, signature elements of wines from Martaella Vineyard, this wine's ideal structure lends age-ability.

**WINEMAKERS:** Mike Sullivan (Benovia Winery), Donald Patz (Maritana Vineyards)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** February 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021

# FORT ROSS VINEYARD & WINERY, CATTLEYA WINES

The Ultimate Blend: Husband & Wife Marry High-Elevation Pinot Noirs



#### **Pinot Noir**

Fort Ross Vineyard 50%, Sun Chase Vineyard 50% Fort Ross-Seaview 50%, Petaluma Gap 50%, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



#### ABOUT THE WINE:

For the first time ever, Fort Ross Vineyard & Winery and Cattleya wines collaborated to create a unique, exceptional wine. Fort Ross Vineyard, founded by Linda and Lester Schwartz in 1994, sits at 1,700 feet elevation, only one mile from the Pacific Ocean in the Fort Ross-Seaview appellation. Jeff Pisoni, their esteemed winemaker since 2009, grew up immersed in Pinot Noir at his family's vineyard. Cattleya, beautiful wines crafted by Bibiana González Rave, a *San Francisco Chronicle* "Winemaker of the Year," who has made wine around the world, focuses on high-elevation Sonoma County sites.

This blend captures the energy and power that mountain vineyards offer with the grace and elegance from the cool, coastal influences. The Fort Ross grapes were grown on a steep terraced block planted to the Calera Clone. The Cattleya Pinot Noir Clone 667 comes from the Sun Chase Vineyard, located 1,300 above sea level in the Petaluma Gap appellation.

Raspberry, dried cherry and pomegranate aromas are framed by touches of lavender, cedar and forest floor. The elegant palate is defined by black raspberry and plum underscored by grounding earth, orange peel and savory spice notes. Velvety texture lingers throughout the plush finish in this multi-dimensional, beautifully integrated, finely structured Pinot Noir that is certain to evolve gracefully.

**WINEMAKERS:** Bibiana González Rave (Cattleya Wines), Jeff Pisoni (Fort Ross Vineyard & Winery)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021

The winner of this lot is invited to a lunch and tasting with Jeff and Bibiana at the Fort Ross Vineyard Estate tasting room, overlooking the Ocean in Jenner, California.





### CHALK HILL ESTATE VINEYARDS & WINERY

Era



#### Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Malbec 15%, Syrah 5%

Chalk Hill Estate Chalk Hill, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES

# LOT# 10

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

"Era" is a testament to the history and incredible diversity found in the land at Chalk Hill Estate. It is the compilation of decades of site-specific research and the meticulous attention to detail that goes into creating a wine that truly represents the unique terroir. The history of viticulture dates back to the 1860s when the Latimer family first planted grapes. Founded in 1972 as Chalk Hill Estate, the winery has helped pioneer and establish the Chalk Hill AVA as one of the top winegrowing regions.

This wine showcases the Estate West Vineyard's three best micro-farmed blocks that are known for volcanic, porous soils called Andesite for excellent root structure, and southwest facing slopes for optimal ripening and exposure. Winemaking practices for "Era" are geared toward extracting the softest tannins from the skins and promoting fruit and site expressions with barrel fermentation and aging in 100% French oak barrels.

A unique, complex and age-worthy red wine, "Era," speaks to the site on which it was grown. Inky and dense in color, this wine displays fruit-forward notes of blackberry and blueberry that mingle well with anise, dark chocolate and smoky oak. The rich palate is balanced by sweet tannins and a velvety texture.

WINEMAKER: Darrell Holbrook

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: July 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: February 2021







# THE ICONIC WINE ESTATE OF SONOMA COUNTY

# CHAPPELLET GROWER COLLECTION

Apple a Day



### **Pinot Noir**

Apple Lane Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES

# LOT# 111

# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Crafted as part of Chappellet Vineyards' acclaimed Grower Collection, which focuses on Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the finest Sonoma County vineyards, this stunning single-vineyard Pinot Noir comes from the Dutton family's renowned Apple Lane Vineyard. Made by legendary Winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus, it is a selection of the finest Apple Lane lots, with a focus on clones 667 and 115. Combining Chappellet's 50+ years of experience with meticulous Dutton farming, the result is a dramatic and alluring Pinot Noir.

Located on Apple Lane in the cool Green Valley AVA, this renowned hillside vineyard features ideal Gold Ridge soils, which naturally limits yields, with a mild-marine climate and clockwork fog ensuring pristine, perfectly ripened fruit. The result is this rare and exciting "Apple a Day," a wine that will keep any connoisseur of great Pinot Noir coming back for more.

Both concentrated and complex, this wine begins with glorious terror-driven aromas of black cherry, raspberry, rose petal and anise, along with notes of dark chocolate, sage and thyme. On the palate, the gorgeous black cherry and cassis flavors mingle with sophisticated hints of earth, spice, plum sauce and roasted coffee, with firm tannins and a rich, mouth-coating texture carrying the wine to an epically long and energetic finish.

WINEMAKER: Phillip Corallo-Titus

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** April 2021



# CHEV

More than a Feeling



### **Pinot Noir**

Multiple Vineyards Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

This lot pays tribute to Michael Browne's new wine. CHEV. Sparked by his love for old school workmanship, from classic cars to vintage clocks, CHEV hat tips to the bygone days when the raw was hand-wrought to expert precision. "More than a Feeling," a song by one of his favorite rock bands, embodies the vision for CHEV (don't look back), a nod to all that is Americana and inspired by his sense of innovation and creativity. Several vineyards contribute to this lot, all hand-chosen for their unique attributes that speak to Browne's keen ability to choose high-quality vineyards that defy conventional thinking and his passion for the Russian River. One of the key benchmarks for the blend is from the sequestered Guidici Vineyard, a sloping vineyard tucked away amongst majestic Redwoods on the southside of Occidental.

Browne's winemaking style is one of expertise and skill but also intuition and instinct. He is hands-on, devoted to creating the best blend he can possibly make. He is fully committed to the process and pours himself into the wines.

Intense and silky texture with hints of voluptuous berry fruit are adorned by bright acidity, which expands in all directions, and lifts the palate for a long lingering finish.

**WINEMAKER:** Michael Browne

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** February 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** October 2021

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# CHRISTOPHER CREEK WINERY, MERRIAM VINEYARDS, VISZLAY VINEYARDS

Eastern Hills Pommard Posse



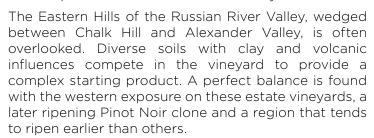
#### **Pinot Noir**

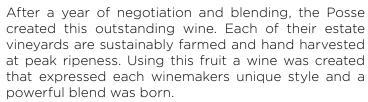
Los Amigos Estate 34%, Christopher Creek Estate 33%, Viszlay Estate 33% Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES

# LOT# 13

# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

"Eastern Hills Pommard Posse" is a story of friendship. Merriam Vineyards, Christopher Creek and Viszlay Vineyards have worked tirelessly together in the promotion of the Eastern Hills neighborhood in the Russian River Valley. When the Posse came together they selected the Pommard Pinot Noir clone as it is the most expressive of each winemakers' style.





This wine exudes dark raspberry and deep floral aromas that open to polished and distinctive blueberry, dried cherry and cardamom flavors with a long finish supported throughout by elegant tannins.

**WINEMAKERS:** Mike Brunson (Christopher Creek Winery), William Weese (Merriam Vineyards), John Viszlay (Viszlay Vineyards)

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: January 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2020







# **CROSSBARN WINERY**

First Harvest

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#### **Cabernet Sauvignon**

Alexander Valley, Sonoma County 2018 10 CASES

# LOT# 14

# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

CrossBarn was established by Paul Hobbs in 2000 to honor his family's farming heritage and values of farming sustainably. In 2017, CrossBarn Winery assumed control of a new vineyard in Healdsburg located off Soda Rock Lane in the prestigious Alexander Valley. They immediately started cultivating it to their farming standards. The vineyard became Certified Sustainable a year after its purchase in 2018 and aligned with its first release. This vintage marks the first harvest and first-ever release sourced from this remarkable vineyard.

Dedicated to Cabernet Sauvignon, the vineyard sits on a bench land along the banks of the Russian River at the confluence of the Sausal and Hoot Owl Creeks. The vines are rooted in Riverwash, Cortina and Zamora soils allowing the fruit to develop excellent balance of ripeness, elegance and depth of flavors.

The first harvest commenced on October 17, 2018 with fruit hand-harvested and hand-sorted at the winery. Aged 18 months in new and used French oak, the "First Harvest" Cabernet Sauvignon reveals alluring notes of black tea leaf and anise against a backdrop of mocha, graphite and subtle oak. Blackberry and blackcurrant fruit accompanies the soft texture with integrated tannins leading into a deliciously lingering finish.

WINEMAKERS: Jacob Pickett. Paul Hobbs

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** June 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** November 2020

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**CROSSBARN** 

# DONELAN FAMILY WINES, COURSEY GRAVES

Heart Rock Syrah



# Syrah

Cardiac Hill 50%, Coursey Graves West Slope 50% Bennett Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES

# LOT# 15

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

For the first time, two of Sonoma's finest Syrah vineyards have been blended to make the ultimate hillside selection. This collaboration features Donelan Family Wines' Cardiac Hill at Jemrose Vineyard and the Coursey Graves West Slope Estate Vineyard. A walk through these sites will get your heart pumping with elevations climbing to 1,100 feet!

The vineyards, located at a narrow gap in Bennett Valley, enjoy fog and cool, Pacific air that create moderate temperatures and a long growing season to ensure even ripening and allow plenty of hangtime to preserve natural acidity of the grapes. This AVA, established in 2003, has more than 650 vineyard acres and four wineries.

Cardiac Hill is a steep north-facing slope planted to Estrella River Clone, which was obtained by 1970s cuttings from Chapoutier's Hermitage vineyard. The vines are 21 years old. This wine aged for 17 months with 35% new oak.

The Coursey Graves Estate features three clones including Syrah Noir; Clone 470 from part of the Languedoc-Roussillon-Midi-Pyrénées region in southern France and the Alban Clone from Paso Robles. Their vines range in age 12-20 years. The wine spent 20-months in neutral oak.

This Syrah has dark fruit and savory components with round, yet muscular tannins due to hillside origins and a long finish.

**WINEMAKERS:** David Milner (Donelan Family Wines), Cabell Coursey (Coursey Graves)

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: March 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: December 2020





# **DELOACH VINEYARDS**

DeLoach O.F.S. Estate Pinot Noir



### **Pinot Noir**

DeLoach Estate Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES

# LOT# 16

# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

This wine represents the purest expression of the estate's terroir and the 2019 vintage. Carefully selected lots on the DeLoach Estate Vineyard were blended together to craft these five cases of "DeLoach O.F.S. Estate Pinot Noir" for the 2020 Sonoma County Barrel Auction.

DeLoach Vineyards has been a pioneer of the Russian River Valley and was one of the first wineries to plant Pinot Noir on the Olivet Bench and one of the first to add the Russian River Valley designate to their wine label. With such strong roots in the area, combined with a French winemaking heritage that spans over 60 years, this Pinot Noir is truly outstanding and named "O.F.S" – Our Finest Selection.

The DeLoach Estate is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on the Olivet Bench. Certified organic and biodynamic, the 21 acre estate represents the culmination of a long and dedicated effort to become a more self-sustaining and environmentally friendly producer of fine wines.

