

# TASTING NOTES



## White Wines

### **2022 Albariño**

Pale yellow wine with tropical aromas that transport you oceanside. This crispy wine refreshes your senses with bright fruit flavors like pineapple and lemon balanced with hints of apricot pit and straw.

- *Food Pairing: Take yourself to the banks of the Mediterranean. Think fresh seafood or paella. Vegetarians can enjoy a glass of this Albariño with spring rolls or grilled peppers. Try roasted herbed chicken for a protein option. Cheeses like Manchego and Feta will pair beautifully. Enjoy this wine with a dessert of burrata with nuts.*

### **2023 Albariño**

You will feel like you're sitting at a cafe on the Mediterranean enjoying the warm salty breeze while you sip this luminous white wine. It is a pale, star bright, lemon yellow wine that glints in the glass. Its savory aroma features rosemary, white pepper, and pear with hints of jasmine. The flavors of green apple, pineapple, white pepper, and thyme help this wine pair with many foods.

- *Food pairing: This wine is suited for foods that can handle some acid. Sweet & sour pork, oysters, herbed chicken, paella, fresh salads. Pair this Albariño with a cheese course that could include items like manchego, gouda, almonds, and fresh olives. For dessert, serve with a classic tart apple pie.*

### **2022 Dry Riesling**

This vintage could possibly be the driest Riesling to have ever come out of our vineyard! This light, crispy white wine is intensely aromatic with notes of pear, citrus, and pineapple. Refreshing flavors of crisp green apple and lemon zest will hit your palate and flow into straw and nectarine on the finish.

- *Food Pairings: Think seafood! Shellfish served with lemon butter, oysters on the half shell, spicy tuna rolls and ceviche will all complement the citrus flavors in this wine. Creamy veggie alfredo or lemon chicken piccata or even a fresh garden salad would also let the acidity of this wine shine.*

### **2022 Viognier**

This wine is as relaxing as an adirondack chair overlooking the Salmon River. Stunning pale lemon colors invite you to explore this wine further. Big aromas of apricot and nectarine tempt the palate. This full-bodied white wine is dry with flavors of stone fruit and green apple. Notice the savory hints of straw and herbs culminating in a finish of apple blossom.

- *Food pairings: Chicken Tagine, pad thai, roast turkey, grilled salmon, mild curry,*

*camembert, emmentaler, chicken & mango salad, chicken pot pie*

### **2023 Grüner Veltliner**

Sometimes we can't always get away to the mountains for a peaceful retreat. Let this wine transport you on those occasions when you can't get away. This beautifully clear pale yellow wine sports tropical fruit and crisp apple aromas that are rounded off with mild minerality and hints of thyme or clover. The zesty flavors of tangy citrus and starfruit start on your palate then segue to flavors of peach, lemon and sweet apple on the finish.

- *Food Pairings: The zesty acid in this wine makes it a wonderful pairing with fatty dishes. Fried chicken, smoked ham, herbed & buttered young potatoes, even ramen or pho. We think this wine would also be great with shellfish, a cold summer noodle salad, and soft cheeses like appenzeller, chevre & feta. Herbs that would go well are tarragon, parsley, thyme, dill, and mint.*

## **White Blends**

### **2022 Lilly White - 50% Gruner, 30% Riesling, 20% Viognier**

This is the wine you want to take to your next garden party! Lilly White is crystal clear with a pale, straw yellow color in the glass. Enticing aromas of tart stone fruit, orange blossom, white pepper and lemon tempt the nose. Clean, dry and medium-bodied, this wine has flavors of citrus, apple and nectarine with a lightly floral finish giving pleasant garden vibes.

- *Food pairings: turkey, sardines, cheesy cauliflower, seafood alfredo, Arugula salad with pears, clam linguini, baked brie with sundried tomatoes and Kalamata olives, Lemon caper chicken, baked cod with lemon, lemon shortbread*

## **Rosé**

### **2022 Blossom Rosé**

This is the quintessential summer wine. It's classy enough for brunch but casual enough for picnics! The Blossom's deceptively pale salmon color contrasts against the surprisingly big aromas of plum blossom, melon and strawberry. Juicy flavors of melon greet the tongue, only to be followed by bright strawberry on the mid pallet. The whole experience finishes with lingering lemon rind and strawberry. This medium-bodied and medium-acid wine is perfect for patio sipping.

