



W I N E R Y

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2017 Wishes Red Blend Napa Valley

The 2017 August Briggs Napa Valley "Wishes" Red Wine is our tenth vintage of this extremely unique blend. Utilizing a "kitchen sink" from a mix of vineyards that has now become a club member favorite.

The nose is full of dried blueberry, plum, smoke, vanilla and a hint of ripe peach. The entry is bright and gives way to supple, round tannins. The body has medium weight that leads into a mouth-filling experience that calls for yet another glass. This wine is crafted to be enjoyed now or will gain additional complexity with another 4-6 years in bottle. 270 cases

2017 Napa County Charbono

Charbono is one of the rarest grape varieties in California, with only 86 acres planted. About half that total is here in Calistoga and we believe we source the best grapes from our neighbors here in town, the Frediani family. Planted back in the 1920s, the Frediani Charbono vineyard produces low yields with the ultimate in flavor concentration. Charbono was the last grape varietal we picked in 2017, was a week after the fires started in October of 2017. We were fortunate that the wine did not suffer from smoke taint as the wine now bottled shows off its typical characteristics.

The wine has a garnet hue with shades of purple and upon a few swirls, offers complex aromas of tart cherry, pluot, vanilla and a wisp of dried spices. On the palate it is medium bodied, well balanced with soft tannins. The lovely finish is the signature of this flavorful and remarkably balanced wine. While there is a hint of smoke it adds an overall complexity to the wine that will evoke vintage. 142 cases

2017 Ancient Vine Calistoga-Napa Valley Zinfandel

This is our fifth bottling of our 'Ancient Vines' Zinfandel. This wine is a product of our continuous search to source grapes from old heritage vines that showcase the beauty and magnificence these vines are capable of. The Canard Vineyard, formerly the Tucker Ranch, is one of the oldest grapevine plantings in all of the Napa Valley.

This Ancient Vine Zinfandel dazzles with intense aromatics, pleases the palate and stays with you on the finish. Dark garnet with hints of crimson in color, the wine is a mélange of aromas and flavors. Notes of blackberry, cocoa powder, sweet holiday spices, smoky oak, clove and root beer serve up these intense aromas. This wine exhibits what we love most about our Zinfandels, balance and refinement, paired with rich fruit and an overall drinking pleasure. Get plenty of extras of this one as it sells out upon release.

This Zin drinks well now, but will age nicely for another 7-10 years. A mere 97 cases produced.

IMPORTANT DATES

Allocation Email Will Be Sent – September 9

Allocation Orders - Due by September 20

Wine Club Orders Ship Date - Begin October 7

Wine Club Pickups – Begin October 11

Wine Club Pickup Party – October 19 & 20

2019 Annual Club Member Exclusive Events...

This is the full list of 2019 event dates. For more info or any hotel/inn recommendations please contact Bobbie in the tasting room.

Saturday September 7 August Briggs Life's A Beach Party

August Briggs Tasting Room & Wine Terrace,
Calistoga, CA

Come enjoy our annual harvest party with this year's theme, 'Life's a Beach'. Enjoy great wine and delicious food, fun activities, door prizes and a special 'event only' pricing on our 2015 pinot noirs! The bridge work is finally done (hooray!) so come enjoy our beautiful outdoor Wine Terrace! The event runs from 1:00-4:00pm. You don't want to miss out on this one!

Saturday & Sunday October 19 & 20 Fall Club Member Pickup Party

August Briggs Tasting Room & Wine Terrace,
Calistoga, CA

Local club members, please join us on the weekend of October 19 & 20 to pick up your Fall 2019 club package. We'll taste all of the new releases with yummy treats out on our patio. If you are normally a shipping member but happen to be in town, please notify Bobbie if you would prefer to pick up your wines. Please note the event hours are 11:00am-5:00pm on both days.

December 7 Calistoga Tractor Parade Saturday, Calistoga, CA

Brave the cold winter of Calistoga and join us for one of the 10 best parades in all of the U.S.A. (USA TODAY). Since they finally finished the bridge construction so we're ready to have a blast. Contact the winery at (707) 942-4912 for more info and reservations.



2017 Page-Nord Vineyard Napa Valley Syrah

The 2017 August Briggs Page-Nord Vineyard Napa Valley Syrah is located just south the town of Yountville in the middle of the Napa Valley. The fruit this vineyard produces is a direct reflection of the land it is grown upon, providing deep, dark, intense and opulent flavors. This wine exudes a unique Syrah essence and vineyard expression in this diligently-farmed wine by grower Jeff Page.

