

FALL 2023



WINE CLUB EXCLUSIVE NEWSLETTER



PAPAPIETRO
PERRY

*ADDITIONAL LIBRARY SELECTION INCLUDED



2021 SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

This blend shows a delicate shade of light burgundy and expresses a medium body framework, with a measure of balanced structure and clean fruit flavors. The nose is complex with red and blue fruit, and hints of fresh raspberry and purple violet notes. On the palate, this wine is packed with bright red fruit in the form of fresh cherry, raspberry, and plum nuanced with minerality, fresh green and subtle toasty notes. This wine is elegant and the depth of flavors go on and on. With just the right amount of acidity, this true Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is impressive now and will age with elegance.

CASE PRODUCTION: 994
PRICE \$61



2021 CAMPBELL RANCH
PINOT NOIR

Gazing at this dark ruby wine, you will be impressed immediately. As you swirl, the red fruit bouquets of cranberry and raspberry are infused with a spicy earthiness and sweet aromas. The fresh coastal notes dance on the palate with high toned red fruit, hints of herbal freshness, tied together by a nice measure of toasty oak. The great level of natural acidity as well as the impressive structure will help this wine mature over time. Enjoy now or let it rest in your cellar.

CASE PRODUCTION: 569
PRICE \$66

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RELEASE

Ben R. Papapietro

OWNER/EXECUTIVE WINEMAKER

Dave Law

WINEMAKER





2021 LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS
PINOT NOIR

This wine begins with a beautiful garnet color and inviting clear red fruit aromas. As the wine opens, impressive notes of caramel, crushed rock and barrel toast are expressed. The palate will burst with juicy sweet red fruit of cherry and strawberry with hints of rhubarb and pomegranate lingering on the palate. The wine is very well balanced and extremely lush but still shows bright acidity on the finish. This wine is already showing great character and will continue to shine with a bit more age. This is a classic representation of the Russian River Valley.

CASE PRODUCTION: 988
PRICE \$66



2021 POMMARD CLONES
PINOT NOIR

The radiant dark red hue of this wine is truly impressive. The complex nose is driven by deep red and blue fruit flavors and toasty oak. The aromas will gain complexity as the wine opens. On the palate, you can't miss the blackberry, purple plum and earthy notes with generous caramel and toast flavors. This complex blend is enhanced by a balanced acidity and some fine grain tannins, making this wine extremely remarkable. Drinking noticeably well now and will gain depth with some age. Once you taste this unique clonal blend, you will agree it is extraordinary.

CASE PRODUCTION: 583
PRICE \$82



2021 DRY CREEK VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

This rich deep crimson wine combines the best fruit of Dry Creek Valley and is one of the few Zinfandels to use French Oak barrels. The nose bursts with intense notes of deep ripe red fruit opening with aromas of sweet plum and high-toned floral notes. The palate delivers intense sweet cherry, raspberry, and strawberry that mingle with mouthwatering acidity. As the wine opens with equal measures of blueberry and plum, supple tannins with a mild earthiness are expressed to enhance the long finish. This wine is powerful and voluminous, with the perfect balance of impressive flavors that will evolve over the years.

CASE PRODUCTION: 678
PRICE \$58



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 11, 2023: 25TH SILVER ANNIVERSARY FALL WINE CLUB PARTY**

NOVEMBER 16, 2023: PAINT & SIP - HOLIDAY SPECIAL*

NOVEMBER 18, 2023: HOLIDAY PHOTOSHOOT AT THE WINERY**

DECEMBER 2, 2023: OVER THE YEARS WITH PETERS VINEYARD***

JANUARY 13 & 14, 2024: WINTER WINELAND**

JANUARY 20, 2024: WINE & CAVIAR***

*Virtual Events **At the Winery ***Hybrid Event (Virtual & at the Winery)

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RENAE PERRY

Born and raised in Cortland Manor, New York, Renae's journey led her to the University of Buffalo for her college experience. Following her graduation, her desire to escape the cold weather pushed her to embark on a cross-country road trip accompanied by a friend, two dogs, and three cats. Her destination: the vibrant 1970's music scene of San Francisco.

Settling in, Renae took up a waitressing role at Page One restaurant, conveniently nestled just behind the San Francisco Chronicle Newspaper building. Regular patrons of the restaurant included truck drivers for the Chronicle, this is how she met her late husband and Co-founder, Bruce Perry.

Renae moved on to build a successful career in software product management for many years, while Bruce and Ben began their initial hobby of crafting wine in their garages. In 2001, Renae and Bruce relocated to Healdsburg, where Renae officially joined the winery efforts by promoting and selling wine directly from their home.

By 2005, Renae found the perfect spot for the current Winery and Tasting Room, marking a turning point for the winery's growth. Assuming the role of CEO and overseeing business operations, Renae initiated the practices that currently define the Tasting Room experience today.

