

NEW RELEASES SPRING 2020



SAINT HELENA WINERY

2017 Proprietary Red

This is the second vintage of this wine by Saint Helena Winery. For the years 2016 and 2017, we had a terrific source for non-estate Cabernet Sauvignon in the Spring Mountain District of Napa Valley. Aaron Pott has been making a few wines from the Ballard Vineyard for many years and turned us onto a small parcel of their property that was available for these vintages alone. The Proprietary Red was created to give us flexibility in blending some of our estate wines with wines we make from our favorite Napa neighbors' fruit in select vintages.

This wine is a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot and 9% Petit Verdot. The blend exhibits layers of fresh plum, raspberry, violet, cassis, sweet tobacco, mint, and cocoa. On the palate the wine reveals dense, rich fruit, fine textured tannin, and velvety weight leading into a lingering finish. Drink now through 2030.

2018 Chardonnay

This is our eighth vintage of Chardonnay, originating solely from the Scopus Vineyard in the Sonoma Mountain AVA of Sonoma County. This vineyard is owned by a lovely couple who employ the Ulises Valdez & Sons Vineyard Management team to farm their steep hillside parcels. Aaron Pott introduced us to this vineyard originally, and now Lindsey Wallingford visits the vineyard regularly to monitor "our" rows of vines. We have input into farming techniques and of course the pick-date. The cooler climate of this region allows us to create a Chardonnay with complexity and maturity we could likely not achieve with Chardonnay grown in the warmer Saint Helena AVA.

This wine is 100% Chardonnay and displays notes of Meyer lemon, pear and green apple. Deeper within the wine are undertones of brioche, sugar cookie and vanilla bean. Fresh, light aromas lead into a wine with beautiful weight and texture. Drink now, yet age-worthy also.

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2019 ROSÉ

This dry rosé is 100% estate grown. Sourced from our young vine Cabernet Sauvignon that went straight to press (similar to how we treat a white wine) and various Cabernet Sauvignon ferments using the *saignée* method, in which free run juice is collected from each individual block. This wine was fermented in neutral French oak, underwent native yeast fermentation and no malolactic fermentation. 13.3% alc.

The 2019 Rose opens with notes of peach, honeysuckle, green melon, fresh strawberries, and roses. Bright and lively, versatile with foods and perfect served cold on a warm, sunny day.



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