



W I N E R Y

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2023 Pinot Blanc Mendocino (Big Club Only)

This is our ninth release of Pinot Blanc and has now settled into the August Briggs portfolio as one of our favorites and definitely our customer's favorite for the Spring and Summer. We have sourced the grapes from a new vineyard in the beautiful high elevation of Potter Valley, Mendocino County. The Nube Bianco vineyard is located on the eastern fork of the headwaters of the Russian River. This cool continental climate is perfect for a number of white varieties especially vibrant white Italian varieties like Pinot Blanc (Bianco).

When pulling out the cork and pouring the first few ounces, the color shows off a light shade of straw with a color of yellow sunshine and a hint of pale green. The beauty and enjoyment of this wine is in its sheer simplicity of fruit and freshness. This highly aromatic wine shows mineral notes along with aromas and flavors of exotic flowers, grapefruit, and citrus that are framed with great acidity and a lingering finish. There is brightness and finishing acids which make it balanced and clean. **Only 180 Cases**

2023 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

The 2023 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is sourced from vineyards dotted throughout the Russian River Valley. We have secured fruit from a variety of vineyards such as the Forchini Vineyard which is from an older block planted in the late 1970's (Martini Clone) and some of the French Pommard clone from Henderson Vineyards in Forestville. Both of these blocks when blended together show the cooling influence of the Russian River Valley that creates temperatures to get balanced flavors and purity of fruit.

Our Russian River Pinot Noir can be our most "Traditional" style pinot noirs with an elegant texture and flavors of bright fruit with pleasant acidity. Medium-bodied, it reveals remarkable purity throughout its fresh inviting aromatics of cherry, pomegranate and strawberry. This wine is made in a generous style as it is easy to approach and drink upon release. It is absolutely perfect with Salmon either grilled on a cedar plank, or poached with lemon and dill. **398 cases were produced**

2023 'Old Vines' Zinfandel

Now in our 30th bottling of 'Old Vines' Zinfandel (yes, you read that right 30!) we realize this wine is not only about an enjoyment of the senses but also a tribute to the magical old vines located around us here in California. Once again, the 2023 Old Vines Zinfandel is two vineyard blend sourced from predominately the historic 100-year-old plus Del Barba vineyard located in the delta town of Oakley. We added to this some Old Vine Zin from our old friends, the Forchini Family, and their old vine Zinfandel from Dry Creek Valley in Healdsburg.

This 2023 vintage wine is very concentrated with a deep, dark ruby color. It has a palate that unfolds with nuances of blackberry pie, tobacco, and nutmeg. Keep swirling and you get a very expressive bouquet with raspberry jam, caramel, and a hint of chocolate.

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Spring Release Information

Due to popular demand, we are slightly changing our wine selections for the club. Since the Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is an absolute club favorite, we have decided to double the quantity to two bottles per shipment this Spring. We have also changed the selections for our Spring X 2 club members to offer them some cellar favorites like the 2012 Carneros Pinot Noir, which fit their preferences. We have listened to our club members and wanted to customize the shipments more to their wishes. If you have any questions or comments we would love to hear back. Enjoy the wines.

Specialized Fall x 2 Club

Please note we have updated the options for some club members where the club package is repeated. For these members the Spring release wines will not be shipped but preferably a second package of the Fall 2024 club wines will be sent.

We also have available for optional purchase some of these 2024 Fall release wines. As always, please contact Matt directly at the winery (707) 942-4912 if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

Allocation Order Forms - Due by February 28

Wine Club Orders Ship Date - Begin March 17

Wine Club Pickups - Begin March 21

Spring Release Pickup Party - April 6

2025 Club Member Events

Sunday, April 6

Spring Release Party

Taste the Spring 2025 wines with something tasty of the grill and enjoy the afternoon at our wine terrace! Details and RSVP instructions to be emailed in February.



