



W I N E R Y

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### 2018 Napa Valley 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 2018 as it finally attained full flavor development and great balance. This is one for the ages!

On the nose the wine has a complex bouquet that includes a unique spice character (maybe saffras or anise?) dark cherries, and dark berry fruit. On the palate, it is medium-to full-bodied, well balanced with acidity for food. It has flavors of boysenberry and chocolate with a dry finish that has hints of rose petal. It can also be enjoyed with sheep's milk cheese and salami as well as penne with pork meatballs.

**200 cases.**

### 2018 Ancient Vine Calistoga-Napa Valley Zinfandel

This is our sixth bottling of our 'Ancient Vines' Zinfandel. This wine is a product of our continuous search to source grapes from old heritage vines to showcase the power and magnificence these vines are capable of because of their longevity. The Canard Vineyard, formerly the Tucker Ranch, is one of the oldest grapevine plantings in all of the Napa Valley. The property was the original homestead of Captain Reason P. Tucker, who gained notoriety for leading the efforts to rescue the survivors of the ill-fated Donner Party. From this majestic site we get fruit from vines 140 years old (planted 1877).

This Ancient Vine is deep purple in color and effuses tons of crushed sweet blueberry, mulberry, brambly herbs, and sweet spice notes. Rich, medium to full-bodied, sweetly fruited, and with ripe tannins, this is one sexy Zinfandel that can be drunk today or cellared for 10 more years. Get plenty of extras of this one as it sells out upon release.

**A mere 72 cases produced.**

### 2018 Contra Costa County Malbec

Over the last 5 to 10 years we have received more requests from customers to produce a Malbec compared to any other varietal. While we have looked long and far for a vineyard to fulfill this demand, we came up empty. Finally in 2018 Matt was able to secure a small block of approximately 2 tons of Malbec from a long forgotten and remote vineyard in the town of Knightsen from the Cecchini family. This site offers the hot, sunny and dry weather that Malbec thrives in. This perfect climate can bring the grape to a very deep color and it then exhibits a rich, dark, and juicy flavor.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Allocation Order Forms - Due by September 28

Wine Club Orders Ship Date - Begin October 5

Wine Club Pickups – Begin October 9

Virtual Tasting For Fall Club Wines – October 23

## 2020 Annual Club Member Events and Visiting August Briggs

All in person events previously scheduled for 2020 have been cancelled. We are still open for you to visit and enjoy a flight, glass or bottle out on our wine terrace. We hope you come by and enjoy some time with us enjoying some delicious wine and great hospitality.

## 2020 Virtual Tasting Schedule

Join owner, Matt Gacso for these fun and lively tastings online via the Zoom platform. These tastings are a great way to visit again with Matt and taste August Briggs from the comfort of your home. Please contact Matt at (707) 942-4912 for more info and any questions.

**Saturday, September 26  
at 4:00 PM PST**

**Harvest Favorites**

**Saturday, October 23  
at 4:00 PM PST**

**Fall Club Wines**



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For this first vintage this wine seduces you from the time the cork is pulled. Layers of aromas include black plums, pepper, blackberry jam, dried spice and wisps of smoke. This substantial wine displays a beautiful array of flavors including juicy berry fruits, black pepper and spicy oak notes that interplay nicely to accompany this wine with mellow tannins and lasting blackberry flavors. The structure ensures that it will age for years to come. Everything from baby back ribs, hamburgers, and grilled chorizo will love this wine. An amazing first vintage to remember! **Just 75 cases**

### 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" approach we played with blending Zinfandel, Syrah and a small amount Charbono 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

### 2018 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 2018 is a powerful wine and is reminiscent of our vintage from the great 2011 vintage. There are bright, dense fruit flavors of black cherry, raspberry and plum that fold into dark chocolate notes. These flavors soon give way to a vibrant spiciness and a chewy core of cocoa power and roasted nuts. Drink now for its power, but save a few bottles to see how it softens and ages with grace. Best between 2024 and 2030. Pair with steak and potatoes or rich and tangy short ribs! **125 cases**

### Library Selection 2015 Page-Nord Napa Valley Syrah (Big Club Only)

The 2015 August Briggs Napa Valley Syrah is our thirteenth vintage produced from the world class Page-Nord Vineyard. This beautiful vineyard site is located just south of the town of Yountville in the middle of the Napa Valley. With cool mornings and quite warm afternoons, this vineyard is ideally suited to maximize the full expression of Syrah.

The vintage offers up a dense and powerful wine yet expressive and balanced without being heavy. The nose is complex with aromas of cassis, blackberry, roasted coffee bean, toasted spice and blueberry. The scents emerge from the glass, and it flows onto the palate with full-bodied richness and classic Syrah fruit. Upon a few more swirls in the glass the wonderful complexity unfolds and will continue to flesh out nicely with another handful of years in the cellar. A vintage to remember. **Only 20 cases left!**

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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 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 2020 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 5, 2020.** Please note that both UPS and FedEx have been experiencing slower delivery times so please contact us if you have any issues with the projected ship dates.

**Pickup members will have the wines available beginning on October 9, 2020.** 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 Matt directly at the winery (707) 942-4912 or via email at [matt@augustbriggswinery.com](mailto:matt@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 2020 club release will be sent.

We also have available for optional purchase some of these 2020 Spring and Summer release wines which include our 2019 vintage Rosé, Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and the last of our 2015 Pinot Noirs. As always, please contact Matt directly at the winery (707) 942-4912 or via email at [matt@augustbriggswinery.com](mailto:matt@augustbriggswinery.com) if you have any questions.