Director of Winemaking, Brian Maloney harvests each lot on the estate at peak ripeness. Fermented with native yeast in open top fermenters, the concentrated and layered fruit characteristics are able to shine through. Finished wines are aged in French oak before a hand-selection of top barrels are blended together. This is a rich and juicy Pinot Noir. Concentrated dark fruit flavors of cherry, raspberry and red plum are layered with bright acidity and texture from the oak. The finish is long and savory.

**WINEMAKER:** Brian Maloney

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: March 2021 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: May 2021



# DAVIS BYNUM WINERY

Early Bird



# Chardonnay

River West Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES

# LOT# 17

# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

"Early Bird" is an allusion to Davis Bynum's place in history as the first one to build a winery on Healdsburg's Westside Road in the early 1970s. Davis Bynum wanted to own the River West Vineyard when it came up for sale, but Rodney Strong had the right of first refusal and bought the vineyard. After Rodney Strong purchased Davis Bynum in 2007, the label and vineyard finally came together.

The guiding principle behind the wines of Davis Bynum Winery has always been and will forever be to let the land speak, specifically the terroir of the Russian River Valley. This Chardonnay is a custom-blend wine from small hand-picked blocks at the River West Vineyard. The vineyard is located southwest of Healdsburg on Westside Road, in a neighborhood called the Middle Reach. It's a warmer area, known for making top tier wines, where Chardonnay ripens early. Picking at the right time is paramount! They use a combination of native and inoculated yeasts to bring out complexity from the different elements in the grapes.

The "Early Bird" Chardonnay has classic golden-apple and pear aromas, with streaks of minerality and finishes with butterscotch, hazelnut, warm-bread flavors and fresh acidity.

**WINEMAKER:** Greg Morthole

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** January 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** June 2021



# DRY CREEK VINEYARD

Historic Heritage Zinfandel

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# Zinfandel 84%, Petite Sirah 16%

Spencer's Hill Vineyard 40%, Wallace Ranch 29%, Somers Ranch 25%, Farmhouse Vineyard 6% Dry Creek Valley 94%, Russian River Valley 6%, Sonoma County 2018 10 CASES LOT#
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#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

The development of the Heritage Clone was initiated in 1982 by Dry Creek Vineyard to preserve tradition and "heritage" of old vine Zinfandel vineyards. This is the first time the family has cultivated a blend from these four select vineyards of the Heritage Clone.

Somers Ranch is on the iron-rich rolling hills at the valley's cooler southern end. Wallace Ranch is on the well-drained bench near the center of Dry Creek Valley in front of their family winery. Spencer's Hill Vineyard is the warmest location in the rocky hills at the eastern edge of the Dry Creek Valley appellation, where they also grow the Petite Sirah used in this wine. Farmhouse Vineyard is in their coolest location on the gentle slopes found southwest of Windsor.

Winemaker Tim Bell crafted this wine for excellent aging potential and accessible flavors in its youth of ripe fruit, boysenberry and blackberry, and spices including coriander, black and white pepper, and cumin, along with hints of dark chocolate. Bell's dedication to quality led to the development of a unique fusion barrel that brings together fine-grain oak grown in Eastern European, American, and French forests, all in the same water-bent barrel in specific proportions.

WINEMAKER: Tim Bell

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: May 2020
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# JOSEPH SWAN VINEYARDS

Heritage Swan, King of Laguna Ridge!



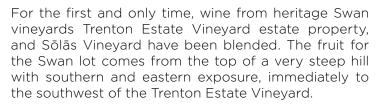
#### **Pinot Noir**

Joseph Swan Vineyards Trenton Estate 50%, Sōlās 50% Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Joseph Swan was the first to plant Pinot Noir in 1969 in the Russian River Valley Laguna Ridge neighborhood. The unique, low production but extremely high-quality selection he planted was later named after him and has become synonymous with great Pinot Noir. The Swan selection contributes to some of the most storied vineyards in the neighborhood.



The grapes were fermented in open-top fermenters, with 25% of the fruit left as whole clusters and punched down by hand during the 25+/- days in the fermenter. The primary fermentation was with native yeasts and the malolactic was spontaneous as well.

This Pinot Noir, selected from one year old barrels that have not been racked or blended during the aging process, has rich Laguna Ridge fruit; dark fruit from Trenton Estate, redder cherries and berries from Sōlās, combined with elements of oriental spice, great acidity and sufficient tannin to provide structure and strength. It will be bottled unfined and unfiltered.

WINEMAKER: Rod Berglund

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021



# **GALLO SIGNATURE SERIES**

Thank you, Sonoma



### **Bordeaux Blend**

Monte Rosso Vineyard Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Icon Marcello Monticelli has mentored more winemakers than anyone at Gallo during his 50-year career. Gina Gallo credits Marcello as being a key mentor while she was establishing herself as a winemaker in Sonoma County. They both share a love for Sonoma County and the beautiful wines that can be made there. As an expression of gratitude for all that Sonoma County has done for them, they created this wine of unmistakable character from Monte Rosso Vineyard before Marcello's retirement later this year.

Established in 1886 and purchased by Louis M. Martini in 1938, the Monte Rosso Vineyard is perched in the Mayacamas Mountains, a thousand feet above the Sonoma Valley. Named for its iron-rich, red volcanic soils, the vineyard produces wines with a unique sense of terroir that age gracefully. The high-altitude vineyard sits above the fog, has low-yielding vines and ideal south-western exposure.

"Thank you, Sonoma" was handcrafted from specifically chosen blocks of Monte Rosso Vineyard, including some of the oldest Cabernet blocks in California. The wine unveils aromas of toasted coconut and cedar and decadent notes black cherry and macerated berries and long, silky tannins. The unmistakable Monte Rosso spice makes its presence known in the form of cloves, cinnamon and sage.

WINEMAKERS: Marcello Monticelli, Gina Gallo

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** June 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** October 2021



# **ENROUTE WINERY**

Marty by Michael



### **Pinot Noir**

Marty's Vineyard Green Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Since 2007, EnRoute Winery has been dedicated to Pinot Noir, exploring the complexity and diversity of fruit grown in the Russian River Valley AVA. Marty's Vineyard grows atop one of the steepest hillsides in the Russian River Valley in the heart of Green Valley.

Green Valley is one of the smallest appellations in Sonoma County and was established in 1983. It is the most consistent of any North Coast appellation in terms of soil, climate and flavor. There the fog clears early and the vines enjoy abundant sunshine. EnRoute Winery is one of just ten wineries located in the appellation. Michael Accurso carefully selected clonal selection 115 and 667 for this five case auction lot. These selections were farmed by the iconic Dutton family.

EnRoute Winery selects one or two sites per year to ferment in concrete. This auction lot is from one of the lucky vineyards to be selected for this vintage. This ideal clone site and the concrete vessel make the perfect harmony to promote esters and aromatics along with mouthfeel.

Elegant fruit complemented by an intense perfume is the signature of this single-vineyard wine. This is an impressive fruit-forward wine while still retaining texture and structure.

**WINEMAKER:** Michael Accurso

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** January 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2022



# **ERNEST VINEYARDS**

Two Rad Vineyards, One Cool Valley



#### **Pinot Noir**

Cleary Ranch Vineyard, Michael Valentine Vineyard Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

In the late '90s two special vineyards of Pinot Noir were planted in the heart of Freestone's chilly and foggy valley. On the same road, separated only by one fence line, Cleary Ranch and the Michael Valentine Vineyard are united by climate but separated by differing soil types. Ernest Vineyards identified these vineyards as most aligned with their vision and quest to deliver wines of structure and restraint. Having leased and farmed these sites for many years, they are blending these two rad vineyards for the first time to showcase their complimentary expressions of Pinot Noir.

With mild temperatures, the fruit enjoys a long hang time, developing complex physiological and phenolic attributes, but not at the cost of sugars. These vineyards are harvested last, at only 12% alcohol.

Joseph Ryan uses organic and sustainable farming methods to ensure the healthiest fruit. The ferments are native yeast with scant sulfur additions and always include some whole cluster. The right barrel program ensures direct perception of the sites' terroir.

Bright in natural acid, low in alcohol, with soft and approachable tannins. Provocative aromatics of rose, raspberry, summer cherry and stones. On the palate, a structured balance of forest floor and red fruit.

WINEMAKER: Joseph Ryan

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: March 2021 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: May 2021

A winemaker dinner or store visit is offered in your market as part of this lot. Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date and booked within a year of receipt.

**Ernest Vineyards** 

# FERRARI-CARANO VINEYARDS AND WINERY

Heart & Soil



# Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Cabernet Franc 15%, Merlot 5%

Macama Creek Ranch Alexander Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Rhonda Carano carries on her late husband, Don's, vision for Ferrari-Carano and purchased Macama Creek Ranch in Alexander Valley in 2013. It was always Don Carano's desire to cultivate this untouched ranch never planted to grapes before, and that dream is reflected in this remarkable wine.



This exceptional wine is comprised of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon (clone 685), 15% Cabernet Franc (clone 214) and 5% Merlot (clone 181). The grapes for this wine are sourced from Blocks 5, 6, and 8 on Macama Creek Ranch, Ferrari-Carano's southern most vineyard ranch in Alexander Valley, which is situated at the juncture of Knights Valley, Alexander Valley and Chalk Hill appellations. The vines are planted in ancient weathered sandstone soil with sandy loam in an east/west row direction. The grapes were hand-picked and hand sorted into stainless steel tanks and fermented there until drained to barrel. This wine will age in 100% French oak, 30% new for 20 months before bottling.

"Heart & Soil" Cabernet Sauvignon has dark, rich red color with robust and powerful aromas and flavors of cassis, blueberries, pomegranate, brown sugar, nutmeg, leather and toffee. Full with impressive structure and weight with medium tannins, this wine will drink well for 10 to 15 years.

WINEMAKER: Sarah Quider

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** August 2021

# FISHER VINEYARDS

Cabernet's Brilliant Alter Ego: Cabernet Franc



#### **Cabernet Franc**

Wedding Vineyard Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Founded in 1973 by Fred and Juelle Fisher, now led by the second generation, Fisher Vineyards produces terroir driven, estate grown wines. Blessed by significant contributions over five decades from several great wine talents including Paul Hobbs, Mia Klein, David Abreu, Aaron Pott and Adam Goodrich, Fisher Vineyards now releases nine estate grown, small-production bottlings each year.

Nestled high on the western slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains, the Wedding Vineyard was first planted in 1973 and earned lofty distinction from Robert Parker as his first near-perfect Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon review receiving 99 points for the 97 vintage, a high benchmark that stood alone for nearly a decade.

Following the 2001 vintage, the Wedding Vineyard was replanted including a single, half-acre block of Cabernet Franc. Bottled as a separate varietal designate in select vintages only, Wedding Vineyard Cabernet Franc is born of unique, grey, clay loam soils that elevate varietal characteristics with profound focus and complexity.

"Cabernet's Brilliant Alter Ego: Cabernet Franc" was hand harvested, de-stemmed and double sorted, and fermented in 225 Liter new french oak barrels. The resulting wine showcases classic Cabernet Franc characteristics including intense violet aromatics and flavors of blueberry, cassis, cedar and dark cocoa nibs.

WINEMAKER: Adam Goodrich

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021



# FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA WINERY

Madre Terra



#### **Cabernet Sauvignon**

Sei Querce Vineyard Alexander Valley, Sonoma County 2018 10 CASES



### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

The Coppola family has always strongly supported sustainability and is committed to preserving the land for future generations. They partnered with Hal Hinkle, an ardent and life-long conservationist to source this "never before, never again" stunning auction lot.

