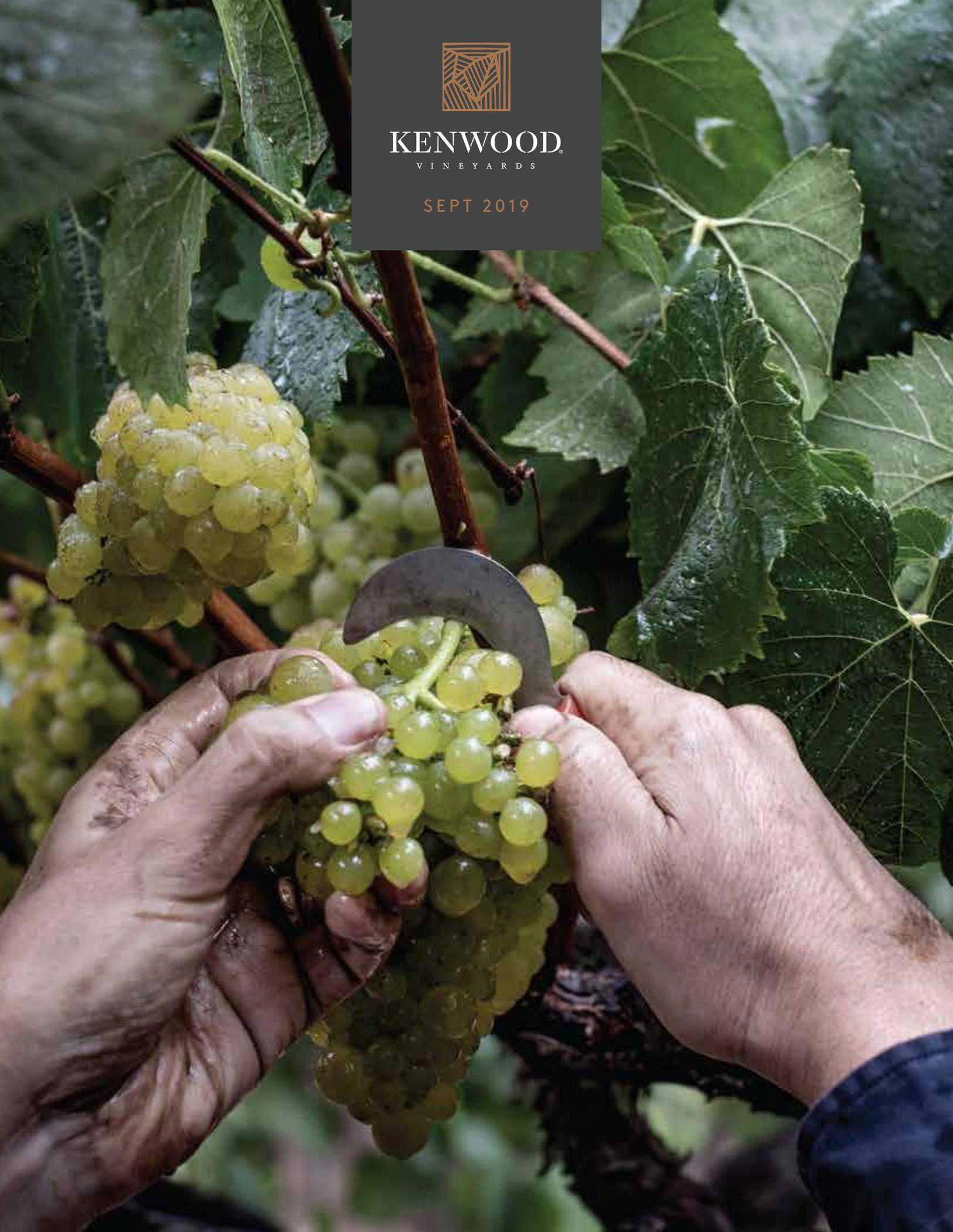




KENWOOD  
VINEYARDS

SEPT 2019



## HARVEST IN SONOMA



As I write this, it is early August and we are very busy gearing up for the harvest season. This year we've added some new equipment specifically for our Pinot Noir, The Barn. For the 2016 vintage, we used a gentle destemmer and sorting tables that ensure only the best quality fruit is used in our wine. Since The Barn has been so well received by our club members (not to mention wine critics!), we decided to invest in this equipment to ensure the quality of this wine for years to come. If you stop by the tasting room at Kenwood during September and October, chances are you'll see the new equipment in action.

Please enjoy the wines. Cheers!

Zeke Neeley, Kenwood Vineyards Winemaker

### THE BARN 2016 SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

"A stunner, exhibiting impressive layers of sweet red fruits, a whiff of wood spice and an intriguing savory note that begs to be paired with duck confit or beef bourguignon."

- Robert Whitley, June 2019



VOTED WINE OF THE YEAR  
**97 POINTS**

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## WINERY NEWS

INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE JACK LONDON SERIES

# 2016 RED BLEND

The 2016 vintage had a dry growing season with a moderate crop load, and mild temperatures. We selected the best lots of Merlot, Zinfandel and Syrah from Jack London Ranch to create this captivating blend. The wine reveals a bouquet of intense fruit including plum, boysenberry and ripe cherry with hints of vanilla and toasted oak.