- *Food Pairings: Grilled ham & cheese sammy, eggs benedict, marinated feta, grilled veg, lamb stew, chicken fajitas, seafood enchiladas, lemon curd cheesecake, basil, tarragon, salty cheeses, creamy cheeses*

# **Reds Wines**

## **2021 Sangiovese**

Sipping on Sangiovese is like coming home, it just feels right! This balanced, medium-bodied red has brick red tones with garnet highlights. Notice hints of earthy cedar, mellow violets, and tart fruit. Flavors of cranberry, currants, and cedar hit the tongue almost instantly while fennel and cherry pit evolve mid-palate and the whole thing finishes with a touch of tobacco and pepper.

- *Food Pairing: Bright acids combined with savory flavors in this wine make it easy to pair with a variety of styles of food. You could pour this with any tomato based pasta, grilled meats and veggies seasoned with basil, parsley, marjoram or thyme. Elevate your classic hamburger or get creative with chicken and cream sauce. Go simple with an aged Parmesan, medium cheddar or get a little wild with a fontina cheese.*

## **2021 Malbec**

Our Malbec is a mid-weight boxer that can hit above its weight class. This medium-bodied, red wine has medium acids and low tannins but a big, juicy flavor. Aroma plays a big part in the impact of this wine, it has intoxicating aromas of Luxardo cherries, berries and bramble. Blackberry and plum flavors meld into subtle notes of black tea on the mid-palate and finishes with spices like pepper, cloves, and rosemary

- *Food Pairings: This hearty wine really needs some hearty fare. Try serving with Lamb burger, roast pork, venison, ratatouille, grilled steak, meatloaf or mushrooms (for our vegetarian friends. Strong cheeses like gorgonzola, monterey Jack or manchego will do the trick. Seasonings like sage, rosemary, mint, clove and cinnamon would really make this wine spark.*

## **2021 Syrah**

This syrah is elegant and robust, think hiking boots with a tuxedo. This is a great wine to share around a firepit in the evening with your rowdiest friends. Gorgeous and dark ruby almost purple in color, this wine tempts with a floral and fruity nose. Aromas like dried flowers, plum and dried berry with hints of caramel and pepper. The flavors are blackberry, bramble, black tea and white pepper, finishes with leather and tobacco.

- *Food Pairings: This syrah is the perfect complement to chilean sea bass, roast pork, any grilled meats. Moroccan lamb or lamb tagine, shawarma, or BBQ pork. For dessert, bring out the berry cobbler.*

## **2021 Cabernet Sauvignon**

Imagine unwinding by a crackling fireplace on a cool autumn evening, sharing a bottle of this rich, brick-red wine with a dear friend. This wine starts with aromas of sweet grass, cherry, earth, and cocoa powder. Medium-firm tannins create a solid backbone for flavors of stone fruit pit, cherry, and a little oak expression in the mid-palate. Subtle flavors of cherry pit and leather on the finish.

- *Food Pairings: This cab is perfect for steak and sauteed mushrooms or a mushroom burger with truffle fries. Duck a l'orange, a green salad with gorgonzola and balsamic dressing, cassoulet, buffalo chicken wings with blue*

*cheese dressing. Also fajitas, lemon caper chicken and scalloped potatoes. Dessert is chocolate mousse or cherry pie.*

### **2021 Petite Sirah - wine club only**

A true connoisseur's secret, this wine is a hidden gem waiting to be discovered. The opaque garnet color attracts the eye while aromas of fresh plum juxtaposes against dusty earth and spice. Tart flavors of blackberry transition into earthy notes on the mid-palate. Delicate hints of black tea and stone linger on the finish.

- *Food Pairing: This multi-faceted wine gem can be paired with an elevated dish or enhance a comfort meal. Try serving with roast lamb and sauteed mushrooms, stuffed peppers, classic burgers or BBQ beef. Craving something a little sweet, try pairing this wine with a berry pie. Serve with aged cheeses like parmesan, manchego or gouda. Seasoning like black pepper, clove, sage, rosemary or cocoa will enhance our Petite Sirah.*

## **Red Blends**

### **2021 Wanderlust - 50% Carménère, 50% Sangiovese**

A Century of Roots, A Taste of Discovery. A bright garnet color with aromas of apple blossom, cherry, spices and dusty earth. Firm tannins promise aging potential. This wine is tobacco and cherry pit with a cleansing bright acid. Dried plum and black tea are on the mid palate and finishes with white pepper and cigar.

- *Food Pairing: This is a food wine! Fatty foods help this wine to shine, think osso bucco, grilled beef, smoked pork. Get saucy with creamed oyster sauce, grilled chicken fettuccine, Bacon & green beans, duck with plum glaze, carne asada, and paella. Dessert could be aged Gouda or flourless chocolate torte.*

### **2021 Harvest Moon Red - 50% Syrah, 35% Mourvèdre, 15% Petite Sirah**

A rich ruby color in the glass, this wine has legs for days. Satisfying big aromas of blackberry, raspberry, plum, and cumin. This wine is balanced with medium firm tannins. Flavors of blackberry, plum, and pepper at the beginning change into cocoa nibs and spice with a slight hint of toasty smoke on the finish.