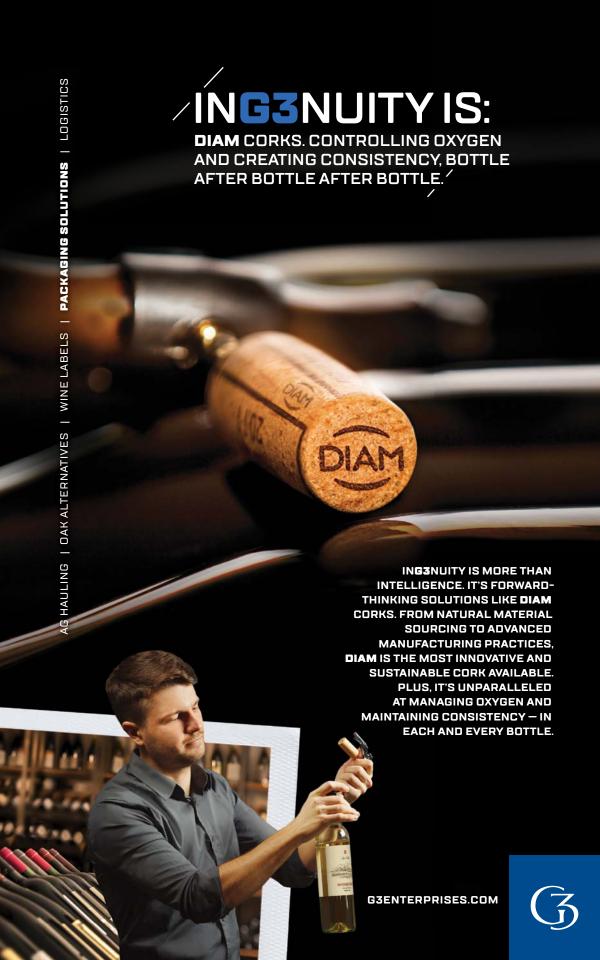
"Madre Terra", Italian for Mother Earth, is made up of three different blocks from Sei Querce Vineyard, another Italian reference in honor of its majestic "six oaks" on the East Side of the Alexander Valley. This certified sustainable vineyard is in the transition to being certified organic and is blessed with a beautiful, varied terrain running from the banks of the Russian River to the southwestern facing oak chaparral. Coyote Ridge and Miller's Orchard are around 500 feet in elevation and face directly west, looking down on the Alexander Valley. Ellis is located at the foothill of the Mayacamas Mountain range and made up of alluvial fan soils that drain really well due to the small rocks and sand in the soil.

The wine fits the "dark and stormy" profile in color and palate. It has a dark-fruit profile with a mocha/espresso oak contribution. The tannin is robust at this youthful stage, and bodes well for longevity in the bottle.

WINEMAKER: Sandy Walheim

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** September 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** January 2021





# ACAIBO

# Omni Trium Perfection



# Cabernet Sauvignon 74%, Merlot 20%, Cabernet Franc 6%

Trinité Estate Sonoma County 2015 5 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

The naming of their wine, Acaibo, was a special process for Gonzague and Claire Lurton. Derived from the local Pomo Native American tribe, Aca meaning fish, or Aka meaning water, was combined with sibo meaning three. The name makes a connection to the land and its history as well as alludes to the most elemental resource, water, that is at the core of viticulture in Sonoma. Acaibo is also a homage to the Lurton's three children and the three grape varietals that they have long held in the highest of esteem (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc) and their three estates in Bordeaux.

The organic Trinité Estate in Chalk Hill sits in an intimate bowl between three valleys: Russian River, Alexander and Knight's Valley. An idyllic location bathed in light, volcanic activity from the north lends much to the character of the soil, constantly being shifted and sifted by earthquakes over millennia.

Believing that their wines are made in the vineyard, the Lurtons insist on strict organic farming practices, with various bio-dynamic principles incorporated into their viticulture regime. This "Omni Trium Perfection" blend features black currant, slate, violet and lilac aromas. It is full-bodied with ultra-fine tannins, while polished and linear.

WINEMAKERS: Gonzague Lurton, Claire Lurton

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** April 2017 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** November 2020



# **GARY FARRELL WINERY**

Gap's Crown - Wind Born



#### **Pinot Noir**

Gap's Crown Vineyard Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Gap's Crown is in the Petaluma Gap, southwest Sonoma County, where the climate is highly influenced by the effects of the coastal fog. Spanning the foothills of Sonoma Mountain, the vineyard offers a variety of soil types at varied elevations above sea level, with steep hillsides to promote natural airflow and soil drainage resulting in concentrated, structured wines.

Crafted by Winemaker Theresa Heredia, this 667 clone wine expresses a true sense of varietal character. It also boasts a strong sense of place due to the perfect ripeness, ample natural acidity at harvest, whole cluster inclusion, extended maceration post-alcoholic fermentation, 15 months of aging on primary lees to accentuate the texture, and the use of predominantly light toast French oak barrels that respect the fruit and help to polish the wine during aging.

This small lot boasts the deep, mysterious Gap's Crown characteristics. Hints of whiskey barrel, bourbonsoaked cherries, violet petals and savory spices come together, creating an intriguing aromatic expression. This generous Pinot Noir fills the mouth with a core of boysenberry, dark chocolate, lavender, bay leaves and a delicious hint of chili. The succulent, velvety tannins and mouthwatering acidity accentuate the myriad of flavors, building depth and density into a remarkably expansive finish.

WINEMAKER: Theresa Heredia

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** January 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** September 2022

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GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

# **GAMBA VINEYARDS AND WINERY**

Gamba MCM



#### Zinfandel

Gamba Estate Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

The Gamba family has been farming wine grapes for seven generations starting in the hills of Northern Italy. The historic Sonoma County Gamba Estate Vineyard MCM was planted in 1900, hence the namesake, and has been farmed by the Gamba Family since 1947. Today, Agostino and Paulette Gamba manage all aspects of the vineyard and winery. Gamba MCM Zinfandel honors Gamba Vineyards and Winery's historic Zinfandel vineyard in the Russian River Valley.

As original plantings of Old Vine Zinfandel rapidly disappear from the landscape, it is important to honor the few remaining truly old vine vineyards. These vines are being torn out and replaced by younger vineyards. The remaining old vine vineyards, planted by the original settlers in the area, create unique wines that are truly "history in a bottle."

Select blocks from the vineyard were harvested and vinified separately by vintner Agostino Gamba. Grown without the use of herbicides or pesticides, the Gamba Estate Vineyard relies solely on rain water for its source of irrigation. Gamba's winemaking philosophy is that wines are made in the vineyard.

This distinct, bright fruit-forward wine exhibits an exceptional balance with flavors of cherry, blackberry and holiday spice and a lingering toasty finish with pleasant, bright lifting acidity.

**WINEMAKER:** Agostino Gamba

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: July 2020
ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2020



# J VINEYARDS & WINERY

J Vintage Salute



# Chardonnay 61%, Pinot Noir 36%, Pinot Meunier 3%

Multiple Vineyards Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2012 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

J Vineyards & Winery was founded to produce worldclass sparkling wines and their vintage sparklers are the best of what they do. In fact, their first wine produced was a vintage sparkling and with this lot, they are honoring that tradition. The number "20" is the namesake of their flagship sparkling wine, Cuvee 20, and in celebration of the year 2020, they've used a 20-year old lot of Vintage Brut as the base for the dosage.

Bow Tie and Eastside Knoll vineyards are the base of this exceptional wine. Bow Tie Vineyard features spectacular vistas of the entire Russian River from its highest point, majestic Mount Saint Helena to the east and winds down to the Russian River itself. Eastside Knoll Vineyard, their first estate vineyard, is just south of the winery, up on an eastern bench high above the Russian River

The "J Vintage Salute" opens with a creamy mousse and aromas of white raspberry, lemon curd and almond paste. The lively, nuanced palate opens with rich notes of baked pie crust, brioche toast and a hint of sea spray. The crisp, clean finish has suggestions of lemon marmalade and golden apple.

WINEMAKER: Nicole Hitchcock

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** April 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** October 2021



# **GUARACHI FAMILY WINES**

Top Secret Pinot Noir



### **Pinot Noir**

Sun Chase Vineyard Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

This "Top Secret Pinot Noir" for the Sonoma County Barrel Auction represents a rare blend of the very best blocks of Sun Chase Estate Vineyard. Only a small portion of fruit from this Guarachi Family Wines 42-acre estate vineyard is available. Inspired by his daughter's horse, named "Top Secret," Founder Alex Guarachi selected this "top secret" single vineyard blend from his vineyard in one of Sonoma Mountain's highest properties.

Sun Chase Estate Vineyard is located in the newly anointed Petaluma Gap AVA. Its climate is heavily influenced by cool ocean breezes as it sits above the fog line. The constant coastal influence and strong winds yield berries with thick skins, leading to very concentrated, rich and flavorful Pinot Noirs due to the high skin-to-juice ratio. This wine was produced from various clones including 777, 828, Swan and Calera. Winemaker Julian Gonzalez has selected the top three barrels from the vintage and compiled a truly unique blend.

Crafted in the Burgundian style, this wine displays a beautiful floral mix of rose petal and violet on the nose followed by juicy, subtle red fruit on the palate. Balanced fruit, minerality and a lasting finish are hallmarks of this vibrant Pinot Noir.

**WINEMAKER:** Julian Gonzalez

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021



# HARTFORD FAMILY WINERY, LOMBARDI WINES, JOSEPH SWAN VINEYARDS, BENOVIA WINERY

The Monday Standard

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### **Pinot Noir**

Multiple Vineyards Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 10 CASES

# LOT# 31

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

On Monday's at Backyard in Forestville, a number of winemakers gather for epic lunches. Core members of this group include four Winemakers: Jeff Stewart of Hartford Family Winery, Mike Sullivan of Benovia Winery, Tony Lombardi of Lombardi Wines and Rod Berglund of Joseph Swan Vineyards. While many things are discussed, one topic has come up many times. This common topic is that Sonoma County, particularly the Russian River Valley, has produced many epic Pinot Noirs but has yet to produce a standard. The core four have decided to fill that void, lending wine and/or expertise in crafting this exquisite Pinot Noir. They came together committed to creating the new standard, or more accurately, "The Monday Standard."

Hartford Family Winery, Joseph Swan Vineyards and Benovia Winery are all located in the Russian River Valley AVA. Lombardi Wines crafts small lots of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from some of the finest vineyards in the Sonoma Coast. This is a "never before, never again" lot that is truly for the history books.

To celebrate "The Monday Standard," the successful buyer and closest friends, will be invited to join "The Monday Standard" guys for lunch at Backyard, on, you guessed it. a Monday!

**WINEMAKERS:** Jeff Stewart (Hartford Family Winery), Tony Lombardi (Lombardi Wines), Rod Berglund (Joseph Swan Vineyards), Mike Sullivan (Benovia Winery)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021









# KENDALL-JACKSON

ONE - One Vineyard, One Varietal, One Barrel



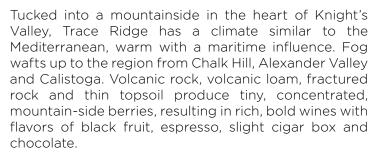
# **Cabernet Sauvignon**

Trace Ridge Knights Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

The ancient volcano, Mount St. Helena, towers over Sonoma County. On the western slope of the mountain, about 1,000 feet up in elevation, sits Kendall-Jackson's Trace Ridge vineyard. Here, Cabernet Sauvignon is king, in and above the morning fog line, where ultimately the warm sunshine creates small grape clusters with intense flavors. This estate overlooks the original Trace, or Settler's path, linking Sonoma County to Lake County. Kendall-Jackson's "ONE" Cabernet Sauvignon showcases this exceptional, award-winning mountain vineyard site.



