

KENWOOD
VINEYARDS

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

September is always the busiest time of the year for a winemaker. I've been driving my trusty white pickup all over northern California to manage the vineyard picks, and to coordinate the delivery of grapes to the winery. Between pressing, crushing, pumpovers, and blending, the winery is bustling with activity these days. We're bottling 2018 red wines and 2019 white wines to open up tanks to make room for this year's grapes.

I find the challenges and excitement of harvest energizing. Each decision I make can have effects that last for years. And these days, it feels good to be able to roll up my sleeves to make plans for the future.

By the way, big news! Our 2018 The Barn Chardonnay won Wine of the Year 2020 at the Critics Challenge blind tasting, with a rating of 98 points. We couldn't have done it without the hard work of the crew here on site.

It's gratifying to hear that the experts love that wine as much as we do.

In this shipment, we're excited to introduce a new release: the 2018 Jack London Dry-Farmed Cabernet Sauvignon. Why "dry-farmed"? One of our hillside blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes has an area with richer soil that doesn't require any irrigation. As a result, these grapes have a unique, especially concentrated taste. Dry-farming makes for a particularly "age-worthy" wine, a true Cabernet lover's Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy it now, or save it for your plans for the future.

Take care.

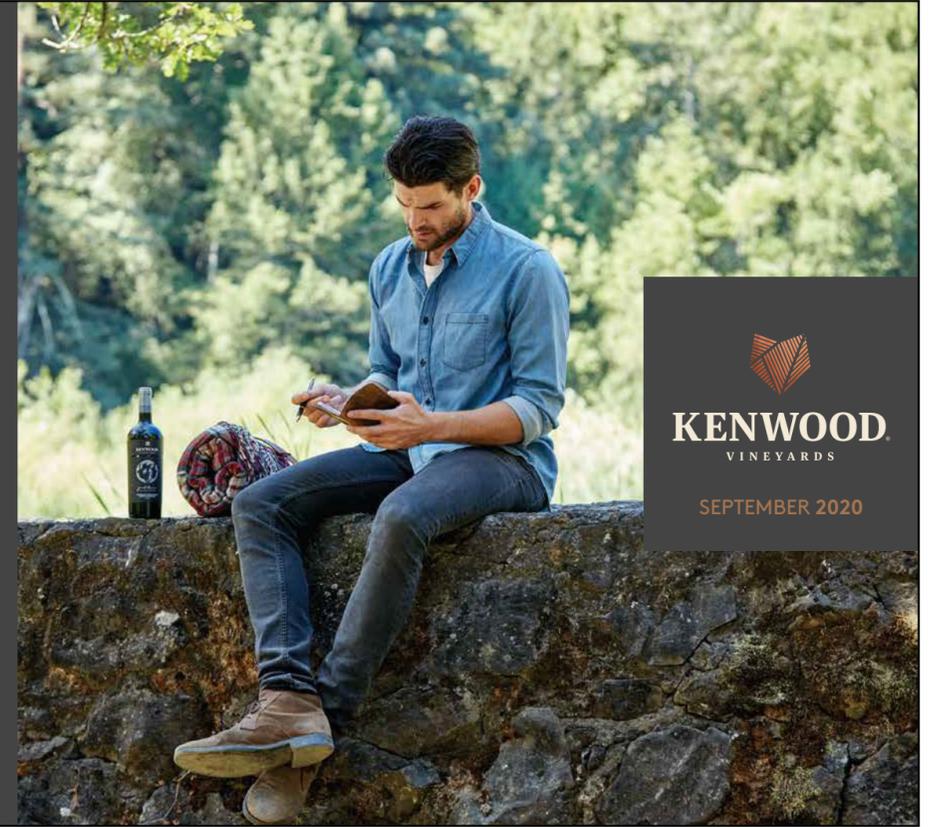
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SEPTEMBER 2020

INTRODUCING
JACK LONDON DRY FARMED CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

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| APPELLATION SONOMA MOUNTAIN | ACIDITY/PH 5.6/3.85 | ALCOHOL 14.1% | ♥ ■ |
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JACK LONDON VINEYARD
Located in the Sonoma Mountain AVA above the dense fog level, the Jack London vineyards are one of the most unique terroirs in California. Influenced by Jack London's passion for improving the land and farming sustainably, the steeply terraced vineyards benefit from morning sun followed by indirect light in the heart of the afternoon. The long, cool growing season of this area creates a beautiful complexity and balance in the fruit.

