

KENWOOD
VINEYARDS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM KENWOOD VINEYARDS

As I write this we are well into harvest. It has certainly been a memorable one, with the challenges we've faced this fall making the logistics trickier than usual, to say the least. We also had a couple of heat spikes followed by cool weather, each producing a flurry of activity followed by a lull. As always, we do what's best for the fruit, and I'm pleased to report that the fruit we have harvested is top quality. I'm looking forward to seeing how these wines turn out.

At Kenwood we strive to let the vineyards express their terroir by minimizing the impact of our winemaking techniques. The Jack London Wild Ferment Cabernet Sauvignon takes this concept even further—we let the vineyard's natural yeast perform the fermentation. There are some yeasts in a vineyard that can ruin a wine, and we need clean, healthy fruit to avoid that risk. We always monitor the health of our fruit closely, and the result in this case was well worth the extra effort.

From time to time we have an unexpected standout wine that deserves its own bottling. The 2019 Andrew's Vineyard Chardonnay is just such a wine, with its lush palate typical of the warm days in Dry Creek but also a

lively acidity imparted by the nearby cool, foggy Russian River Valley. Another surprise was the Stone Ranch Petite Sirah from the sheltered but warm Alexander Valley. This powerful wine stands out with its intense dark purple color, and it's one you can age for years.

Our Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the Bavarian Lion vineyard, on the border with Napa Valley near the town of Calistoga. This surprisingly cool valley makes for a long growing season, creating a Cabernet with complex fruit and spice flavors. Aged for over two years in the barrel, this lush Cabernet is very drinkable right now but also has the structure for aging.

With the holiday season fast approaching, you may already be thinking about what you'll be serving on your Thanksgiving table. Be assured that any of the wines mentioned here would be a perfect addition. Whatever you choose, we all wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Zeke Neeley, Kenwood Vineyards Winemaker



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INTRODUCING
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The wines in this series are crafted to highlight the true character of the wild lands they come from. One special and unique element from each of these diverse vineyards aids in telling the richness of each location and storytelling notes of a very specific piece of land.



BAVARIAN LION VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

APPELLATION	ACIDITY/PH	ALCOHOL	PRODUCTION	Icons
HUGHT'S VALLEY	5.7 / 3.56	14.1%	588 CASES	♥♥ ■□

TASTING NOTES
This elegant Cabernet Sauvignon presents complex aromas of fig, black cherry, roasted shishito peppers with a hint of chocolate mole (or Mexican hot chocolate). The palate has ripe blueberry, currant, cinnamon, some peppery spice, and cocoa powder textured tannins with a savory bay leaf finish.

FROM THE WINEMAKER
The grapes were hand harvested in the cool of early morning October 4th, 2017 allowing us to maintain

freshness of the fruit. At the winery, the fruit was destemmed to tank and pumped over twice a day—macerated on the skins for 25 days total until drained, pressed and sent to barrel. After 28 months of barrel aging in 45% new oak, the wine was bottled in August 2020.

RETAIL: \$52 | REORDER: \$37

KEY: ♥ VINTNER'S CHOICE MIXED ♥ VINTNER'S CHOICE REDS ■ CLASSIC MIXED □ CLASSIC REDS



ANDREW'S VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2019

APPELLATION	ACIDITY/PH	ALCOHOL	Icons
DRY CREEK VALLEY	5.2 / 3.61	14.5%	♥ ■

TASTING NOTES
This Chardonnay offers creamy texture and pleasant minerality with aromas of baked apple, brioche, cinnamon stick, and nutmeg. The mouthfeel is rich and broad with flavors of ripe pear and a hint of meringue. The lush viscosity lingers long after.

FROM THE WINEMAKER
The grapes were hand harvested at night on September 17th, allowing us to gently process the clusters. At the winery, the fruit was whole

cluster pressed to protect the crisp flavors of the Chardonnay grapes, and the juice was settled in stainless steel tanks before being placed in French oak barrels for fermentation. The wine was bottled after 11 months of extended sur lie aging where the yeast lees were stirred weekly to give the wine its pleasant, creamy texture.

RETAIL: \$38 | REORDER: \$27



STONE RANCH PETITE SIRAH 2019

APPELLATION	ACIDITY/PH	ALCOHOL	Icons
ALEXANDER VALLEY	7.3 / 3.48	14.8%	♥♥ ■□

TASTING NOTES
This Petite Sirah has an amazingly dark purple color which is the first indication of the density of this wine. On the nose, this wine has dried blueberry, plum, cardamom and hints of bread pudding. The palate is rich and tannic with lively acidity. Dark fruits and a leathery note dominate the flavors with a long lingering finish. The tannins and acidity hint at the aging potential of our Stone Ranch Petite Sirah.

FROM THE WINEMAKER
The grapes were hand harvested on the cool early morning of September 21st, 2019, allowing us to maintain freshness of the fruit while destemming to tank. Petite Sirah tends to over-extract tannins so the wine was pumped over twice a day for a total of just 12 days before being drained and pressed off the skins. The wine aged for 10 months in mostly French oak barrels, 55% of them were new. A careful barrel selection was made by the winemaking team for the final blend.

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JACK LONDON WILD FERMENT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

APPELLATION	ACIDITY/PH	ALCOHOL	Icons
SONOMA MOUNTAIN	5.6/3.85	14.1%	♥♥

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.

WILD FERMENT
Our winemakers fermented this wine with only the yeasts that are naturally present on the grape skins and did not add commercial yeast. The yeast of the native terroir creates a wine with impressive structure and complexity that truly reflects the unique character of the vineyard.

RETAIL: \$55 | REORDER: \$39



ESTATE MERLOT 2016

APPELLATION	ACIDITY/PH	ALCOHOL	Icons
SONOMA MOUNTAIN	6.2 / 3.66	14.9%	♥□

TASTING NOTES
Concentrated aromas of black plum, rum raisin and molasses are combined with subtle notes of vanilla and dried blueberry. The palate is full-bodied with excellent balance and flavors of redcurrant, toasty oak and cinnamon.

RETAIL: \$34 | REORDER: \$24



BLANC DE BLANCS NV

APPELLATION	ACIDITY/PH	ALCOHOL	Icons
DRY CREEK VALLEY	8.4 / 3.02	12.5%	♥♥ ■□

FROM THE WINEMAKER
The grapes for our Blanc de Blancs were hand harvested in the cool morning hours to preserve crisp acids and quality of the delicate fruit. The juice was then fermented in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures. After bottle fermentation, the wine aged en tirage for 14 months, allowing it to develop crisp characteristics and full flavor.

RETAIL: \$22 | REORDER: \$16