Winemaker Susan Leuker balances the structure and concentration of this exceptional fruit. The grapes were harvested at the peak of ripeness and she maintains their structure and texture with careful attention to tannins and letting the vineyard show. The "ONE" Cabernet Sauvignon is a full-bodied, ripe, round wine and a classic example of Knight's Valley perfection.

WINEMAKER: Susan Leuker

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** September 2021



# KELLER ESTATE

Syrah: The Dark Horse of the Petaluma Gap.



# Syrah 94%, Viognier 6%

Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County 2018 10 CASES



### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Keller Estate is nestled in the Petaluma Gap where a typical summer day begins with a distinctive, crisp coolness and a blanket of morning fog. By late morning the sun chases away the fog and temperatures rise. By mid-afternoon, the cooling maritime breezes begin, picking up speed as the afternoon progresses and brings in fog almost every night. It is this cooling "wind tunnel" effect that distinguishes the Petaluma Gap from neighboring winegrowing areas. The impact of the wind results in lower yields and grapes that reach physiological ripeness much later and at lower sugar levels while developing intense flavors with ideal levels of acidity.

Keller Estate believes the Petaluma Gap is one of the best places in California to grow Syrah. This delicious age-worthy variety will soon find its day in the sun, or better yet, people will catch wind of why it grows so well at Keller Estate. This Syrah, carefully crafted by German-born Julien Teichmann, was created to shine a light on Keller Estate's 877, Alban and Noir clones.

Teichmann, who worked harvests throughout the world, spent time at Kosta Browne and Merry Edwards, has a profound respect for the vineyard and a holistic approach to farming and winemaking.

**WINEMAKER:** Julien Teichmann

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: June 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2020



# KNIGHTS BRIDGE WINERY

Knights Valley Love Story



# **Cabernet Sauvignon**

Knights Bridge Estate Vineyard Knights Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

This blend of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Linville, Collinwood and Haggerty Blocks of Knights Bridge Vineyard tells a true love story. Ethel Linville and Essel Bailey met in Collinwood, TN. After the high school sweethearts married, Essel left to serve his country in World II. When the war ended, he returned to work in a tire factory, and saved to purchase a small farm on Haggerty Road. The couple celebrated 65 years farming and raising their family together; along the way, their children learned the value of hard work and a deep regard for the natural world.

In 2006 their sons Jim and Essel Bailey purchased a vineyard in Knights Valley, at the perfect intersection of climate and location. Blessed with mineral-rich, well-drained volcanic soils, the sustainably farmed estate rises to 900 feet in elevation on the rocky slopes of the Mayacamas mountain range.

This "Knights Valley Love Story" Cabernet offers aromas of cassis and blackberry, with warm and inviting allspice, plum and currant that are nicely framed by notes of cedar, vanilla and cardamom. Savory elements and perfumed red fruits play off more exotic notes of shaved cacao. Jet black with hints of deep purple around the rim that suggest a wine structured for long aging.

WINEMAKER: Douglas Danielak

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** February 2022



# **KOSTA BROWNE WINERY**

Silver & Iron



# **Pinot Noir**

Treehouse Vineyard 50%, Silver Eagle Vineyard 50% Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 10 CASES

# LOT# 35

# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Kosta Browne Winery has never before and will never again offer this blend from Treehouse Vineyard and Silver Eagle Vineyard. These storied properties hold a special place in the legacy of Sonoma County. Nestled atop Stoetz Lane, at 750 feet elevation, these southfacing vineyards share a fence line and produce some of the finest Pinot Noir grapes.

Silver Eagle Vineyard and the Treehouse Vineyard rest just above the silver fog of the Russian River Valley and share uniquely distinct iron-rich soils that create a complex and thoughtful wine. The Silver Eagle Vineyard brings structure and flesh, while the Treehouse Vineyard brings a concentrated mid-palate and fresh acidity to the blend. Together, they make a truly special "Silver & Iron" wine.

Fermented in tall, narrow French oak, open-top casks, the Treehouse Vineyard was 100% de-stemmed from Swan clone and clone 37. The Silver Eagle Vineyard was 50% whole cluster fermented in small vessels from Calera clone.

This unapologetically delicious Kosta Browne Winery Pinot Noir provides rich, dark-red fruit flavor profiles, creating a heavy mouthfeel without being weighty courtesy of Treehouse Vineyard. Silver Eagle Vineyard brings blue and black fruit profiles to create a blend that is restrained opulence at it's best.

**WINEMAKER:** Julien Howsepian

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ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2021

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KOSTA BROWNE

# KIVELSTADT CELLARS

Ode to 1877



# Carignane

Oat Valley
Alexander Valley, Sonoma County
2019
5 CASES

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# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Since their inaugural 2007 vintage, Kivelstadt Cellars strives to create wines of intrigue that maintain a fun and approachable style, challenging the status quo. Dedicated to their simple goal of keeping some of California's most historic vineyards in the ground, Kivelstadt Cellars discovered Oat Valley vineyard and offered to pay the growers more than market rates for the grapes. Oat Valley is farmed by fourth generation Cooley family members, going back 150 years. This organic, dry farmed Carignane is from the oldest planting in the state of California, planted in 1877.

Kivelstadt Cellars' believe that Carignane is an elegant grape and they work hard to showcase the varietal in their winemaking. Winemaker Sam Baron's passion for restrained and elegant wines, organic and sustainable farming and his thirst for exploring unique vineyards truly shines with this lot. They pick early at ~22.5 brix to keep the alcohol low and the acids high. With only one pump over each day, they ferment at low temperatures, peak of ~82F.

This Carignane offers bright blueberry flavors with subtle tannins and mouth watering acidity. This light red wine pairs exceptionally with fish and will show guests what terrior looks like with minimalist winemaking.

WINEMAKER: Sam Baron

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: June 2020
ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2020



# LANDMARK VINEYARDS

Top of the Vineyard

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#### **Pinot Noir**

Hop Kiln Estate Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Landmark Vineyards at Hop Kiln Estate is a registered historic landmark. The iconic Hop Kiln was built in 1905 and is "the most significant remaining stone hop kiln in the North Coast Region" (National Register of Historic Places). The low-yielding Block 36 at the top of the vineyard is planted on poor, well-draining soils to Swan clone, resulting in intense wines.

Winemaker Greg Stach believes in low intervention wine-making practices. This Pinot Noir was destemmed and fermented in one-ton bins with gentle punch-downs to extract flavor and silky tannins. After fermentation, the free-run wine was barreled in French oak barrels (up to 50% new French oak) and aged for 10 months sur lie before being bottled.

Bright, with a rich ruby color and aromas of spiced cranberry, charred strawberry, ripe pomegranate, baking spice and rose petals. Full and complex on the palate, bold black cherry, red currant and cassis with a touch of spice dominate the entry. Layers of savory bacon, subtle leather notes and tobacco emerge on the mid-palate. The finish is long and strong, beginning with red fruit and transforming into plum with cola notes. Bold character, firm tannin structure and balanced acidity, this wine is well suited for aging.

WINEMAKER: Greg Stach

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021



# LEO STEEN WINES

The STEEN



### White Blend

Saini Farms Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County 2018 10 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

In 1999. Leo Steen Hansen left the Denmark restaurant trade to come to Healdsburg for an internship opportunity at Clos Du Bois. Needless to say, his three-month internship extended to 20 years. He knew that Chenin Blanc had a long history in California but thought it seemed forgotten. In 2004, he started his own boutique brand to focus on the old noble variety and create dry food-friendly wines. Ironically, his middle name is Steen which is the South African synonym for Chenin Blanc. This auction lot is the first time he has made a Chenin Blanc blend with extended aging in a combination of a concrete egg, french oak barrel and stainless steel tank.



The vineyard was hand-harvested early to preserve the varietals character and natural acidity. As a result, there are inviting aromas of light tropical fruits with notes of honey, quince, and almond and a creamy textured palate that has a long acid-driven finish.

**WINEMAKER:** Leo Steen Hansen

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: March 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** November 2020



# MACMURRAY ESTATE VINEYARDS

Past, Present and Future



#### **Pinot Noir**

MacMurray Estate Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

This wine pays homage to the majestic site of MacMurray Estate Vineyards, located in the heart of the Middle Reach of the Russian River Valley. Kate MacMurray honors the past of this magnificent place, her childhood home, by preserving the Estate that was created by her parents. She honors the present by fully supporting the Sonoma County Barrel Auction. Finally, through sustainable agriculture, Kate honors the future by ensuring this property, with more than half of its land dedicated to natural habitat, will be here for generations to celebrate.

Of the vineyards on the property, 225 acres are planted to Pinot Noir and there is a 1.000 ft. elevation change between "low country" and "high country" with diverse aspects and soils. Winemaker Scott Anderson crafted this lot from his favorite block, Block T-09, which is on the upper slope with a Northeast aspect. He used 30% whole cluster fruit to allow for gentle winemaking and a complex expression of the grape. Later, he selected the perfect barrel of this Pinot Noir which is rich with dark cherry, bramble notes and a lot of spice. Not only are the aromatics intense, but the depth of flavor is

also extraordinary.

**WINEMAKER:** Scott Anderson

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** September 2020

**ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** April 2021



# MARTIN RAY VINEYARDS & WINERY

Belli



# Chardonnay

Joseph Belli Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Crafting terroir-driven wines, Martin Ray Vineyards & Winery continues the rich history of their namesake in one of the oldest continuously operated wineries in California. This lot was chosen by their winemaker as the top barrels of their Joseph Belli Vineyard lot, one of the most coveted single-vineyard Chardonnays they produce. Named after this famed vineyard, and the owner Joseph Belli, this lot name also means beautiful in Italian which truly speaks to the vineyard, fruit and finished wine.

Joseph Belli Vineyard is situated on terraced hillsides on the far western edge of the Russian River Valley. Decades of planning by Joe, coupled with thoughtful clonal diversity and impeccable, organic farming, make this a top location for Chardonnay. A combination of Robert Young, Rued and Dijon 96 clone, the vineyard consists of six blocks planted to red clay and shallow gravelly soil, seeing excellent drainage.

This mineral-driven Chardonnay was picked at low brix, had 100% native yeast fermentation and stirred bi-weekly for linear acidity, with complex notes of quince, musk melon, lemon crème mousse and sweet corn. "Belli" also features fresh citrus throughout with notes of quince, subtle baking spices and displays a vibrant style with a creamy finish.

WINEMAKER: Leslie Mead Renaud

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: August 2020
ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2020







# MARTINELLI WINERY

Jackass The Younger



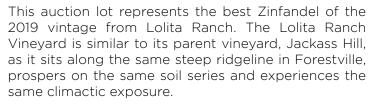
# Zinfandel

Lolita Ranch Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Leno Martinelli began farming Jackass Hill at the age of 12. He continued to farm the challenging hill until he was 87 years old. The vineyard was planted in the late 1800s by his father, Giuseppe, on a 65-degree slope. It remains today as the steepest, non-terraced vineyard in Sonoma County. The family always said that only a Jackass would farm a hill that steep. Later, the Lolita Ranch Zinfandel was planted with cuttings from the original site at Jackass Hill by Lee Martinelli Jr. who is a fourth-generation grape grower in the Martinelli family.



Winemaker Courtney Wagoner believes in minimal handling of the wines, using native yeast and all French oak with 60% being new, and non-filtration. "Jackass the Younger" exudes deep flavors of ripe plum, blackberry, cola and stone fruit.