For this vintage we set aside 10% of the grapes and did a whole-cluster fermentation and then blended it back into the rest of the wine adding even more complexity to this profound wine. Dark purple in color, this wine seduces you from the time the cork is pulled. Layers of aromas include black plums, pepper, blackberry jam, licorice and wisps of smoked meat. This substantial wine displays a beautiful array of flavors including mocha, dark fruits, black pepper and spicy oak notes that interplay nicely with ripe tannins and lasting blackberry flavors. The structure ensures that it will age for years to come. A vintage to remember! 150 cases

2017 Two Moon Vineyard Dry Creek Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Julie Simpson's remote "Two Moon Vineyard," while within the Dry Creek appellation, is located on a steep slope that sprawls across the McCray Ridge 1,800 feet high. This vineyard is especially appealing because of its razor thin soils and high altitude. So high in fact, it is situated above the fog line and begins each day in sunlight, rather than clouds or fog. Our 2017 is one of our favorites that we have ever produced from this vineyard due to a series of heat spikes at the end of the growing season that quickly pushed the Cabernet grapes to perfect ripeness. Deep purple colored, the 2017 vintage has gorgeous fruit notes of cassis, dark cherry and boysenberry over earthy notes of grilled herbs and charred oak, plus a hint of graphite. The full-bodied palate is rich and expressive, yet still fresh and inviting leading through a supple mid-palate that finishes very, very long with some savory notes of dried spice. This is one of those wines that is so tasty in every way that it sets your heart racing. Buy a case of this and check back in every 2 years for an incredible drinking experience over the next 25 years! 153 cases



Library Selection 2014 Russian River Valley Zinfandel (Big Club Only)

The 2014 August Briggs Russian River Valley Zinfandel was a special, one-time only bottling for us as we were able to secure some amazing fruit from the Landy Vineyard. This vineyard, while in the Russian River Valley AVA, is much cooler than our Calistoga Zinfandels and offers a nice contrast in styles. The Landy Vineyard sits at 1000-foot elevation in the Sweetwater Springs District of the Russian River Valley. This gorgeous vineyard sits atop a knoll above the fog line giving it longer sun exposure than most of the Russian River Valley. Now at five years of age the wine has matured to offer up a knockout array of aromas and flavors. This wine offers up briary raspberry aromas, grilled plum, saffras and oak aromas. This elegant wine has an old world charm with dried fruit and spice flavors with sage and cedar as added aromatics. On the palate it is now smooth with a hint of tannin on the finish but lingers with flavors of raspberry and Asian spice. This wine drinks well tonight and is a perfect pair with thin-crust pizza topped with basil and fennel sausage. 25 cases produced

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Online Ordering, Allocation Orders, and Shipping/Pickup Info

A quick note to remind you that you have the option to choose your allocation wines online or to fill out the included allocation form. Please be on the lookout for an email that will provide you with the necessary information to log in to your account and allow you to choose your additional wine easily and securely. You can place your order and update pertinent information such as your credit card and shipping information all online. If you have questions or problems with the website don't worry... we are still here and happy to take your information over the phone. Just keep an eye on your email for these reminders. If you prefer the old-fashioned way, just fill out the allocation form and either fax, scan and email, or mail it on over to us. This is a completely optional purchase and if you just want the club wines no further action is needed.

All August Briggs club packages are shipped from a temperature-controlled facility. Please note your shipping rate for four bottles (Sampler Club) and six bottles (Big Club). We recommend shipping to a business where someone can sign for the package as wine can be received only by a person who is 21 years of age or older. It is your responsibility to make sure someone is present to sign for the package. You will be notified via email of your tracking information. For the 2019 Fall club release we will stagger our shipping dates based upon your residency. This is due to the various weather and temperatures throughout the U.S. at this time of year. We will begin shipping club packages the week of October 7, 2019. Due to the varying temperatures for our warmer weather states, your shipment may come a few weeks later as we will most likely ship in late October or early November. We will notify you of any changes.

Pickup members will have the wines available beginning on October 11, 2019. Pick up members will have nine months to make arrangements for pick up or we will automatically ship to the address on file at your expense. As always, please contact Bobbie directly at the winery (707) 942-4912 or via email at bobbie@augustbriggswinery.com if you have any questions.

Specialized Spring Only Club Wines

Please note we have updated the options for some club members where the club package is customized. For these members the new Fall release wines will not be shipped but preferably a second package of the Spring 2019 club release will be sent.

We also have available for optional purchase some of these 2019 Spring and Summer release wines which include our 2018 vintage Rosé, Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and the last of our 2015 Pinot Noirs. As always, please contact Bobbie directly at the winery (707) 942-4912 or via email at bobbie@augustbriggswinery.com if you have any questions.

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