- *Food Pairings: This wine is big enough to handle flavor! Chili hearty curry, lamb gyro, hungarian mushroom soup, plus blackened or smoked trout. Cheeses include Gouda, Havarti, Manchego. Herbs are parsley, rosemary, and oregano. Dessert is dark berry cobblers, or anything nutty and chocolate.*

### **2021 Windmill Red - 50% Cabernet, 50% Sangiovese**

Just as a windmill turns with the wind, this wine can adapt to the seasons. This brick red wine with its dusty oak and fig aromas almost make you think that autumn could be around the corner. Smooth summer flavors of black cherry meld into dried fig and green tea on the mid palate only to be swept into warm toasted nuts on the finish.

- *Food Pairing: Whether your tastes lean towards vegetarian or carnivore this is the wine for you! Try pairing this with a light Veggie Primavera or a hearty grilled portobello mushroom stuffed with chorizo sausage. Summer foods like eggplant parmesan, margherita pizza or caprese salad pair just as beautifully with this*

*wine as roasted lamb or a duck ragu. No matter whether you go summer or fall for dinner, you've got to try this wine with a creamy ganache brownie!*

### **2021 Homestead Red - 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Syrah**

This rich wine is a perfect gift to share with dinner hosts. Its deep garnet and opaque appearance entice further exploration. Bright cherry cordial on the beginning of the aromas that softly become dusty roses and a lightly sweet ending. This is a medium firm tannic wine with bright chewy acids. Beginning with jammy fruit ie: raspberry and black plum to start the flavors and earth and tea on the mid-palate with a long meaty finish of toasted nut and umami.

- *Food Pairing: Quintessential roast beef dinner, steak, lamb chops, beets, tomato soup, sauteed mushrooms, a meat lover's pizza or meatloaf. Dessert is chocolate or berry pie. Cheeses are gouda, aged cheddar, or camembert. Warms spices of allspice and cloves, and herbs like rosemary, sage, and parsley.*

## **Reserve Wines**

### **2021 Reserve Grenache**

Enjoy a mini vacation to the Rhône region of France with this luscious red wine. A lovely garnet color, semi-opaque, the legs on this wine coat the glass. Aromas of warm spice, traces of floral and red fruit encourage your nose. Luscious bright acid hints at strawberry and raspberries. light tobacco and rose on the mid-palate with a lingering finish of dark fruit and black tea.

- *Food Pairing: Can handle a bit of spice, with curries and Asian flavored stews. Grilled fish and vegetables, lightly spiced sausages, ham and beans, turkey. We think a great dessert would be a chocolate espresso torte. Cheeses are gouda, comté, roquefort, manchego, and mature cheddar. Herbs are rosemary, thyme, sage, Asian 5-spice, cumin, and cardamon*

### **2020 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon - wine club only**

When you open a bottle of this wine you will want to surround yourself with good friends and great food. It simply pairs beautifully with the good things in life. This rich wine has a lovely opaque garnet color with blue undertones, a decadent mouthfeel and legs for days. Aromas of bright red cherry, big minerality and hints of leather, oak, and toffee lend the mind towards fresh baked cherry crumble. Your tastebuds will sparkle with juicy acid and firm tannins. Notable flavors of cherry and berry upfront morph into hints of cherry pit and coffee finish.

- *Food Pairings: We've got the usual suspects: Beef Wellington, grilled pork chops and filet mignon. But we're also thinking grilled eggplant, peppers, and mushrooms, moussaka, grilled lamb. Cheeses would be truffle cheddar cheese, aged gouda, and blue cheese. For dessert, go with anything chocolate or a dark fruit pastry. Herbs: rosemary, oregano, bay, black pepper, thyme.*

## **Dessert Wines**

### **Doce Dessert Wine**

We wanted to honor the Portuguese tradition of making Port by using the Portuguese word for sweet. We use Syrah grapes, topped with Cabernet Sauvignon and fortify the wine with Idaho grape brandy. This silky wine has an enticing aroma of plum jam and almonds. A deep ruby color with warm flavors of honey, vanilla, and cinnamon make this wine a perfect after dinner wine.

- *We recommend serving this with German Chocolate cake, roasted wine walnuts, Stilton or Gorgonzola cheese, dark chocolate or cherry tarts.*