



## CHATEAU ST JEAN

*Fall 2023*

Harvest has begun here at Chateau St. Jean! We blessed our Sauvignon Blanc grapes, the first of our grapes to be harvested, with a bottle of our Blanc de Noirs while bagpipes chimed 'Amazing Grace.' Blessing the grapes is a well-known tradition I look forward to every harvest. 2023 was a much cooler growing season, which led to a much later harvest. Our red wines will be harvested in late October to maintain long and even ripening - a hallmark of classic vintages. The team and I are eager for the harvest season ahead. The 2023 growing season will be a vintage to remember.

We had an incredible time at our annual Summer Fête celebration! While celebrating our 50th anniversary in 1920's style, we hope you enjoyed an afternoon filled with live music, perfectly paired bites and of course, some delicious wine! Don't miss out on more opportunities to celebrate 50 years with us.

**Cinq Cépages Celebration.** Save the date on Saturday, October 7th, for our annual Cinq Cépages Celebration. Join us as we celebrate our highly coveted Bordeaux blend, Cinq Cépages. Reservation details to come soon.

**Winemaker Dinner at Chalkboard Restaurant, Healdsburg.** Saturday, December 2nd, join me for an intimate wine-maker dinner at Chalkboard Restaurant in downtown Healdsburg. Enjoy a garden-to-table dinner fare from the estate garden, paired with our most exclusive library wines.

**Holiday at the Estates.** Save the date for our annual Holiday at the Estate. Kick off the holiday season with us on December 2nd - 3rd. We invite you to take a break from the rush of the holidays and enjoy the uniquely cozy, seasonal ambiance of the chateau's festively decorated rooms and our winter vineyard vistas.

This month's wine club shipment includes an array of delicious wine, that includes our newly released **2022 Petaluma Gap Rosé**, and **2019 Blanc de Noirs**. The red wines in your fall club shipment are some of our tried and true classics - **2019 Mallacomes Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon**, **2019 Dry Creek Merlot** and **2018 Benoist Ranch Pinot Noir**.

For questions about your club shipment, please contact us at 877-478-5326 or [conciierge@chateaustjean.com](mailto:conciierge@chateaustjean.com). To learn more about upcoming events and experiences and to reserve your space call 707-257-5784.

Cheers,

Mari Wells Coyle

Winemaker

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# THE WINES



## **2019 BLANC DE NOIRS** *Benoist Ranch, Sonoma Coast*

Our Blanc de Noirs opens with aromas of lemon zest, rounded out by soft vanilla and a hint of tart cherry. On the palate, a creamy mouthfeel and perfectly balanced acidity carry this classic through the persistent finish. Fresh oysters, ahi tartare or lemon meringue complement this sparkling beautifully.

COMPOSITION	77% Pinot Noir, 23% Chardonnay
METHOD	on tirage for 3.5 years prior to disgorging
ALCOHOL	14.9%



## **2022 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR** *Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County*

Our inaugural Rosé of Pinot Noir has strawberry, lime, lavender and slight petrichor aromas. Ruby red grapefruit flavors are balanced with a bright acidity and a rounded mineral finish.

COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
AGING	stainless steel
ALCOHOL	13.0%



## **2018 PINOT NOIR** *Benoist Ranch, Sonoma Coast*

Distinctive in every vintage, aromas of rose hips, black tea and savory dried herbs give way to flavors laced with minerality, Luxardo cherries, cola, sweet dark red fruits led by black cherry, with notes of blackberry bramble, cloves and cinnamon spice.

COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
AGING	French oak
ALCOHOL	14.5%



## **2019 MERLOT** *Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County*

The Dry Creek Merlot opens with aromas of dried plum and Allspice. The palate is rich and opulent with flavors of plum Hoisin and hints of cacao that linger on the palate long after the last sip. Pair this wine with Asian short ribs, five spice grilled chicken, or molé enchiladas.

COMPOSITION	89% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon
AGING	17 months in French and American oak (28% new), Cabernet aged exclusively in American oak
ALCOHOL	14.6%



## **2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON** *Mallacomes Ranch, Knights Valley, Sonoma County*

Enticing purple hues in the glass give way to aromas of dark cherry, Madagascar vanilla, notes of mocha, caramel, and baking spices. This wine is dense, yet gracefully structured with balanced acidity. Abundant dark fruit and gentle brown sugar notes flow through the long finish. A worthy illustration of all that Knights Valley has to offer.

COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
AGING	20 months in French oak, 7% new
ALCOHOL	14.9%