

Spring is in full bloom. With early warm weather in March, we are well into our growing season and just starting to bloom in our vineyards. This is a beautiful time of year when our grapevines flower and then begin to set the fruit for the 2024 vintage ahead. We are also preparing to plant our redevelopment at the CSJ estate. We are planting Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and Cinq Cépages (all 5 Bordeaux grapes) at the estate. Next time you visit, you'll notice these changes in the landscape on the way in the drive. And soon you will be sipping wines from our estate.

Our 2023 Rosé is a beautiful expression of spring with scents of the season; strawberry, citrus blossom, and emerging jasmine notes. The palate is a prelude to summer months ahead. Flavorful with watermelon and bright strawberry notes. The wine made of Pinot Noir from the Petaluma Gap where cool coastal breezes travel to the bay. A south facing slope, this site gets plenty of sunshine and ripens to perfection leaving a wine with lots of flavor, bright acidity, and a touch of grace.

The 2019 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon surprised me when I recently tasted the wine. It's brooding fruit has softened creating a beautiful layer of pure cassis amidst layers of confectionery flavors. I love the hints of vanilla and cocoa. It's very round, but still firmly Cabernet Sauvignon with hints of dried meat, iron, and graphite. This is my comfort wine, I love to enjoy this around the fire pit in the longer evenings savoring every sip!

The 2018 Reserve Syrah is tasting beautiful at the moment. Full bodied with loads of interesting fruit along with hints of black olive, earth, and even leather. I enjoy this wine on Friday nights with my family with sausage pizza and lots of conversation that carries into the evening.

The 8555 is a full expression of the 2021 vintage. Bold and Brawny in style, the aromas are beautiful with a stamp of bright fruit and vanilla notes making way for a structured, but fleshy palate. Drink now or age for 7-10 years.

Save the Date for our annual <u>Summer Fête</u> event. Our annual celebration of Summer will be hosted on Saturday, July 20th. A chic garden party and sunshine-filled afternoon in celebration of summer. Our grand lawn and gardens will be filled with music, wine, food and garden party activities.

Mark your calendars for our <u>pick-up party</u> on May 11-12 at the chateau. Enjoy small bites and taste through our new release wines. This open-house event is offered on a first-come, first-served basis for our members only, so reserve your spot, or contact the tasting room at 707-257-5784 or concierge@chateaustjean.com with questions or for more information.

As always, if you have any questions about your wine club shipment, please contact our team at (877) 478-5326 or wineclub@chateaustjean.com

Cheers,

Mari Wells Coyle

Winemaker

THE WINES



2023 Rosé of Pinot Noir Petaluma gap, sonoma county

Our 2023 Rosé of Pinot Noir has white floral notes of jasmine and citrus blossom, with fresh strawberry, and hints of pine. The juicy mouthfeel echoes the aromatics, adding watermelon flavors and a clean satin-like finish. Pair this wine with a strawberry salad, pork bahn mi, or ahi carpaccio.

COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir AGING stainless steel

ALCOHOL 13.0%



2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ALEXANDER VALLEY

Cabernet Sauvignon is known for its rich, bold profile, and our 2019 beautifully exemplifies that reputation. Opening with aromas of cassis, dried meat, and hints of vanilla and spice, this wine entices the senses from the first swirl of the glass. On the palate, intricate layers of fruit, confectionery flavors of cocoa and vanilla, are complemented by hints of iron and graphite. Serve alongside beef carpaccio, roasted beet risotto, or pasta bolognese.

COMPOSITION 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING 18 months in French oak, 35% new

ALCOHOL 14.6%



2018 RESERVE SYRAH SONOMA COUNTY

The 2018 Reserve Syrah opens with sultry aromas of Herbs de Provence and black plum, with hints of black olive, earth, and leather. The palate is bold and generous with a dark, solid-fruit core, generous mid-palate, and layers of earth and spice lingering on the finish. This wine pairs excellently with sausage pizzetta, smoked BBQ brisket, and chocolate brownies.

COMPOSITION 100% Syrah

AGING 18 months in French oak, 35% new

ALCOHOL 14.9%



2021 EIGHTY-FIVE-FIFTY-FIVE SONOMA COUNTY

Each offering of this unique reserve blend shows a distinct personality, influenced by the selection of varietals, growing region and vintage. The 2021 delivers concentrated aromas and flavors of black cherry, fresh blackberry, layers of vanilla, and hints of allspice. The rich texture and decadent flavor profile linger on the palate long after the last sip.

COMPOSITION 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 6% Malbec, 4% Petit verdot

AGING 24 months in French oak, 70% new

ALCOHOL 14.9%

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