

Holiday 2023



2023 is my first harvest at Chateau St. Jean, so I had to prepare the team that they might hear holiday tunes coming from my office in September. After a friend pointed out that harvest is “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year,” it’s become my tradition to play seasonal carols at what truly is the best time of year for me. While our later-than-average harvest imposed a compressed schedule, we know that pressure makes diamonds, and I am excited about what this vintage will bring. Thanks to our team’s hard work in the vineyard and winery, all our varietals are looking good, and flavors and color continue to impress in the fermenters.

Like the holiday season ahead, your wine shipment contains both familiar favorites and exciting new surprises. From our library, we’re sharing two vintages of our iconic Cinq Cépages to accompany your holiday feasting. Fans of our iconic Cinq Cépages will appreciate the range in vintages during two drought years that produced intense flavors in the wines. The **2016 Cinq Cépages** shows modest tannin and is an approachable wine that is softening and showing Sonoma’s coastal herbal notes. By contrast, the **2017 Cinq Cépages** is a much more structured wine that is just starting to unfold and show the layers of an incredible vintage in Sonoma County.

You’ll also discover the new look of two single vineyard wines: our **2021 Gap’s Crown Chardonnay** and our **2021 Hallberg Ranch Pinot Noir**. Long-time club members will recognize and appreciate these wonderful, cool-climate vineyards with whom we’ve partnered to produce many delicious wines over the years.

I enjoyed meeting many of you at our winemaker dinner at Chalkboard Restaurant earlier this month and look forward to seeing you at the chateau for one of our many **tasting experiences** in the year ahead. As always, please contact us at 877-478-5326 or concierge@chateaustjean.com with questions about your club shipment.

Happy Holidays!

Mari Wells Coyle

Winemaker

HOLIDAY GIFTING MADE EASY

Our beautifully boxed **Cinq Cépages vertical** makes an impressive gift for the wine collector on your list. Receive your order by Christmas when you order by December 18 (2nd day delivery) or December 20 (next day delivery). We are also happy to curate sets based on your preferences, as well as offer gifting assistance on orders of 10+ wine gifts.

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THE WINES



2021 GAP'S CROWN CHARDONNAY *Sonoma Coast*

Perched on the western hillside of Sonoma Mountain in Sonoma Coast's Petaluma Gap, Gap's Crown's rugged, rocky soils and cooling Pacific winds create exactly the kind of stress it takes to produce rich but structured Chardonnay. Moderate temperatures and painstaking care to detail yielded a wine that opens with a bouquet of Gravenstein apple, lemon zest, and hints of cardamom. On the palate, vibrant juicy apple and citrus lead to a bright finish.

COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay, Clones 76, 95, 96
AGING	18 months in French oak, 40% new
ALCOHOL	13.5%



2021 HALLBERG RANCH PINOT NOIR *Russian River Valley*

Hallberg Ranch features sandy-loam soils and enjoys beautiful sunny afternoons tempered by fog and coastal breezes, allowing the grapes to retain crucial acidity and to produce wine with deep ruby color, pure flavors, and seamless structure. 2021 was a perfect ripening vintage in the Russian River Valley, and the Pinot Noir fruit from this dry-farmed ranch was exceptional. The 2021 Hallberg Ranch Pinot Noir opens with aromas of savory preserved cherries accented with spiced hints of sarsaparilla, vanilla and cinnamon. Silken dark cherry and raspberry flavors with firm tannins on the mid-palate lead into a satisfying finish.

COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir, Clones 115 and 828
AGING	18 months in French oak, 35% new
ALCOHOL	14.8%



2016 CINQ CÉPAGES *Sonoma County*

95+ POINTS, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*

The primary grape sources for the 2016 vintage of our flagship Bordeaux blend are from some of the finest appellations throughout Sonoma County, including selections from the St. Jean Estate in Sonoma Valley. Big and rich, with mouth-filling ripe red and black mountain and benchland fruits accented with black tea, cassis, black licorice, a touch of fennel, black olive and sweet blueberry fruit leather. Hints of cedar cigar box and tobacco sit alongside well-integrated tannins.

COMPOSITION	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, and 1% Petit Verdot
AGING	20 months in French oak, 49% new
ALCOHOL	15.1%



2017 CINQ CÉPAGES *Sonoma County*

94 POINTS, *James Suckling*

Elegant and inviting, with a majority (46%) of fruit sourced from Knights Valley, the 2017 Cinq Cépages opens with beautiful aromas of fresh raspberry, red and black currant, sweet floral fruit, and notes of lavender. The lush mouthfeel is filled with supple fruit, warm milk chocolate, toasted chestnut and fall spice flavors. The vintage of Cinq Cépages showcases incredibly refined and smooth tannins which leave a silky finish.

COMPOSITION	83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot
AGING	20 months in French oak, 68% new
ALCOHOL	15.1%