



Volume 39, Fall 2022

2020 Vintage Information

After the tumultuous past few years, we wanted to inform you about the challenges we have had as a winery and specifically the status of our 2020 harvest. This year would be the normal release time for many of the 2020 vintage wines, however Napa and Sonoma counties were ravaged with major fires which created a situation of possible smoke taint in the grapes. Due to the severity of this problem we felt it only right to produce wines unaffected by these fires. For this release we offer two fantastic 2020 wines that we were able to bottle and add four additional wines from previous releases that are drinking wonderfully now. Any questions about the vintage, the fires or wines please feel free to reach out to us.

2020 Leveroni Vineyard Carneros Chardonnay

This wine comes from the great Leveroni vineyard located on the Sonoma County side of Carneros, just south of the town of Sonoma. This marks the 25th year we have made wine from this acclaimed vineyard. Fortunately, the grapes were not affected by the fires throughout Sonoma County.

The wine is a throwback to the hedonistic style of Chardonnays that were produced throughout the valley years ago. The wine has a deep, rich golden color and right off the bat you get aromas of baked apple, cream and toasty oak. The wine is well balanced with a rich, opulent mouth-feel. Deep and bold, the wine covers your palate with flavors of poached pear, roasted nuts, and butter mixed with mild oak flavors. This is a great food wine which would work well with a lobster boil or a creamy and cheesy pasta primavera. 200 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 and was a week after the fires started in October of 2017. We were fortunate that the wine did not suffer dramatically 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 that vintage. 142 cases

2020 Ancient Vine Calistoga-Napa Valley Zinfandel

Always one of the staff and customer favorites is our Ancient Vine Zinfandel. Sourced from the Canard Vineyard this is one of the oldest grapevine plantings in all of the Napa Valley. Due to the fires in 2020, starting with the Hennessey fire in eastern Napa County, we saw

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IMPORTANT DATES

Allocation Email Will Be Sent - August 31, 2022

Allocation Orders - Due by Sept. 16, 2022

Wine Club Orders Ship Date - Begin Oct. 3, 2022

Wine Club Pickups - Begin October 7, 2022

Wine Club Pickup Party - October 16, 2022

2022 Annual Club Member Events & Visiting August Briggs

This is the list of remaining 2022 event dates. For more info please contact Matt in the tasting room.

Saturday, September 17

Fall Harvest Celebration Dinner

August Briggs Wine Terrace, Calistoga, CA

We are excited to bring back our Harvest Celebration Dinner in downtown Calistoga. Award winning Tarla Restaurant will create an incredible buffet to pair with a wide selection of current and library release wines of August Briggs. Join us for all the food, fun and wine you can savor. Saturday from 6:30pm. See website for details.

Sunday, October 16

Fall Club Member Pickup Party

August Briggs Tasting Room, Calistoga, CA

Local club members, please join us on October 16 to pick up your Fall 2022 club package. We'll taste all of the new releases we will be grilling out on the wine terrace. If you are normally a shipping member but happen to be in town, please notify Matt if you would prefer to pick up your wines. Please note the event hours are 11:00am-4:00pm and food is served from 12:00 - 2:30.



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