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The mild oak adds another layer of flavor and gives the finish a bit of body and peppery spice. Pairs well with a variety of foods including meatballs with tomato sauce and dry rub baby back ribs. **300 cases**

2023 Mendocino County Carignane

Old Vine Carignane is one of the many unsung workhorse grapes that is often forgotten or blended into jug wines and never seems to be the star. As our efforts to find and source grapes from many of these old vine plantings we want to highlight the beauty and versatility of this forgotten grape. The Graziano Vineyard in Calpella, CA is one such spot that produces this grape with amazing flavor and intensity. Originally planted in 1918 these Carignane vines thrive in the unique white Pinole clay loam soils.

Our 2023 Carignane highlights the best of what an old vine Carignane offers in a wine, smooth yet powerful with layers of flavor that seem to never stop. Deep, black-fruit flavors and velvety tannins give this full-bodied wine a mouth-filling component. Delicious black-cherry flavors are accented by subtle cinnamon, vanilla and toast notes from oak aging. This wine's flavors make it a suitable partner for Mediterranean cuisine like roasted eggplant or lamb kebabs.

Over 3.5 tons of grapes were hand harvested on November 1, 2023. This was one of the latest days August Briggs Winery has ever harvested which gave these grapes optimal ripeness. We then hand sorted the clusters and crushed into an open top fermenter and allowed to cold soak for 3 days before the start of fermentation. Aged for 18 months in 25% new French and American oak barrels. **200 cases**

2022 Sonoma County Meritage

Derived from a combination of the words "Merit" and "Heritage", Meritage wines are U.S. versions of traditional blends based upon some combination of the classic Bordeaux varietals. The 2022 August Briggs Meritage is our third ever production of this blend and as always, we experimented with many combinations, but for the 2022 we were excited at a 50/50 Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot blend. We started out by blending some Merlot from the Frostwatch Vineyard right down the road in the depths of Bennett Valley and then added in equal amounts of Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon to round out this incredible blend.

This vintage of our 2022 Meritage highlights the best of our Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in a wine that is smooth and balanced with layers of flavor that seem to never stop. The Cabernet Sauvignon flavor profile imparts a generous core of blackberries, black cherry compote, currants, with hints of spice, while the Merlot brings vibrant, juicier flavors of plum and cherry. The Merlot also softens the tannins and adds a plush texture with recurring notes of currants and plum on the palate. This blend goes best with slow-cooked beef roast or sautéed shiitake mushrooms, or just enjoy for a special treat with a dark chocolate covered cherry! **345 cases**

2012 Carneros Pinot Noir (Cellar Pick – Spring x2 Club)

Our Carneros Pinot Noir is a small production wine from the Sinskey vineyard located in the rolling hills of the Carneros district just southwest of the city of Napa. This certified organic vineyard is a perfect matching of exceptionally farmed fruit with impeccable soil and climate. Years ago, we sent a handful of these cases into the winery library to age gracefully. We thought it had the goods to become something extraordinary with some bottle age, and now 13 years later our wait has given us something special.

On the nose, there are aromas of tart cherries, prunes, leather and clove. It has mature flavors buttressed by an earthiness that shows off its Pinot Noir essence. The full palate strikes a wonderful balance between, earth, fruit and light oak. **Only 50 cases bottled in 2013!**

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Online Ordering, Allocation Orders, and Shipping/Pickup Info

A quick note to remind you that you now choose your allocation wines online. If you would like a paper form to add or revise your order, please contact us where we can send you an 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 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 or you can also email Colette@augustbriggswinery.com. Just keep an eye on your email for these reminders. 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 2025 Spring club release we may 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 March 17, 2025.**

Pickup members will have the wines available beginning on March 21, 2025. Pick up members will have nine months to make arrangements for pickup or we will automatically ship to the address on file at your expense. As always, please contact Matt or Colette directly at the winery (707) 942-4912 or via email at colette@augustbriggswinery.com if you have any questions.

