

BENZIGER®

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2020

fall - reds

BENZIGER FAMILY CLUB



Dear Club Members,

First and foremost, we want to take a moment to wish you, your family and friends health and wellness during this trying time. We appreciate your continued loyalty and support in 2020. With new challenges and changes affecting so many lives, we find a new sense of community bringing us together (virtually) more than ever!

Over the past few months we have been adapting the best way we can at the winery, offering virtual happy hours, live tastings on Instagram, and are focused on staying positive and finding the silver linings in these situations. One thing is for sure, wine certainly helps! Slowly, we have been able to invite you back to the Ranch and enjoy being able to reconnect.

We are currently in the midst of harvest season, and it brings a renewed energy to the winery! Our winemaking and production teams are working hard, and we are enthusiastic about the future 2020 Vintage. We are even more excited to share the Wine Club selections for Fall 2020! We hope you able to enjoy these wines with family and friends throughout the holiday season.

Cheers,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "CB".

Chris Benziger





estate

2018 BELLA LUNA PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ALC. 14.3% | T.A. 5.5 | pH 3.53 | 616 CASES

TASTING NOTES Sourced from the Russian River Valley, our 2018 Bella Luna is an elegant Pinot Noir with rich aromas of black cherry cola, cinnamon, savory spice and tea. A well-integrated frame of soft tannins with a balanced acidity pleases the palate.

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now or cellar up to 6 years*

FARMING PRACTICES *Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Wine*

RETAIL: \$49 | CLUB: \$39.20



appellation series

2017 STONE DRAGON SYRAH

SONOMA VALLEY

ALC. 15.0% | T.A. 5.6 | pH 3.64 | 455 CASES

TASTING NOTES This powerhouse Syrah illustrates bold fruit notes and intense aromas. Juicy black plum and blueberry cobbler and a touch of green peppercorn accentuates the middle palate with a spicy exuberance. The voluptuous mouthfeel extends flavors into an enduring finish.

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now or cellar up to 5-7 years*

FARMING PRACTICES *Made with Sustainable Grapes*

RETAIL: \$39 | CLUB: \$31.20



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2018 TERRA NEUMA PINOT NOIR

SONOMA COAST

ALC. 13.9% | T.A. 5.3 | pH 3.5 | 430 CASES

TASTING NOTES Terra Neuma displays bold nuanced notes of wild strawberry, black cherry, white pepper and oak spice. A silky texture on the palate is integrated with polished tannins creating an inviting mouthfeel. A delicate lingering finish rounds out this classic Pinot Noir.

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now or cellar 5-7 years*

FARMING PRACTICES *Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Wine*

RETAIL: \$69 | CLUB: \$55.20



appellation series

2016 WINEMAKERS CLARET

SONOMA VALLEY

ALC. 14.5% | T.A. 6.3 | pH 3.66 | 451 CASES

TASTING NOTES A unique blend baring ripe cherry, blueberry, and plum aromas on the nose. A punch of spice and dry earth is revealed upon a refined tannin structure. A luscious mouthfeel is well balanced with a soft and delightful finish.

BLEND 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 11% Syrah, 6% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now or cellar 7-9 years*

FARMING PRACTICES *Made with Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Grapes*

RETAIL: \$46 | CLUB: \$36.80



appellation series
2018 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ALC. 14.3% | T.A. 6.0 | pH 3.53 | 402 CASES

TASTING NOTES A classic showing of Russian River Valley, this Pinot Noir boasts delightful aromas of cherry, black raspberry and a hint of sweet tobacco. Earthy notes of white pepper and rose petals are balanced by soft tannins and an elegant finish.

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now or cellar up to 6 years*

FARMING PRACTICES *Made with Certified Organic Grapes*

RETAIL: \$45 | **CLUB:** \$36.00



estate
2017 OONAPAÏS

SONOMA VALLEY

ALC. 14.5% | T.A. 5.8 | pH 3.46 | 974 CASES

TASTING NOTES A complex and inviting blend of Bordeaux varietals unfolds hints of blackberry compote, mocha, anise, and herbaceous notes. Exquisitely structured tannins give way to a burst of flavor of ripe dark fruits and spice on the palate. Brilliantly balanced with finesse on the finish.

ACCOLADE *Platinum | 96 points - San Diego Wine Challenge*

BLEND *37% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 17% Malbec, and 14% Cabernet Franc*

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now or cellar 6-8 years*

FARMING PRACTICES *Made with Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Grapes*

RETAIL: \$49 | **CLUB:** \$39.20



vintage notes

2016 We had become accustomed to working with limited amounts of water due to the drought, but this year we worried about abundance - it was a wet winter. Despite early season warmth and rain challenges, once we hit ripening season, we had great weather for the hanging fruit to reach full maturity and to achieve ideal flavors and balance.

2017 During winter and spring we had record-breaking rainfall - 75 inches. After the wet start the vines developed at rapid growth. We endured four heat waves before the berries fully changed color. We did not pull leaves around the fruit as we normally do, keeping the clusters shaded from the intense summer heat. The vintage finished late with overall fruit forward wines with nice acidity. All of our white varietals, and roughly 90% of our red varietals, had been harvested before the October fires.

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.



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2017 ESTATE TRIBUTE

SONOMA VALLEY

ALC. 14.5% | T.A. 6.0 | pH 3.56 | 812 CASES

TASTING NOTES Refined and powerful, our flagship wine, Estate Tribute, shows enchanting notes of black currant. Ripe black cherry commingles with spiced herb and sweet earth on the palate. Beautifully balanced and well-developed tannins make this complex wine, age worthy yet very approachable.

PAIRING Coffee crusted Bone-in Ribeye with Roasted Potato and Crispy Onions

BLEND 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Malbec, 14% Cabernet Franc, 9% Merlot, and 5% Petit Verdot

IN THE CELLAR Drink now or cellar up to 10 years

FARMING PRACTICES Made with Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Grapes

RETAIL: \$85 | CLUB: \$68.00