DRY FARMING
The vineyard blocks for this wine are located at the highest elevation of the ranch and are farmed without irrigation. The only source of water comes from natural rainfall and an underground mountain spring, allowing the wine to express its full potential of flavor.

RETAIL: \$55 | REORDER: \$39

FROM THE WINEMAKER
The 2018 vintage was mild and dry leading to a more historically average picking date. Much of the Cabernet Sauvignon at Jack London was picked at the end of October but dry-farming led to concentrated fruit at an earlier date leading to an October 6th pick date.

Due to the tannic nature of these grapes, we pressed the wine off the skins after only 13 days instead of the usual 20 days of maceration. The wine aged 17 months in oak barrels (60% new) with the majority of French oak from two coopers Nadalie and Berthomieu.

Aromas of blackcurrant and dried blueberry are combined with subtle notes of spicy dried bay leaf and black pepper. The palate shows great texture with cocoa powder tannin, black plum and caramel fried sage. A truly age-worthy wine.



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PORTOLA VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2017

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| APPELLATION DRY CREEK VALLEY AVA | ACIDITY/PH 5.0 / 3.40 | ALCOHOL 13.8% | ♥ |
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TASTING NOTES
Our Portola Vineyard Chardonnay presents lively aromas of ripe stone fruit and orange blossom with hints of white chocolate and allspice. The wine is full-bodied with a rich mouthfeel and creaminess that was achieved by stirring the lees during sur lie aging.

FROM THE WINEMAKER
Heavy winter rains recharged the soil after years of drought. A moderate summer made for a steady growing season, with the Dry Creek AVA

being slightly cooler than usual. The grapes were hand harvested on September 13th, gently pressed at the winery and the juice was sent to French oak barrels for fermentation. The lees were stirred every other week for 3 months before we allowed the wine to settle. 100% of the barrels went through malolactic fermentation and the wine was aged for 9 months in French oak before racking and bottling.

RETAIL: \$33 | REORDER: \$24



SANTA NELLA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2018

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| APPELLATION RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY | ACIDITY/PH 6.6 / 3.70 | ALCOHOL 15.2% | ♥ ■ |
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TASTING NOTES
Aromas of raspberry, dark chocolate cherry, cinnamon and anise. This wine has density and gravitas with a soft, rich entry, spicy mid-palate with clove and flavors of ripe raspberry, toasty pastry leading to a roasted marshmallow finish.

FROM THE WINEMAKER
The 2018 vintage was mild and try leading to a more historically average picking date. Our Santa Nella Pinot Noir grapes were night harvested on September 27th, 2018.

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 35% new oak barrels where the wine aged for 15 months.

RETAIL: \$44 | REORDER: \$31



YOAKIM BRIDGE ZINFANDEL 2018

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| APPELLATION DRY CREEK VALLEY | ACIDITY/PH 7.3 / 3.42 | ALCOHOL 14.5% | PRODUCTION 404 CASES | ♥ |
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TASTING NOTES
Aromas of dark chocolate, blackberry and boysenberry with a hint of coffee and mint. The palate has a lush entry of blueberry-plum reduction with a rich mid-palate and velvety tannin.

FROM THE WINEMAKER
2018 had a mild and dry growing season which made for a more leisurely growing season-allowing us to harvest our Zinfandel

at the peak of ripeness. The grapes were hand harvested on September 14th 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: \$42 | REORDER: \$30



YOAKIM BRIDGE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015

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| APPELLATION DRY CREEK VALLEY | ACIDITY/PH 5.8 / 3.57 | ALCOHOL 14.6 | ♥ |
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TASTING NOTES
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.

FROM THE WINEMAKER
2015 had an earlier than usual bud break, and extended high temperatures in August and September led to a compact and early harvest. The grapes were hand harvested

and fermented on the skins for 14 days with regular pump overs. After pressing, the wine was aged in French oak barrels for 26 months.

RETAIL: \$44 | REORDER: \$31

