



THE GRAND CRU
wine club shipment - spring 2024

news from

B. WISE VINEYARDS



Greetings from the hills above Sonoma

As I pause to write to you, heavy rains of winter have set in here in northern California and our cover crops are bursting between the vine rows. Soon the yellows, whites, and pinks of mustard flower and wild radish will be everywhere.

Our biggest news is our recent acquisition of a vineyard estate in the Pritchard Hill area of the Napa Valley. This area produces some of the most well-regarded wines in the world and our estate there will be producing top-tier grapes for our Cabernet Sauvignon program.

At our Moon Mountain Estate, we have new plantings of Tannat, Cabernet Franc, Petite Sirah, and Syrah, which will allow us to make a little more of those favorite specialty varietal wines we produce. We have also planted more of our signature Cabernet Sauvignon while exploring some different Cabernet clones.

In the Pinot Noir realm, at the Nobles Vineyard in Fort Ross-Seaview, we have broken ground on a new 25-acre site that will be planted with a large and diverse clonal mix, working with renowned viticulturalist Charlie Chenoweth and the Nobles Family.

This past holiday season, many of you know that we launched the inaugural vintages of our Brion Wise Champagnes. We are grateful for your wonderful response and look forward to sharing these wines with you when you visit. For sparkling wine fans, stay tuned for our next wine, as we are working on a Brut Rosé.

In coooperage news, working with our partners in France, we successfully won a five-acre tree auction lot in November containing predominantly 250-year-old trees. This is part of a traditional and time-honored process for sustainably harvesting stave wood for barrels. Our Master Cooper, Ramiro Herrera, will be going to France this spring to begin work on our barrels to be used for this year's 2024 vintage wines.

In this spring shipment, Cabernet Society members will be receiving the impeccable 2021 vintage of our Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. For Grand Cru, we are excited to offer a debut vintage of a new Pinot Noir from Elswick Vineyard in the Anderson Valley, which produces wines both well-fruited and elegant. The WiseGuy Club will find new releases from our Moon Mountain Estate, including our limited Estate Zinfandel and Syrah.

Colin Heinrich MANAGING DIRECTOR, SOMMELIER

new release

PINOT NOIR
 FORT ROSS—SEAVIEW
 SONOMA COUNTY
 NOBLES VINEYARD
 2021

The 2021 vintage is a classic Nobles Pinot Noir from a long-standing vineyard partnership with the Nobles family. On the crest of a ridge ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, sea shells can be seen in the marine sediment soils of the vineyard. Owner Marvin Nobles remembers finding marine fossils and even shark teeth as a boy, marking a time the land was lifted up from ancient sea beds to 1,200 feet. Generous red fruit aromas and flavors of strawberry and cranberry. Notes of pine needle, forest floor, and spiced oak. In the mouth, the firm tannins envelop and linger. A resonant expression of Pinot Noir that will age gracefully in the bottle.

Drink late 2024–2030

12 barrels produced

Quantity: 2– 750 ml bottles

new release

PINOT NOIR
 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
 SONOMA COUNTY
 SILVER EAGLE VINEYARD
 2021

Originally planted with Calera, Swan, and VR clones by the renowned Ulises Valdez, the vineyard soils of Silver Eagle are a Goldridge mix with red shale. This fine sandy loam encourages deep roots but low vigor, perfect for balancing explosive fruit flavors with minerality. The 2021 vintage shows raspberry and ripe red cherry fruits leading the aromatics with black licorice, fern, and warm cinnamon stick tones supporting underneath. Caressing and silky in the mouth with complete tannins. Impeccably well-fruited with a broad texture. More structured than in some recent vintages. Finishes with depth and purity.

Drink Now–2027

10 barrels produced

Quantity: 2– 750 ml bottles

new release — inaugural vintage!

PINOT NOIR
 ANDERSON VALLEY
 MENDOCINO COUNTY
 ELSWICK VINEYARD
 2021

The 2021 is our debut vintage! Elswick Vineyard is in the “deep end” of Mendocino County’s Anderson Valley, drawing marine air off the Pacific Ocean, giving it a cooler climate. This results in subdued wines that are simultaneously elegant and stealthily structured. Cool aromatics of the darker fruits black cherry and brambly blackberry permeate the nose. The fruit is accented by touches of sassafras, white pepper, oyster mushroom, and black tea. Further nuances of sea air and wet river cobble provide a distinct minerality to this wine. Supple and round in the mouth with fine-grained texture. Bright, uplifting finish.

Drink Now–2028

10 barrels produced

Quantity: 2– 750 ml bottles

Perfection through patience: a love of land, a way of wine

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upcoming events

JULY—SEPTEMBER 2024

Exclusive Member Events Series

Look for details coming soon via email!

OCTOBER 2024 — ANNUAL HARVEST PARTY

Always an enjoyable event, and a chance to celebrate the harvest

We'll be in touch with date and details this summer

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