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ESTATE WINERY

2019

fall

CLUB PARADISO

Dear Club Members,

Harvest season is here, and it brings a special energy to our Glen Ellen Ranch! Our winemaking and production teams are currently in the thick of it, and we are excited about the promise of the 2019 Vintage. We are even more thrilled to share the Wine Club Selections for Fall 2019!

You will be noticing the new packaging for Benziger Family Winery wines. Each label, starting with the 2018 white varietals, will feature Benziger's "Sustainability Circle." It visually captures our philosophy that grape growing is holistic. Our vineyard practices celebrate biodiversity that comes from our cows, sheep, gardens and insects. Everything contributes to the unique flavors that are produced on Sonoma Mountain and our other Sonoma County vineyards. We are ecstatic to share our new label design with you!

As we move into the end of the year, we have some exciting events coming up. September 21st is our 2019 Block Party, a member only event allowing us to connect our loyal supporters with the Estate. Join us as we dedicate a new vineyard block to our 2019 Block Party attendees. The night will be capped off with an unforgettable three-course dinner in our wine cave. Another great event at the winery is our Holiday Pick-up Party on December 7th, if you will be in Glen Ellen we hope you will join us. If you cannot make it, we sure look forward to seeing you on your next visit to the Ranch.

Cheers,

Chris Benziger

appellation series

2018 APPLE HILL CHARDONNAY

SANGIACOMO VINEYARD | LOS CARNEROS

ALC.14.1% | T.A. 5.17 | PH 3.47 | 441 CASES

TASTING NOTES Sourced from the Sangiacomo Home Ranch at the bend in Sonoma Creek, Apple Hill Chardonnay features slightly buttery notes layered with apples and ripe pear and a bit of vanilla and cinnamon on the finish. This is a round, well-balanced wine framed with barrel spice. It is playful and full of viscosity throughout the palate.

FARMING PRACTICES *Certified Organic by the California Certified Organic Farmers*

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now*

RETAIL: $31 | CLUB: $24.80

de coelo

2018 CHARDONNAY

SONOMA COAST

ALC.13.0% | T.A. 7.4 | PH 3.02 | 221 CASES

TASTING NOTES The 2018 de Coelo Chardonnay is crisp yet delicate, conveying a vibrant acidity, elegant texture and a refreshing finish. Perfumed with aromas of honeysuckle, pink lady apples and white peach with a creamy hint of refined oak on the palate. The finish is full, accented with high notes of fruit.

FARMING PRACTICES *Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Wine*

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now*

RETAIL: $50 | CLUB: $40.00

2018 RIESLING

UPPER RIDGE VINEYARD | PINE MOUNTAIN / CLOVERDALE PEAK

ALC.13.5% | T.A. 7.1 | PH 2.99 | 350 CASES

LABEL ARTIST MEREDITH PARDUE | AUSTIN, TX

TASTING NOTES The mountain conditions on Upper Ridge help produce a wine with stone fruit flavors, mineral elements and powerful floral aromatics. Dry, crisp and refreshing, this wine was artfully crafted to be extremely food friendly.

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now or cellar up to 1-3 years*

RETAIL: $26 | CLUB: $20.80

2018 VIOGNIER

PRATT VINEYARD | RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ALC.14.1% | T.A. 6.8 | PH 3.49 | 635 CASES

LABEL ARTIST RAY BELDNER | SAN FRANCISCO, CA

TASTING NOTES Our Viognier is derived from the cool climate of the Russian River Valley, where long hang times result in a wine with concentrated flavors. This wine's heady stone fruit and supple citrus flavors make a lasting impression on the palate.

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now or cellar up to 2-4 years*

RETAIL: $29 | CLUB: $23.20

appellation series

2018 FRANK JOHNSON SAUVIGNON BLANC

FRANK JOHNSON VINEYARD | DRY CREEK VALLEY

ALC.13.9% | T.A. 8.0 | PH 3.02 | 441 CASES

TASTING NOTES Grown in the Dry Creek Valley, emerald green clusters of fruit become this vibrant Sauvignon Blanc. Lively citrus, guava, gooseberry, and white grapefruit, with passionfruit aromas and flavors are framed by a distinct minerality. A soft entry allows nuances of sweet straw and fruit to remain on the palate, followed by a crisp, refreshing mineral driven finish.

FARMING PRACTICES *Certified Sustainable*

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now*

RETAIL: $27 | CLUB: $21.60

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2018 PARADISO DE MARIA SAUVIGNON BLANC

ESTATE GROWN | SONOMA MOUNTAIN

ALC.13.5% | T.A. 6.6 | PH 3.07 | 723 CASES

TASTING NOTES Refreshing and bright, bursting with aromas of citrus oil and lime zest, our crisp Sauvignon Blanc has enhanced minerality on entry and freshness that lingers on the palate. Overall a crisp, well-balanced Sauvignon Blanc that is pleasing alone, or excellent as a pairing wine.

FARMING PRACTICES *Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Wine*

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now*

RETAIL: $36 | CLUB: $28.80

Vintage Notes

2018 With ideal conditions during flowering and a cooler, dry year, yields were up and the quality superb. The large crop set resulted in our team making multiple thinning passes of the fruit leaving only that of the highest quality. Due to mild temperatures, harvest started two weeks later than in 2017. With only one rain event at the beginning of October and clear skies from then on, the fruit was able to have a long hang time to reach textbook maturity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
Benziger Block Party
Saturday, September 21st
5:30-9pm

OCTOBER
Imagery Italian Affair
Saturday, October 5th
6-8pm

OCTOBER
Benziger Harvest Hike
Sunday, October 6th
9:30am & 2pm

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