RETAIL: \$35 | WINE CLUB PRICE: \$28



## ARTIST SERIES 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

APPELLATION <b>SONOMA COUNTY</b>	ACIDITY/PH <b>7.2/3.53</b>	ALCOHOL <b>14.5%</b>	PRODUCTION <b>300 CASES</b>	
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For more than four decades, Kenwood Vineyards Artist Series remains the ultimate expression of artistry and fine winemaking by blending the finest Cabernet Sauvignon produced in Sonoma County. Since its first vintage in 1975, Kenwood Vineyards Artist Series has represented the “best of the best” of our Cabernet Sauvignon. Each year select vineyards located throughout Sonoma County’s premier Cabernet appellations are picked at the peak of flavor and then carefully crushed, fermented, and aged.

### TASTING NOTES

Intense aromas of dark fruit, blackberry and cassis are balanced by fine-grained, silky tannin and subtle notes of vanilla.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes for the 2014 vintage were sourced from Sonoma County vineyards with particularly intense character and flavor. After harvest, the lots were separately crushed and destemmed into stainless steel tanks where they were fermented on the skins for 21 days before gently being pressed off the skins. Each lot was allowed to settle by gravity before being racked into barrels. After two years of oak aging our winemakers tasted through every lot, selecting only the most flavorful barrels to become the 2014 Artist Series blend. To add complexity and balance, 7% Malbec and 3% Petit Verdot were added.

RETAIL: \$80 | REORDER: \$56



## GREEN VALLEY SINGLE VINEYARD 2017 CHARDONNAY

APPELLATION <b>RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY</b>	ACIDITY/PH <b>5.1 / 3.30</b>	ALCOHOL <b>14.9%</b>	
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### TASTING NOTES

Our Single Vineyard Green Valley Chardonnay offers a creamy texture and pleasant minerality with aromas of baked pear, lime and vanilla. The mouthfeel is rich and broad with lively acidity and a lingering finish.

### WINEMAKING

Heavy winter rains recharged the soil after years of drought and a moderate summer made for a steady growing season.

Handpicked at the peak of ripeness and flavor, the clusters were pressed gently and sent to French oak barrels for fermentation. The lees were stirred every other week for 3 months, then the wine was allowed to settle. About 40% of the barrels went through malolactic fermentation and the wine was aged for 9 months in French oak to give it its pleasant, creamy texture.

RETAIL: \$34 | REORDER: \$24



## YOAKIM BRIDGE VINEYARD 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

APPELLATION <b>DRY CREEK VALLEY</b>	ACIDITY/PH <b>7.3 / 3.42</b>	ALCOHOL <b>14.5%</b>	PRODUCTION <b>404 CASES</b>	 
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Each vintage, our winemaker selects the very best vineyards in Sonoma for our small production Single Vineyard series. Only vineyards with consistent superior quality for each particular varietal will be chosen to ensure that the best fruit is used in each of our wines.

### TASTING NOTES

Inviting aromas of cherry, raspberry, sage and black currant are balanced by vanilla and a slight touch of savory characters of hickory smoke, leading to a long lingering finish.

### WINEMAKING

We harvested the grapes for our Yoakim Bridge Cabernet Sauvignon on September 23rd. After the grapes were crushed, they fermented on the skins for 17 days to extract flavor and color before the wine aged in exclusively French oak barrels for 24 months. The resulting wine is a Cabernet Sauvignon with distinct fruit characters, good tannin structure and excellent aging potential.

RETAIL: \$44 | REORDER: \$31



## YOAKIM BRIDGE VINEYARD 2017 ZINFANDEL

APPELLATION <b>DRY CREEK VALLEY</b>	ACIDITY/PH <b>6.0 / 3.82</b>	ALCOHOL <b>15.5</b>	   
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### TASTING NOTES

Our Yoakim Bridge Estate Vineyard is located at the northwest end of Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley. The vineyard has rocky well-drained soil; this combined with its inland location gives the perfect terroir for producing intensely flavored wines with excellent structure. Our Zinfandel vines were planted 30 years ago on a traditional rootstock called St. George. The Zinfandel from this vineyard is well structured while maintaining ripe fruit flavors.

### WINEMAKING

2017 had an earlier than usual bud break, and an unusually pleasant Spring which greatly accelerated harvest date. Warm temperatures throughout the summer coupled with early budbreak gave us one of the earliest harvests in years. The grapes were hand harvested in early September and fermented on the skins for 20 days with regular pump overs. After pressing, the wine was aged in American and French oak barrels for 18 months.

RETAIL: \$38 | REORDER: \$27



## SANTA NELLA SINGLE VINEYARD 2016 PINOT NOIR

APPELLATION <b>RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY</b>	ACIDITY/PH <b>5.9/3.51</b>	ALCOHOL <b>14.9%</b>	   
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### TASTING NOTES

Elegant fruit notes of cherry, raspberry and rhubarb are joined by subtle touches of spice and toasty oak. The palate is full-bodied with soft tannins, excellent acid balance and a long, lingering finish.

### WINEMAKING

2016 had a dry growing season with a moderate crop load. Mild weather contributed to slow ripening and intensely flavored grapes. Our Santa Nella Pinot Noir grapes were night

harvested on September 7, 2016. We destemmed the grapes into stainless steel tanks and cold soaked them before undergoing fermentation for 3 weeks. The young wine was then pressed off the skins, settled and racked into small French oak barrels where the wine aged for 14 months.

RETAIL: \$42 | REORDER: \$30



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