WINEMAKER: Courtney Wagoner

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** July 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021



# **MAURITSON WINES**

The Patriarch



#### **Cabernet Franc**

Buck Pasture Rockpile, Sonoma County 2018 10 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

It was the celestial marriage between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc that created Cabernet Sauvignon. But despite Cabernet Sauvignon ascending to the status of "king," it is truly the patriarch, Cabernet Franc, that has enabled this legend. "The Patriarch" is a very unique offering of Mauritson Wines mountainsidegrown 100% varietal Cabernet Franc from the Rockpile Appellation.

The Mauritson family has been growing grapes in what is now the Rockpile appellation for over 150 years. This dramatic region straddles the ridge between two arms of Lake Sonoma and overlaps the Northwest edge of Dry Creek Valley. The vineyards in this region range from 800-2,000 feet in elevation. Originally the Mauritson homestead, Rockpile dirt has and continues to be Mauritson owned and farmed six generations later. Mauritson family grows less than three acres of ultra-premium Cabernet Franc in the Buck Pasture Vineyard of Rockpile. This southwest facing, shallow, rocky-dirt-filled vineyard is dry-farmed and certified 100% sustainable.

This wine has undergone native fermentation and will be aged 22 months in 100% French oak, about 40% new oak. "The Patriarch" illustrates beautiful red pomegranate, cranberry, sweet-earth tones, light to medium body with refined tannins and a kiss of sweet oak.

WINEMAKER: Fmma Kudritzki Hall

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: July 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: February 2021



# MERRY EDWARDS WINERY

Richaven, Merry's Home Ranch



# **Pinot Noir**

Richaven Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES

# LOT# 43

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Merry Edwards was one of the first critically-acclaimed female winemakers in California. She retired in 2020 after a five-decade career, which marks a new era for her namesake winery, now owned by Maison Louis Roederer. Two women now at the helm, President Nicole Carter and Winemaker Heidi von der Mehden, intend to continue on Edwards' path and take her labor of love to its next level.

Richaven Vineyard, named after Merry's husband's family citrus ranch in Southern California, was planted near the first vineyard ever purchased by Merry, Meredith Estate. When Merry and Ken bought their ranch and established the vineyard, they named it Richaven to bring their family and farming lives full circle and back to Merry's roots in the Sebastopol Hills.

The vineyard was planted in 2015 to 100% "Merry's Clone," UCD37. Even with detailed focus in the vineyard, all were surprised at how quickly the resulting wines provided great structure and tannins. This vintage is especially dear, as it was Merry's last before her retirement and she singled out these blocks for their exceptional fruit.

This wine has red and dark berries, violets and a hint of forest floor. It displays rich palate weight with an exceptionally long finish.

WINEMAKER: Heidi von der Mehden

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021



# **MIGRATION**

Flight of Passage



### **Pinot Noir**

Dutton Ranch Green Valley, Sonoma County 2019 10 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

"Flight of Passage" commemorates a special chapter of Migration's story with their new home, the Migration Tasting Room, slated to open late 2020. Migration itself embodies movement, growth and purpose. This lot was crafted as a celebration of this historic moment, as they take flight on their new adventure, soaring to new heights and exploring opportunities on the horizon!

This Pinot Noir was crafted from three clonal varieties from two beautiful Dutton Ranch properties, showcasing the heart of the Green Valley AVA. This fruit was selected because of the Gold Ridge Sandy Loam soils and bountiful fog that create beautifully textured, concentrated and balanced wines. This wine is a blend of clones 115, 777 and Pommard, which create layers of complexity that shine on the palate.

Crafted by Dana Epperson, who brings over 15 years of winemaking experience to the cellar, "Flight of Passage" exhibits the quintessential Green Valley profile. The oak barrels were hand-selected to perfectly compliment this carefully sourced fruit, a testament to Epperson's commitment to maintaining the highest standards. Beautiful raspberry and rich blackberry aromas are complemented by notes of rustic forest floor and wild mushroom. The palate is concentrated and features silky fine tannins and nicely balanced acidity.

**WINEMAKER:** Dana Epperson

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** January 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021

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# **MONTAGNE RUSSE**

Deuxième Fois



# **Pinot Noir**

Multiple Vineyards Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Kevin Bersofsky established Montagne Russe in his garage in 2006 and was nearly shut down by the federal government. Now, after several years of thrilling winemaking experiences and 95 point wine scores, Bersofsky enjoys creating Sonoma County wines. This is the second time Montagne Russe has participated with an auction lot and is therefore named "Deuxième Fois." French for 'the second time'!

All vineyards sourced for this lot are farmed by the owners, which includes Black Knight, Sangiacomo Roberts Road, Terra De promissio, Van der Kamp, and Springhill Ranch. Black Knight Vineyard, located in southeast Santa Rosa, is known for white volcanic ash and produces delicate, floral Pinot Noir. Roberts Road Vineyard is built on an old creek bed in Petaluma Gap and delivers light, expressive wines. Terra De promissio Vineyard provides Calera Clone Pinot Noir and this is Bersofsky's first vintage from Van der Kamp Vineyard. Springhill Ranch is in the heart of Petaluma Gap and creates the most complex Pinot Noirs with fine tannins.

Bersofsky personally blended wines from these vineyards while providing extremely low manipulation. "Deuxième Fois" has a complete mouthfeel and is an exceptional expression of the vintage presenting rich yet floral notes and carrying great acidity with big fruit.

**WINEMAKER:** Kevin Bersofsky

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** July 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** January 2021



# ROMBAUER VINEYARDS

40 Years Young



# Chardonnay

Davitto Ranch Carneros, Sonoma County 2019 20 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

In celebration of Rombauer Vineyards' 40th anniversary they have produced their first single-vineyard Chardonnay from their Davitto Ranch property in Carneros. With both the second and third generations of the Rombauer family involved in the winery, they consider themselves "40 years young" and look forward to many more vintages to come! The family is excited to celebrate with Sonoma County by sharing this first wine of its kind.

Planted over a three-year period, the Davitto Ranch is one of Rombauer's most prized vineyards. It comprises flatland but also stunning rolling hillsides that yield numerous slopes with north-south and east-west exposures featuring Haire Clay Loam and Diablo soils and planted to a mix of Dijon and Hyde/Wente clones.

Winemaker Richie Allen and team gently whole-cluster pressed the grapes while they were still cool, cold-settled in tank overnight and then racked into a French oak barrel for primary and malolactic fermentation. Allen employed bâtonnage, stirring the lees every two weeks for rich flavor and a creamy texture. The wine aged in the barrel for nine months rendering a creamy Chardonnay with aromas and flavors of juicy apple, ripe fig and pear. Full-bodied with a plush mid-palate and beautiful notes of honey, the wine finishes long, with a hint of spicy oak.

WINEMAKER: Richie Allen

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: June 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2020



# NOTRE VUE ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

Leaning Tree Rhone Blend



Grenache 48%, Mourvedre 27%, Syrah 25%

Chalk Hill, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES

# LOT#

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Bob and Renee Stein fell in love with a spectacular view of the rolling hills of Sonoma County in 1992 and eventually fulfilled their vision of Notre Vue Estate. This year they selected a unique GSM auction lot, not common to the general Russian River Valley area, with a focus on the AVA's powerful Grenache to enhance its ageability and depth.

The low-intervention, sustainably-farmed vineyards for this wine face mostly west southwest and are 600ft in elevation. Nearby there are 350 acres of protected open-space land dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of Notre Vue Estate.

Having worked in every sub-AVA in Sonoma County, Winemaker Alex Holman feels the diversity of Notre Vue Estate's terroir and grape varieties is second to none. He is very passionate about combining innovation with traditional practices as well as nurturing the marriage between science and art. In his role, he brings a lighter touch with oak and less extraction than has been the standard over the last decade. Additionally, these grapes for this wine were co-fermented with native yeast. With more Grenache than other varietals, the profile will exhibit the grapes typical spiciness along with dark red fruits, rose petals, incense and roasted meat.

WINEMAKER: Alex Holman

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** November 2020



# PARADISE RIDGE WINERY

Rockpile Zintastic



# Zinfandel 88%, Petite Sirah 12%

Branham Vineyard Rockpile, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

The Byck family established Paradise Ridge Winery more than 30 years ago and have been taking action to be conscientious stewards of the land. Their family farms the estate using sustainable practices, with the hope that the land will be passed down from generation to generation. Of the 155 hillside acres, only 15 acres are planted to vines. The native oaks and other natural environs provide a sanctuary for the surrounding wildlife. Their goal of sustainability continues to influence every decision they make.

This "never before, never again" auction lot was sourced from Branham Vineyard. The vineyard sits at 1,400 feet above sea level and is nestled among RockyCrags and is by far the most remote of all the vineyards in Rockpile. The fruit was picked from the vineyard at the perfect ripeness and handled gently. Winemaker Dan Barwick practiced submerged cap open-top fermentation on this journey for "Rockpile Zintastic." The wine was then blended with 12% Petite Sirah and aged for 16 months in 400L French oak puncheons.

"Rockpile Zintastic" has bright clean red and blue fruits with an unusual prettiness on the nose and rich concentration on the palate with great acidity. This fruit-forward wine will age for several years.

WINEMAKER: Dan Barwick

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** March 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** September 2021



# PATZ & HALL

These Boots are Made for Drinkin'



### **Pinot Noir**

Bootlegger's Hill Vineyard 50%, Little Boot Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019

10 CASES



#### ABOUT THE WINE:

For the first time Pinot Noir from Bootlegger's Hill Vineyard and Little Boot Vineyard has been selected by Winemaker James Hall for an exceptional lot. These vineyards, planted exclusively for Patz & Hall by the iconic Charlie Chenoweth, are the combination of Dijon and California Heritage selections of Pinot Noir.

The first site, Little Boot Vineyard is cool due to its proximity to Bodega Bay, with shallow Gold Ridge series sandy loam soils. Bootlegger's Hill is a cooler site, a mere eight miles from the Pacific Ocean between Sebastopol and Occidental. It has shallow Gold Ridge soils that produce low yields of small-berried clusters. While Bootlegger's Hill is chilly, there's just enough warmth from the first rays of the morning sun to fully ripen the grapes while still maintaining the mineral-like acidity.

This ten case lot will be aged in 100% new François Frères barrels using stave wood that was aged in Burgundy for three years before being coopered for Patz & Hall. This Pinot Noir lot is fresh, vibrant and juicy with floral and spice aromatics in addition to a crisp and delicate structure. Complex, supple tannins are delectable and full of flavor. You'll see, these boots are made for drinkin'!

WINEMAKER: James Hall

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** January 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** April 2021



# PETALUMA GAP WINEGROWERS

Trombetta Family Wines, Bruliam Wines, Keller Estate, Karah Estate, Schermeister Winery Second Wind



#### **Pinot Noir**

Sangiacomo Roberts Road 22.5%, Terra de Promissio 22.5%, Keller Estate 22.5%, Gap's Crown 22.5%, Karah Estate 10% Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County 2019 10 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

New and old winemakers of the Petaluma Gap, the gateway to Sonoma County wine country, have come together to show off one of the AVA's crown jewels and most famously grown varietal, Pinot Noir. The Petaluma Gap recently celebrated its two year anniversary as an official AVA and is still the newest AVA in California with more than 80 vineyards covering over 4,000 acres. Petaluma Gap is truly a distinctive region within the Sonoma Coast AVA.

This world-class Pinot Noir is a collaboration of exceptional selections from each winemaker that shows the versatility and synergy of the Petaluma Gap including Sangiacomo Roberts Road, Terra de Promissio, Keller Estate, Gap's Crown and Karah Estate. Each of these vineyards has a very distinct part of the Petaluma Gap. They encompass the northern, southern, eastern, locations as well as the higher and lower elevation areas. This was a unique opportunity to showcase the beauty of Pinot Noir while rendering the flavor and concentration influenced by the winds of the Petaluma Gap, produced during the growing season.