In the beginning, she and Bruce could be found in the tasting room pouring wine for guests and eventually this led to team member recruitment, development of the Wine Club, and management of the winery's finances. Together with Ben, Yolanda, and Bruce, Renae was instrumental in propelling the winery to its current success. Her ongoing dedication ensures that the winery remains agile in response to the ever-evolving industry landscape. She has been the marketing genius behind the winery, while always keeping a sense of humor and perspective.

ROAST CHICKEN & CREAMY POLENTA WITH RED WINE BURST CHERRY TOMATO SAUCE

Chef Jim May has crafted an exquisite dish to pair perfectly with the 2021 Leras Family Vineyards Pinot Noir found in your Fall Wine Club Allocation. The robust yet nuanced flavors of the dish complement the notes found in this delicious wine, making it an exceptional pairing choice. The tender, herb-infused chicken thighs echo the wine's earthy undertones, while the burst cherry tomato sauce, enriched with the Pinot Noir, harmonizes with the wine's fruity complexity. The creamy polenta provides a comforting backdrop that elegantly balances the dish's flavors and textures.

Ingredients

(Serves 4 People)

Chicken:

- 2 t. kosher salt
- 2 t. garlic salt
- 2 t. paprika
- 2 t. brown sugar
- 2 t. dried oregano
- 1 t. black pepper
- 3 lbs. bone in, skin on chicken thighs
- 2 T. olive oil

Polenta:

- 3 c. milk
- 3 c. water
- 1 T. kosher salt
- 1 t. black pepper
- 1 1/2 c. ground polenta

Sauce:

- 1/3 c. olive oil
- 4 c. whole cherry tomatoes
- 1 T. kosher salt
- 1 t. black pepper
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 c. Pinot Noir
- 1 t. dried red pepper flakes
- 1/4 c. thinly sliced fresh basil
- 2 T. butter
- 1/2 c. grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 400°. Mix the 6 seasonings together. Dry the chicken thighs with a paper towel. Rub with olive oil and season both sides with spice mixture. Place on a foil lined baking sheet.

Bake for 30-40 minutes until browned and thermometer in the thickest part reads 160°. Remove and let it rest for 10 minutes.

While the chicken is cooking prepare the polenta and tomato sauce.

Combine 3 c. milk and 3 c. water in a large saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and slowly add the ground polenta while stirring. Return to a low simmer and keep stirring and scraping the bottom for 30 minutes until creamy, adding more water if necessary.

Heat 1/3 c. oil in a large saucepan and add 4 c. whole cherry tomatoes, salt and pepper. Cook for 20-25 minutes over medium-low heat stirring often until tomatoes burst. Add garlic, red wine, and pepper flakes, stirring for another 10 minutes until a glossy sauce is formed. Stir in basil and butter and remove from heat. This sauce can be prepared in advance.

Spoon the polenta onto a plate, top with sauce, Parmesan cheese, and basil. Place chicken alongside or on top and finish with a drizzle of sauce. Serve with the 2021 Leras Family Vineyards Pinot Noir.





NICK LERAS

Owner of Leras Family Vineyards

LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

Over a Century of Passion, Dedication, and Love for the Land

Leras Family Vineyards is a true gem nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley. Recognized for over a century, the Leras family have been cultivating a legacy that spans generations and connects deeply with the land.

Nick Leras, a third-generation grape grower and the proud owner of Leras Family Vineyards, brings a lifetime of wisdom, experience, and passion to the art of grape cultivation. Since 1918, his family has tended to the vineyard, nurturing wine grapes in the region's rich soil. Nick's personal touch is evident in every aspect of grape growing, reflecting his impeccable standards and commitment to quality.

At Leras Family Vineyards, they specialize in Pinot Noir, a grape that has captured the hearts of wine enthusiasts worldwide. The unique terroir of the Russian River Valley reveals distinct earthiness and mineral notes, making it truly exceptional. Blessed with rich valley soils, moderate winters, abundant sunshine, and the unique cooling fog from the nearby Russian River, the vineyards are perfectly situated to produce grapes of unmatched quality. The fluctuating temperatures allow our grapes to develop full flavor maturity while retaining a refreshing natural acidity, a hallmark of Papapietro Perry Pinot Noirs.

Pinot Noir, often referred to as the "heartbreak grape," demands special attention and care. Nick meticulously manages the Leras Family vines by selectively pulling leaves and thinning shoots on sun-exposed vines to ensure proper air circulation and movement. His vigilant approach safeguards against potential challenges like Botrytis, commonly known as "bunch rot", and Spring frosts that could harm the vines.

The Leras family's commitment to sustainable farming is at the core of their vineyard's philosophy. Their vines are dry-farmed and trellised using a modified Scott-Henry system, ensuring the perfect balance for the fertile soil, and resulting in wines with deep, layered flavors that captivate the senses. Nick's sustainability practices include planting cover crops, which are later tilled back into the soil and enriched with organic material. The cover crops also play a crucial role in reducing water runoff and preventing soil erosion. These practices along with many others have led to a much-earned title of Sustainable Farmer of the year at the 2022 Sonoma County Harvest Fair.