This beautiful rendition is a first-time blend of extraordinary single vineyard designates delivering rich and concentrated fruit flavors, with beautiful structure and fresh acid to tie it all together.

**WINEMAKERS:** Kerith Overstreet (Bruliam Wines), Erica Stancliff (Trombetta Family Wines), Julien Teichmann/Ana Keller (Keller Estate), Robert Schermeister (Schermeister Winery), Megan Brodie (Karah Estate)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** February 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021





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# PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

Summit Cuvée de Deux



# **Cabernet Sauvignon**

Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES

# LOT# **5**1

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

"Summit Cuvée de Deux" is derived from the history of the Pride Mountain Vineyards property and the combination of two unique blocks at the highest point on their mountain-top estate at 2100'. These blocks are extremely small, but despite their small size, are planted to multiple clones.

In less than 1.5 acres, they have been able to achieve tremendously complex flavors. Hidden Cab is less than a half acre in size and is planted to clones 412 and 32. The one acre in size, One Acre Hill is planted to clones 4, 15 and a proprietary Rock Arch clone.

Their proprietary clone was originally planted on the estate in 1982. It produces amazing fruit and has historically been used as the core of their Reserve Cabernet. All but one of the original blocks have since been replanted, but from the remaining block, they have taken budwood to plant new vineyards to this unique heritage clone. These new blocks possess intense flavors, as well as a lush and lively quality.

The wine possesses ripe flavors of black raspberry, plum, cassis and subtle mountain herbs. On the palate, it is dense yet lush, with an opulent texture and a minutes-long finish.

WINEMAKER: Sally Johnson

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** July 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021



# RAM'S GATE WINERY

The Revival Tour



# **Pinot Noir**

Ram's Gate Estate Carneros, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

"The Revival Tour" encapsulates the new life being breathed back into Ram's Gate Carneros Estate. A vineyard facing cool climates and strong winds, it is no secret that these vines have had a rough go. Coming to Ram's Gate in 2018, Winemaker Joe Nielsen has invested countless hours into bringing the best out of these stressed vines. As a true steward of the land, meticulous sustainable farming techniques have been put into place making it clear a revival is underway, starting with this vintage.

"The Revival Tour" comes from vines grown in the gravel section of the estate vineyard. A long, cool growing season and low vigor produce high intensity and juice that bursts with flavor and intention. The fruit was harvested and handled with unwavering attention to detail and care and a selection was hand-picked by Nielsen and Assistant Winemaker Orrin Oles, for the Sonoma County Barrel Auction.

This cool-climate Pinot Noir is the quintessential expression of the Carneros Valley. Alluring on the nose with rose, pomegranate, and bright raspberry. Coupled with rhubarb compote, black cherry, and soft baking spices on the palate, the balanced tannins and structure encourage sip after sip leading to a long, luscious finish.

WINEMAKER: Joe Nielsen

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** February 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** November 2020



# **CLINE FAMILY CELLARS**

An Ode to Rhone



# Grenache 49%, Syrah 37%, Mourvedre 14%

5 Sisters Vineyard 49%, Catapult Vineyard 37%, Bridgehead Vineyard 14% Sonoma County 2019 10 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

As an original Rhone Ranger, Fred Cline was a pioneer of California's Rhone movement. He has not only furthered the education of Rhone wines in the US but has continued to demonstrate his passion and dedication. Cline moved his winery to Sonoma in 1989 and this GSM blend is a unique lot that bridges their past to their present and future in Sonoma County!

This blend takes the very best lots of Carneros Grenache, Petaluma Gap Syrah and more to showcase their passion. Both vineyards experience breezes that allow for long growing seasons. The 5 Sisters Estate Vineyard's shallow clay and loam soils help their Grenache produce smaller berries whilst maintaining the typical loose Grenache cluster. All of these vineyards are farmed using "The Green String Method" to promote and enhance biodiversity, biological cycles and soil biological activity.

The Grenache offers generous raspberry, cherry and crunchy red fruits, while contributing a beautiful liveliness to the wine. The Syrah builds out the palate giving it a structure and savory notes of black pepper, dried oregano, and cured meat, while the Mourvedre adds rich notes of blackberry and chocolate. Together this blend makes for a beautifully balanced wine, showcasing complexity, elegance and a sense of place.

WINEMAKER: Tom Gendall

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** September 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** January 2021



# **RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS**

Blending Power & Grace



# Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Petit Verdot 40%

Cooley Ranch Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Rod Strong was an early wine pioneer, and in 1973 he released "Alexander's Crown", the first single vineyard designate Cabernet Sauvignon from Sonoma County. Almost five decades later Rodney Strong Vineyards honors this approach with a single-vineyard Cabernet from the extreme elevations of the Cooley Ranch, located in the remote northern reaches of Sonoma County.

Sitting high above the fog line at over 2,000 ft. and growing in highly desirable red, metamorphic soils, Bordeaux varietals thrive on the steep terrain of the Cooley Ranch. The graceful Block 9 Cabernet Sauvignon was picked on October 10th sourced from the warmest site on the property. The powerful Petit Verdot, picked on October 9th, is from Block 6, which sits on a dramatic promontory overlooking Lake Sonoma.

This "Power & Grace" blend is divine due to an elongated growing season and mild harvest conditions leading to increased hang time and excellent complexity. The wine jumps out of the glass with intense notes of cassis, iron, violets and cedar. The wine will benefit from 5-8 years of bottle age and will evolve over the next two decades. Decanting is recommended in its youth.

WINEMAKER: Justin Seidenfeld

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** December 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** July 2022



# SCHUG CARNEROS ESTATE WINERY

40th Anniversary Cuvée



#### **Pinot Noir**

Carneros, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES

# LOT#

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Founder Walter Schug was born and raised on a winemaking estate in Germany, but his impact on the California wine industry has been legendary. As a founding winemaker for Joseph Phelps Vineyards, he helped bring international fame to the region's Cabernet Sauvignons. Eventually Walter and Gertrud moved to Sonoma to build their own winery. Since the birth of their very first wine, a strong legacy has developed that is now being passed on to future generations. This lot is a special release for the 40th anniversary of Schug Carneros Estate Winery.

Their relationship with the Sangiacomo family goes back to the 1970s, and they honor that legacy by crafting a limited release that exemplifies the quality farming of the Sangiacomos. El Novillero Vineyard shares its border with the Schug Estate and is situated on the hillside slopes that form the southwest boundary of the Sonoma Valley. Morning fog is replaced in the afternoon by cooling ocean winds, allowing for a long ripening season.

This wine is fermented in French oak barrels with native yeast, with the objective being a long, slow fermentation and enhancing more elegant tannins. Aromas include raspberry and cranberry, along with orange peel, followed by a mineral earthy character. On the palate, this wine is structurally balanced and elegant with exceptional acidity.

WINEMAKER: Johannes Scheid

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** May 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** May 2021



# RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY WINEGROWERS

Benovia Winery, Christopher Creek Winery, Davis Family Vineyards, Ramey Wine Cellars, Taft Street Winery

Russian River Valley Neighborhoods



### **Pinot Noir**

Multiple Vineyards Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 10 CASES

# LOT# 56

# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

This lot features 20 six-pack single-vineyard wines, each crafted to specifically highlight the character of its unique neighborhood. Drawn from the identified Neighborhoods of the Santa Rosa Plains, Middle Reach, Eastern Hills, Laguna Ridge, Green Valley, and Sebastopol Hills; this collection pays tribute to Pinot Noir as a reflection of each neighborhood's unique terroir and a celebration of all the Russian River Valley has to offer.

Known for its remarkable climate and growing conditions which produce distinctive Pinot Noir, the Russian River Valley is home to some of the world's most respected wineries. Organized into six sub-regions known as "neighborhoods," wines from each enclave are uniquely influenced by their distinct and identifiable micro-climates. Using the neighborhoods as our lens, this collection of wines from five awarding-winning winemakers highlights the diversity of the region and celebrates Russian River Valley's mastery of the mercurial Pinot Noir grape.

More than any other valley, our terroir is dynamic and authentically different. In a consumer's pursuit for Pinot Noir, we're more than a single stop, we're a destination filled with diverse neighborhoods to explore. And now there's proof from the University of California, Davis that supports what we've known for decades-Russian River Valley neighborhoods are as unique as the award-winning wines we produce.

**WINEMAKERS:** Mike Sullivan (Benovia Winery), Mike Brunson (Christopher Creek Winery), Guy Davis (Davis Family Vineyards), David Ramey (Ramey Wine Cellars), Melissa Kuhn (Taft Street Winery)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** January 2021



# SEBASTIANI VINEYARDS AND WINERY

Legacy Red



# Cabernet Sauvignon 85%, Merlot 10%, Malbec 5%

Cherryblock Vineyard Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Sebastiani Vineyards and Winery, a Sonoma Tradition since 1904, created a one of a kind "Legacy Red" in tribute to their historic Cherryblock Vineyard planted in 1961 and 1962 by August Sebastiani. It is the essence of Sonoma Valley, structured, focused and restrained. This historic vineyard is like no other and famous for its well-draining Terra Rossa volcanic, rocky, low-fertility soils and unique climate that is warm enough to fully ripen Cabernet Sauvignon but cool enough to retain the balance and core acidity that defines all great wine.

Small amounts of Malbec and Merlot were sourced from nearby sites with similar climates and soils with a goal to create a truly unique Cabernet Sauvignon that possesses the elegance, structure and terroir-driven aromatics only found in Cherryblock Vineyard.

"Legacy Red" is deep crimson in color and has dusty aromas with wet stone, crème de cassis and notes of forest floor. The palate is marked by elegance and structure and bursts with intense flavors of black cherry, blackberry, forest floor and graphite that linger pleasantly. The firm tannins frame the generous fruit and are nicely balanced. This wine will improve with age but can be enjoyed now with 1-2 hours of decanting.

WINEMAKER: David Nakaji

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** January 2021



# THREE STICKS WINES, TWOMEY CELLARS

Off the Beaten Path



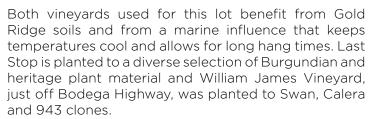
#### **Pinot Noir**

Last Stop 50%, William James Vineyard 50% Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

A collaboration between two family-owned wineries, this lot name was inspired by the former Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad. Train tracks forked in Sebastopol, a short carriage ride away from Three Sticks' William James Vineyard and ended in Forestville, where Twomey's Green Valley Last Stop vineyard of rolling hills is located. This lot pays homage to the link between these communities and their important ties to the development of agriculture.



Winemakers prioritized exceptional fruit by gently maintaining their vibrancy, spice and texture. Focused on a vineyard-first approach to winemaking, their gentle take on extraction during fermentation and barrel selection accentuates and highlights the components of each blend. This lot is more than half heritage Swan clone, which brings out the bright and aromatic notes in the blend. Its Calera clone components accentuate the mid-palate, while the touch of 943 brings some structure and tannin backbone.

**WINEMAKERS:** Ryan Prichard (Three Sticks Wines), Justin Hirigoyen (Twomey Cellars)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** June 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** November 2021





# SILVER OAK

Top of the Class

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# **Cabernet Sauvignon**

Multiple Vineyards Alexander Valley, Sonoma County 2018 20 CASES

# LOT# **59**

# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Silver Oak is a family-owned winery that produces exceptional, food-friendly Cabernets aged exclusively in American oak that are drinkable upon release and worthy of cellaring for decades to come. Silver Oak is also committed to sustainable farming and environmental stewardship. Its new Alexander Valley winery was the world's first winery to receive LEED Platinum certification for Building Design and Construction from the U.S. Green Building Council and all its estate vineyards are certified through the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance.

Barrels that were considered "Top of the Class" were selected for this one-of-a-kind wine. Also, 95 percent of the grapes for this lot were sourced from the Silver Oak estate vineyards: Miraval Vineyard just south of its Alexander Valley Winery and Red Tail Vineyard in the southern part of the Alexander Valley. The wine's balance comes from a Cabernet Franc lot that was first produced in 2018 from a ranch close to Red Tail.

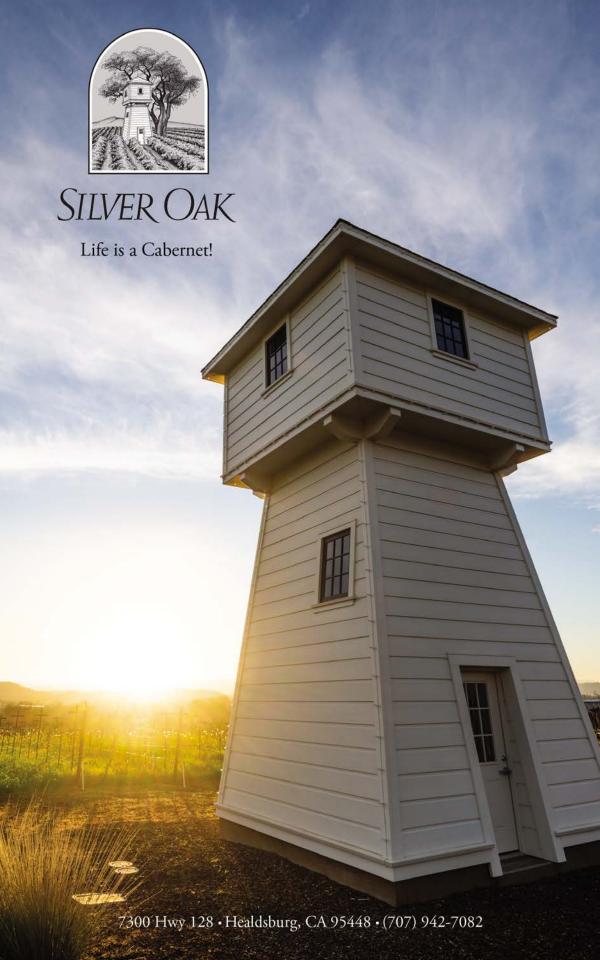
"Top of Class" was blended before barrel, true to the signature Silver Oak style, and is aging exclusively in American oak from its cooperage in Higbee, MO for two years. This wine has notes of cassis, blackberry and dusty rose with a velvety texture on the palate.

WINEMAKERS: Nate Weis, Christiane Schleussner

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: July 2021 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: August 2022

A winemaker dinner or store visit is offered in your market as part of this lot. Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date and booked within a year of receipt.

SILVER OAK



# SEGHESIO FAMILY VINEYARDS

Sisters' Hills Zinfandel



#### Zinfandel

Home Ranch Vineyard Alexander Valley, Sonoma County 2019 10 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Taste the intensity of flavors and highly structured mouthfeel that result when Zinfandel is grown in rocky soils with very little topsoil. These "Sisters' Hills" Zins stand on their own with no blending of other varietals and showcase the deep dark blackberry fruit characteristics associated with the Alexander Valley, coupled with persistent tannins associated with wines grown in rocky soils above the valley floor. Persistent breezes through the valley help to keep berry size small and produce wines of highly concentrated flavors.

These hillside vineyard blocks, affectionately dubbed "Little Sister" and "Big Sister", were planted in the late 1990's as the Seghesio Family blazed their path to leadership in the Zinfandel world. They showcase the trials and successes of planting different clones of Zinfandel in new locations, soils and aspects that hadn't been attempted in the previous 100 years that the family farmed this land.

**WINEMAKERS:** Andy Robinson, Ned Neumiller (Director of Viticulture)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** December 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** June 2021



# THE CALLING

Land of Destiny



### **Pinot Noir**

Terra de Promissio Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

The Calling founders, Peter Deutsch and Jim Nantz, have made it their mission to comb Sonoma County for the best vineyards and best expressions of the many sub-AVAs of the region. The Calling "Land of Destiny" is the newest expression, a single vineyard bottling of the highly sought after Terra de Promissio Vineyard within the Sonoma Coast.

Winemaker James MacPhail worked closely with Charles and Diana Karren of Terra de Promissio to produce this single-vineyard wine. Terra de Promissio is a 50-acre vineyard that was planted in 2002. Diana and Charles Karren oversee the custom farming of The Calling's designated rows, which go into "Land of Destiny."

MacPhail is quintessentially James а Sonoma winemaker and a Pinot Noir expert. He understands the subtle differences between each plot of vineyard land and knows how to let these nuances find expression in the wine so that each of The Calling bottlings is a true expression of exactly where it came from. "Land of Destiny" will be elegant and refined with delicate red fruit notes balanced by baking spices and white tea.

**WINEMAKER:** James MacPhail

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** May 2020

**ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** November 2020



# MACROSTIE WINERY

The Power of Three



#### **Pinot Noir**

Olivet Lane 34%, Gap's Crown 33%, Wildcat Mountain 33% Russian River Valley 34%, Petaluma Gap 33%, Sonoma Coast 33%, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# ABOUT THE WINE:

"The Power of Three" wine exhibits three distinctive cool-climate appellations, three distinguished terroirs, three legendary vineyards and three elite clones in one exceptional wine! At MacRostie, they have been working with the most renowned winegrowers since 1987. This one-of-a-kind lot features a blend of their finest Pinot Noir from three grand cru-caliber vineyards: Gap's Crown, Olivet Lane and Steve MacRostie's own Wildcat Mountain Vineyard.

The clone 115 grapes from Gap's Crown provide gorgeous plum and black cherry aromas with luscious tannins and a silky structure. The Old Martini Selection from the famed Olivet Lane Vineyard adds to the aromatic intensity of the wine. The Clone 667 Pinot Noir grown in the volcanic, high-elevation soils of Wildcat Mountain Vineyard's prized Saddle Block provides dazzling red fruit layers, a rich mid-palate, and sophisticated notes of minerality and spice.

Artfully blended by Winemaker Heidi Bridenhagen, these gorgeous wines have come together to create an incomparable tête de cuvée Pinot Noir. Gorgeous layers of ripe plum, black cherry and holiday baking spices meet a sophisticated mineral undercurrent in this wine. On the palate it is supple and flowing, with French oak-inspired hints of sweet tobacco leaf and cocoa dust lingering on the long, complex finish.

WINEMAKER: Heidi Bridenhagen

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** January 2021



# **ZO WINES**

# Elephant in the Room



Cabernet Sauvignon 90%, Malbec 6%, Petit Verdot 2%, Merlot 1%, Cabernet Franc 1% Hafner Vineyard 98%, Idlespoke 1%, Battle Family Vineyard 1% Alexander Valley 99%, Dry Creek Valley 1%, Sonoma County

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# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

5 CASES

Zo Wines is a relatively new family-owned winery that opened in Dry Creek Valley with a Farmstay and Inn. A portion of their proceeds benefit Save Elephant Foundation, an organization dedicated to protecting elephants. All of their wine labels feature a drawing of an elephant. Given this is Zo Wines first appearance at the auction, it seemed to be a natural fit to name this auction lot "Elephant in the Room."

This Sonoma County Barrel Auction lot "Elephant in the Room" was made with a majority of Cabernet Sauvignon. Winemaker David Eckert, with over 20 years of winemaking experience, and his Assistant Winemaker, Travis Awe, combined four additional varietals to create a "never before, never again" wine.

The majority of this wine comes from two exceptional, family-owned vineyards. One is Hafner Vineyards, now a three-generation enterprise. The other is Battle Family Vineyards located behind Chalk Hill in Alexander Valley.

Their winemaking process begins in the field and it shapes the wine on the vine. The vineyard and varietals have the opportunity to express themselves. With all five of the Bordeaux King varieties in this wine you can expect a broad flavor profile with soft tannins, great fruit and nice acidity.

WINEMAKER: David Eckert

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: July 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: December 2020



# SANGIACOMO FAMILY WINES, SOJOURN CELLARS

Côte de Roberts Road



#### **Pinot Noir**

Sangiacomo Vineyard - Roberts Road Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

When Sojourn Cellars made their first Pinot Noir from the Sangiacomo family's Sonoma Coast Roberts Road Vineyard in 2004, a remarkable partnership was formed. The legendary Sangiacomo family has teamed up with highly-rated Pinot Noir producer Sojourn Cellars to bring you this once in a lifetime auction lot.

"Côte de Roberts Road" Pinot Noir is produced from the Sangiacomo Family's premier, sustainably farmed vineyard dominated by clone 115, with components from Swan and 777 clones adding complexity and depth. Since 1927, The Sangiacomo Family created a legacy of hard work and precision farming for three generations. Sojourn Cellars are masterful winemakers producing Pinot Noir wines of distinction. It is through nurturing partnerships, like their longtime relationship with the Sangiacomo family, that they are able to consistently receive accolades for their wines.

Sojourn Cellars and Sangiacomo Family Wines are aligned in their winemaking philosophies, with handsoff styles that allow the character and personality of this special vineyard site to shine through in the finished wines. The unique blend of this lot accomplishes this goal and then some, offering a complex wine with layers of texture and delightful flavors that showcase the best of the vineyard.

**WINEMAKERS:** James MacPhail (Sangiacomo Family Wines), Erich Bradley (Sojourn Cellars)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** August 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** January 2021





# SKIPSTONE

Las Rocas Cabernet



# **Cabernet Sauvignon**

Skipstone Alexander Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Today one lucky bidder can win Skipstone's spectacular inaugural 5-case auction lot! The Skipstone estate, planted in 1993, is nestled into the Mayacamas mountain range, forming a unique "amphitheater" of vineyard terraces. While primarily southwestern facing, this amphitheater and the rolling benchland beneath provides almost 360 degrees of exposure and various microclimates. The soils of their steepest terraces on the hillside estate vineyard are comprised mostly of large crushed rock, or "Las Rocas." These soils contribute to the mineral and graphite flavors and aromas in the wines they produce.

At Skipstone, their organic and sustainable farming practices allow the grapes to express the natural complexity and balance of their terroir, using the earth's natural resources to enhance the health of the vineyards while eliminating the use of chemicals. Winemaker Philippe Melka, 30-year industry veteran, is fascinated by the relationship between soil and wine quality. His appreciation of this profound connection continues to this day and is reflected in his commitment to honor, above all else, the terroir of Skipstone's vineyards.

This is classic hillside "Las Rocas Cabernet Sauvignon" that is dense and has a muscular frame which supports a rich mouthful of cassis, black cherries, graphite and anise.

**WINEMAKER:** Philippe Melka

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: June 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2020

A vintner dinner or store visit is offered in your market as part of this lot. Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date and booked within a year of receipt. SKIPSTONE

# SONOMA-CUTRER VINEYARDS, THREE STICKS WINES

Pinot Pioneers of the Russian River



#### **Pinot Noir**

Alana Vineyard 50%, Owsley Vineyard 50% Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Bob Cabral (Three Sticks Wines) and Mick Schroeter (Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards) are names that precede themselves in wine country. With a combined 67 years of winemaking experience, these two acclaimed "Winemaker of the Year" pioneers have joined forces once again to craft a highly anticipated lot of Pinot Noir.