Next time you open a bottle of Leras Family Vineyards Pinot Noir, savor the rich heritage of over a century of grape growing at its finest. Cheers to Leras Family Vineyards, a true reflection of our passion, dedication, and love for the land.





OWNERS OF PAPAPIETRO PERRY
Renaë Perry, Ben & Yolanda Papapietro

CELEBRATING OUR 25TH HARVEST:

To celebrate this wonderful milestone, we are delighted to release the Founder's Blend to our Wine Club. The history behind the Founder's Blend is significant when enjoying this exclusive bottling of 777 Clones and Pommard Clones, from both the Leras Family Vineyards and the Peters Vineyard. These vineyards have played a crucial role in our line-up and pay homage to the first Pinot Noir vineyards that we produced in 1999 and 2000. We consider them to be the "founding vineyards" of the winery. To our mutual benefit, we have been growing, learning, and making great wines for more than two decades and we wanted to acknowledge this important and extraordinary relationship.

The Peters Vineyard was our first vineyard designate in 1999 and we were the first winery to make high-quality Pinot Noir from the site. It is a prime location for balanced, fruit driven wines with well-drained Goldridge soils, foggy cool mornings, and bright sunny afternoons. The grapes continuously produce notes of juicy cherry and red fruits with great acidity. We rely heavily on Randy Peters' vineyard knowledge, and our partnership has benefited our wines year after year.

Leras Family Vineyards is a textbook Russian River Valley site. It too has rich soil with cool foggy mornings and the perfect terroir. We continue to marvel at how well the vineyard reflects each vintage with complex blends of red raspberry, rhubarb, and strawberry coupled with Russian River Valley cola and earthiness.



The process in making this wine is similar to our other Pinot Noirs; do as little as possible to guide the wine into the barrel. The real difference here was in the blending. It's one of our favorite parts of winemaking. We were excited that these two very different wines came together in such a beautiful way.

The taste profiles of the two vineyards are framed by warm caramel and soft oak notes from the Francois Frères barrels. This elegant wine is comprised of equal percentages of each Clone as each vineyard combines the finest elements to make a truly exclusive wine. In appreciation to loyal Wine Club members, we are excited to give you first access to purchase this limited release Founder's Blend with only 250 bottles produced. This amazing wine is now available for purchase on our website.

Founder's Blend:
50% Leras Family Vineyards (25% 777 + 25% Pommard)
50% Peters Vineyard (25% 777 + 25% Pommard)





Award-Winning Wines

RECENT ACCOLADES

2020 777 CLONES, PINOT NOIR:

- 94 points & Double Gold Medal, American Fine Wine Competition
- 93 points, International Wine Review
- 90 points & Gold Medal, North Coast Wine Challenge
- 90 points & Gold Medal, Jeb Dunnuck

2020 CAMPBELL RANCH, PINOT NOIR:

- 94 points & Double Gold Medal, American Fine Wine Competition
- 93 points, Wine Spectator

2020 CHARLES VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR:

- 95 points & Double Gold Medal, Sunset International Wine Competition
- 94 points & Editors' Choice, Wine Enthusiast
- 92 points, International Wine Review
- 90 points, Wine Spectator

2020 LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS, PINOT NOIR:

- 93 points & Double Gold Medal, Sunset International Wine Competition
- 93 points, International Wine Report
- 93 points, International Wine Review
- 90 points & Gold Medal, Jeb Dunnuck

2020 NUNES VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR:

- 93 points, Wine Spectator
- 93 points & Gold Medal, North Coast Wine Challenge
- 92 points, International Wine Report
- 92 points, International Wine Review
- 91 points, Wine Critic Owen Bargreen
- 90 points & Gold Medal, Sunset International Wine Competition

2020 PETERS VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR:

- Pinot Cup Winner, 2023 16th Annual Pigs & Pinot
- 97 points & Double Gold Medal, North Coast Wine Challenge
- 94 points, International Wine Review
- 94 points, International Wine Report
- 93 points & Double Gold Medal, Sunset International Wine Competition
- 92 points, Wine Enthusiast

2020 POMMARD CLONES, PINOT NOIR:

- 98 points & Double Gold Medal, NCWC
- 95 points, International Wine Report
- 94 points & Double Gold Medal, AFWC
- 93 points, International Wine Review
- 92 points, & Gold Medal, Los Angeles Invitational
- 92 points & Gold Medal, Wine Critic Owen Bargreen

2020 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, PINOT NOIR:

- 100 points Best of Class, Double Gold Medal, & Platinum, Sunset International Wine Competition
- 93 points, International Wine Report
- 92 points, Wine Spectator
- 92 Points & 25 Best Pinot Noirs for 2023, VinePair

2020 SONOMA COAST, PINOT NOIR:

- 99 points, Best of Class, & Double Gold Medal, Los Angeles Invitational
- 94 points & Editors' Choice, Wine Enthusiast
- 93 points, Wine Spectator
- 90 points, WineReviewOnline

2020 DRY CREEK VALLEY, ZINFANDEL:

- 93 points, Wine Spectator
- 91 points, Wine Enthusiast



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