This Pinot Noir is sourced from the cool-climates of Owsley and Alana vineyards in the deep southerly reaches of Russian River Valley. Owsley Vineyard is the closest to the Pacific Ocean, with steep, easterly exposure that faces the Bloomfield Gap. What makes Alana Vineyard unique is the varied microclimates that occur, providing a balance of soil, water, sunlight, and fog, and of course the underlying Gold Ridge soil.

Both components are made using traditional, small-batch techniques and are aging in oak that was hand-picked in 2016 and custom made in France by Camille Gauthier. Understanding the French terroir where the barrels/trees are sourced and finding the synergy is what makes these wines stand out. They layer the clones and the coopers.

With this wine expect a vibrant and perfumey nose, characteristic of the microclimates and surrounding conifer forests. Take in the alluring concentration and texture, as well as a bold richness, while witnessing the underlying elegance of this wine.

**WINEMAKERS:** Bob Cabral (Three Sticks Wines), Mick Schroeter (Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards)

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: June 2020
ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2020

A winemaker dinner or store visit is offered in your market as part of this lot. Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date and booked within a year of receipt.

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# THE DONUM ESTATE

The Dynamic Donum Duo



#### **Pinot Noir**

Donum Carneros Estate 50%, Donum Russian River Estate 50% Carneros 50%, Russian River Valley 50%, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

For the first time, The Donum Estate will bottle a blend of Pinot Noir from their Carneros and Russian River Valley vineyards. The wine is made exclusively from their proprietary Donum Selection Clone of Pinot Noir, which was planted in 1990 at The Donum Estate and grafted into their Russian River Valley Vineyard in 2015.

The Donum Estate, owned by Mei and Allan Warburg, was founded in 2001. However, the vines that were harvested for this wine date all the way back to 1990. The wine is sourced from The Donum Estate's two oldest estate vineyards, in Carneros and Russian River, planted in 1990 and 1997 respectively. These wines were cultivated on the vine by Vineyard Manager Lauro Servin, who has been with The Donum Estate since 2008. Servin actually helped plant the original vineyards on The Donum Estate in the 1980s. Winemaker Dan Fishman has been making the wines at The Donum Estate since 2012. He believes in a hands-off winemaking approach, meaning the wines are fermented using native yeast and native malolactic bacteria and receive minimal intervention in the winery.

The wine shows the fruit richness and intensity, combined with the savory, earthy characteristics of the Carneros region

WINEMAKER: Dan Fishman

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: January 2020 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: June 2021

**DONUM** 

# **TWOMEY**

Last Stop: Conductor's Selection



### **Pinot Noir**

Last Stop Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 10 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Owned by the Duncan family, the Twomey Last Stop estate gets its name from a former rail line that ran from San Francisco to the tiny hamlet of Forestville, CA, in the early 20th Century. Twomey combines experience and a sense of curiosity with the exploration of exceptional vineyards. This unique lot "Last Stop: Conductor's Selection" gave Twomey Winemaker Justin Hirigoyen a chance to showcase the beautiful heritage clones of Pinot Noir that's planted at Last Stop.

This selection reflects the excellent 2019 growing season in the Russian River Valley and Green Valley AVAs. They combined multiple lots from Last Stop, each with their own unique heritage clone, to create this one-of-a-kind blend that showcases Last Stop vineyard through a new lens.

Built upon a foundation of observing and listening, this wine is a pure expression of Russian River Pinot Noir. The fruit profile is both red and black, and there is a strong thread of spicy and earthy elements which add complexity to the bouquet. On the palate, the plush structure is complemented by a backbone of fresh acidity which helps balance the supple texture and great mouthfeel. "Last Stop; Conductor's Selection" is a delicious, food-friendly wine.

**WINEMAKER:** Justin Hirigoyen

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** December 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** February 2021



# VIRGINIA DARE WINERY

The Prodigy



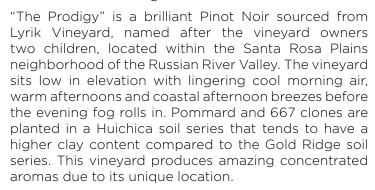
#### **Pinot Noir**

Lyrik Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES



### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Virginia Dare Winery brings to life the myths, people and history of American winemaking, celebrating a heritage that goes back more than 400 years. They craft unique fine wines using heritage grapes grown in the best viticulture regions. In their wines and their business, they value wholesomeness, authenticity and the spirit of exploration. Their Geyserville location gives Virginia Dare wines a permanent home in the current day heart of American wine country, so these stories are not lost to future generations.



"The Prodigy" has a rich, evolved dark cherry and raspberry aroma expression combined with intense deep color and firm tannins that exemplify high-end ageable Pinot Noirs in the area.

WINEMAKER: Humberto Berlanga

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** September 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** January 2021

A winemaker dinner or store visit is offered in your market as part of this lot. Must be scheduled on a mutually.



# PETALUMA GAP WINEGROWERS

# Ramey Wine Cellars, Cline Cellars, Adobe Road Winery, Thirty Seven Winery

Côte Venteux



# Syrah

Rodger's Creek 25%, Griffins Lair 25%, Catapult Ranch 25%, Paradise Vineyards 25% Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County 2019 10 CASES TO 1

#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

This a once in a lifetime collaboration of four fantastic wineries and winemakers pooling their talents to create a truly unique wine. The famous Côte Rotie roughly translated means 'roasted slope' where the vineyards sit soaking up the sun. The Petaluma Gap is a little different and distinguished by the wind. These vineyards in this blend come from the West facing slope exposed to the full brunt of the wind so this lot is appropriately called "windy slope" in french.

Syrah makes up just 12% of what is grown in the Petaluma Gap and to ripen Syrah in these challenging conditions you need long hang-time and great exposure, which is a blessing and a curse. This intensifies the skins and slows ripening giving fantastic concentration, intensity and complexity.

Over an intense blending session, four winemakers discovered the best blend to complement each other's wines, an ideal balance between structure and elegance. "Côte Venteux" deftly balances fruit richness with the more savory, cold-climate notes that are typical of these sites in the region. Black cherry, crunchy red fruits, cloves, new leather, licorice, spice and black pepper all run through this super-expressive, brooding Syrah that has freshness, verve and focus.

**WINEMAKERS:** David Ramey (Ramey Wine Cellars), Tom Gendall (Cline Cellars), Garrett Martin (Adobe Road Winery, Shane Finley (Thirty Seven Winery)

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** December 2020 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** February 2021



# WALT WINES

Mile Marker 372 - 1,000 Miles of Pinot



### **Pinot Noir**

Bob's Ranch Estate Vineyard Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County 2019 5 CASES

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#### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Owned by Craig and Kathryn Walt Hall, WALT honors Kathryn's parents, Bob and Dolores Walt, who were grape growers since 1972 and nurtured Kathryn's passion for vineyards and wine. WALT features single vineyard designate wines stretching across 1,000 miles of Pinot Noir. Bob's Ranch Estate Vineyard is located at their Mile Marker 372 in Sonoma County. This field selection is sourced from their estate vineyard.



Led by Winemaker Megan Gunderson, WALT represents wines of a place. Thoughtful viticulture enables Gunderson to create expressive wines that reflect the signature personality of each site.

In keeping with the WALT winemaking philosophy, this "Mile Marker 372 – 1,000 Miles of Pinot" wine was hand picked, optically sorted, gravity fed to tank, and fermented with 100% native yeasts and bottled without fining agents or the use of filtration. Holding true to these methods leaves them no room for error or shortcuts. WALT believes the reward of these methods is complex, expressive and complete wines. As a result, this wine glows with a deep purple hue and is dense on the palate with boysenberry, crushed violets and baking spice.

WINEMAKERS: Alison Frichtl Hollister,

Megan Gunderson

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: July 2021 ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: May 2022

# THOMPSON 31FIFTY WINES

Thompson 31Fifty 3 for 18



#### **Pinot Noir**

Multiple Vineyards Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES



# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

Thompson 31Fifty is based on Westside Road in Healdsburg where they create exceptional Russian River Valley Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. For this "never before, never again" barrel auction lot they produced an exclusive wine blend that includes fruit from three Sonoma County vineyard sites from the 2018 vintage.

Winemaker Patrick Sullivan has created a unique style, producing an elegant Pinot Noir that reflects the best qualities of each remarkable vineyard. Developing the blend from sites using different clones of Calera, Pommard and 667, Sullivan made a finished wine that expresses the traits of each clone as well as the soils and site location. Two sites selected for this one-of-a-kind lot included Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley vineyards planted by the late Ulises Valdez. An additional Russian River Valley site was selected for this blend from a multi-generational Sonoma County family.

This wine is silky and balanced as it opens extensively in the glass. Hints of bright raspberries, ripe cherry, dark plum, cocoa and black olive meet a long-lasting finish on the back palette.

WINEMAKER: Patrick Sullivan

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: April 2020
ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2020



# **WESTWOOD ESTATE**

The Magnificent Seven

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### **Pinot Noir**

Annadel Gap Vineyard Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County 2018 5 CASES T3

### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

"The Magnificent Seven" is a singular blend of seven unique Pinot Noir clones produced by Atelier Melka. This is the first vintage from bud break to bottle created by Winemakers Philippe Melka and Maayan Koschitzky for Westwood Estate. With Melka at the winemaking helm, and farming techniques which come from a certified biodynamic, sustainable and organic approach, each of the striking Westwood Pinot Noirs are an individual expression of terroir.

Located in the northern stretch of the Sonoma Valley on the western slope of the Mayacamas Mountains, Westwood Estate is a 37-acre vineyard. The Annadel Gap Vineyard is a special place located between Mt. Hood and the Sonoma Mountains, characterized by thick morning fog and strong afternoon winds. Alluvial, glacial, and sedimentary influences create a wide array of soil types. Ideal growing conditions, varied soils and minimal-impact farming methods yield precisely balanced fruit.

"The Magnificent Seven" is the perfect combination of seven Pinot Noir clones. Hand-harvested at night, the clones were individually fermented prior to blending. The nose presents heady scents of raspberry, wild strawberries, cocoa and bergamot. The palate is delicate and smooth, opening to hints of wild strawberries and spicy tones of cinnamon and dark malt. Mediumbodied with fresh acidity and a finish that is seamless and silky.

WINEMAKERS: Philippe Melka, Maayan Koschitzky

ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE: April 2020
ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE: November 2020



# WILLIAMS SELYEM

Burt Williams: Virtuoso



# **Pinot Noir**

Rochioli Vineyard 50%, Allen Vineyard 50% Russian River Valley, Sonoma County 2019 20 CASES

# LOT#

# **ABOUT THE WINE:**

In the history of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, the story cannot be told without acknowledging the contributions of Burt Williams, winemaker and eponymous founder of Williams Selyem Winery. Through hard work, dedication to his craft, and a studious approach to technical winemaking, Williams was instrumental in putting Russian River Valley Pinot Noir on the map and influenced many winemakers along the way.

Not only was he a self-taught winemaker and true student of wine but he was also a beloved and thoughtful businessman and entrepreneur. Through careful selection of vineyards sites, and "fanatical attention to detail," he produced some of the most sought after and highly regarded wines. Since 1981, Williams' handshake grape agreements have played a key role in garnering the attention of the wine world by sourcing great fruit from such elite growers as Howie Allen and Joe Rochioli.

Williams' pioneering and innovative winemaking techniques and talent are showcased by Jeff Mangahas in "Virtuoso," a commemorative bottling which was artfully blended from the historic Allen and Rochioli Vineyards. The people who farm these vineyards were special to Williams. These sites have a distinguished, singular expression of Pinot Noir and together they pay tribute to a true expert and icon.

**WINEMAKER:** Jeff Mangahas

**ESTIMATED BOTTLING DATE:** January 2021 **ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE:** March 2021





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