

# Wine Family News

Fall 2017 Amanti Edition



Turtle Inn, Belize

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*Sonoma County, Napa County*

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**97 Points, Platinum** – 2017 Critics Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition

**Double Gold** – 2017 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Similar to Australia's famed Penfolds Grange, Eleanor is a robust red blend that combines fruit from two of the Coppola properties. Blending Syrah and Petite Sirah grown in Rutherford with Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, we've created a unique bottling that is very long lived with exceptional depth and complexity.

Beautifully perfumed with dramatic spices, our 2013 Eleanor offers a rich, velvety palate of jammy boysenberries, cassis, and juicy plums enlivened by fragrant notes of black cherries, cloves, allspice, and cocoa. Less obvious are the mineral nuances of this vintage, with intrigue added by seasoned wood and earthy notes that emerge as the wine opens up. We've experimented with different types of oak the past few years, and are extremely pleased with the way the barrels have impacted the fruit from this outstanding vintage.



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## 2014 Francis Coppola Reserve Petite Sirah

### *Bevill-Wolcott Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley*

100% Petite Sirah

Member Exclusive | Limited Availability

Each vintage of our limited production Francis Coppola Reserve Petite Sirah is crafted exclusively for our Wine Family members and we are thrilled to have a few bottles left to share with you. Our 2014 Petite Sirah is a big, plush wine with velvety texture, good tannin structure, and a lot of concentration. Briary berries, baking spices, and seasoned wood dominate the nose while rich, mouth-filling impressions of black cherries, cassis, and cloves create decadent layers of flavor that extend on the finish with subtle notes of flowers and tobacco.





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## 2015 Francis Coppola Reserve Chardonnay New Vintage!

*Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley*

100% Chardonnay

**90 Points** – Wine Enthusiast Magazine

**Gold** – 2016 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

2015 was a noteworthy year. Not only did it mark the fourth consecutive season of exceptional fruit quality in California, it also saw the earliest harvest on record. Warm spring conditions prompted early bud break and lack of rain coupled with steady temperatures throughout the season yielded a lighter than normal crop with intensely concentrated fruit.

Barrel fermentation and malolactic fermentation enhanced the wine's rich, creamy mouthfeel, while the fruit's natural acidity provided balance to create a wine that feels simultaneously opulent and elegant. Citrus-tinged mineral notes transform into tropical fruits perfumed with nutmeg and vanilla while long luscious flavors of pineapple, quince, white peach, and honeysuckle create a stylish palate and memorable drinking experience.



## 2014 Francis Coppola Reserve Syrah

*Nimble Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley*

96% Syrah, 4% Petite Sirah

**92 Points, Gold** – 2017 Critics Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition

2014 was another outstanding year for California wine. Our 2014 Francis Coppola Reserve Syrah offers juicy, freshly picked fruit expressions and a pronounced earthy character. There is ample tannin and structure to support the rich, luscious flavors of raspberries, blackberries, and cherries. Notes of leather and tobacco mingle with exotic spice nuances reminiscent of incense and sandalwood. With the longevity of the flavors on the finish, this wine leaves a lasting impression.



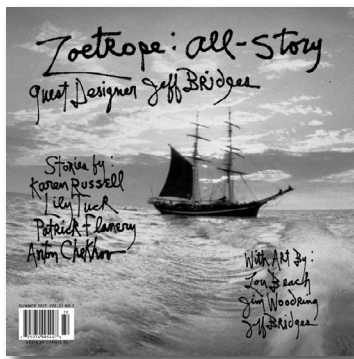
## 2016 Francis Coppola Reserve Viognier

*Catie's Corner, Russian River Valley*

100% Viognier

Our Viognier from Catie's Corner delivers tropical fruit tones on very warm years, but leans more toward mineral nuances in cool years. The 2016 vintage offers the best of both worlds, showing pretty floral notes, juicy fruits, hints of baking spice, and crisp mineral qualities. An alluring fragrance of lemon, pineapple, wet stone, and honeysuckle gives way to succulent flavors of peach, tangerine, and guava. Beautifully balanced by vibrant natural acidity, elegant mineral character evolves on a grand, lengthy finish.





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*Sonoma County*

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The 2015 Director's Cut Cabernet Sauvignon delivers a velvety texture and complex aromas of berries, black currant, anise, and cigar box. Concentrated but well focused, this wine offers vibrancy and balance that offsets its weight. Distinct impressions of oak, spice, cocoa, and smoke are layered between flavors of red and black fruits, making the overall experience of this vintage impressive and multi-dimensional. This wine is best with a few years of aging, but can be enjoyed now with 1 to 2 hours of decanting.



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*Sonoma County*

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Our 2015 Director's Cut Pinot Noir offers tremendous depth and character, including good weight and a velvety palate along with sturdy but supple tannins. After the grapes were pressed, we used open-top fermenters and punched down the cap several times a day for extraction. When fermentation was complete, the wine was placed in a combination of new and used French oak barrels. During the maturation process we racked the wine several times to gently remove sediment so that the wine would exhibit vibrant color. This vintage is incredibly spice driven. A dazzling perfume of blackberries, wild strawberries, cardamom, anise, and toasted wood is followed by juicy flavors of plums, cherry pie, and vanilla bean.



## 2014 Director's Cabernet Sauvignon

*Sonoma County*

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petite Sirah, 5% Merlot, 5% Zinfandel, 4% Cabernet Franc

**91 Points, Gold** – 2016 Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition

**Double Gold** – 2017 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Our 2014 Director's Cabernet Sauvignon offers a ripe core of fruits that include blackberry, cherry, and cassis as well as warm spice nuances. Dark and succulent with medium density, a balanced palate, and a nice integration of wood, this vintage is very fragrant and captures the essence of the vintage. This wine pairs well with grilled lamb chops, barbecued spareribs, or French lentils.

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*Sonoma County*

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Our 2014 Director's Merlot offers lushness and a round, full palate. Its fragrance demonstrates red and black fruit with hints of anise and spiced wood. Juicy upon entry, the wine broadens and becomes velvety on the palate with flavors of plum, loganberry, and black cherry, accentuated by subtle spice notes of espresso bean and toasted vanilla. Medium tannins support the body of this wine, offering sophistication in its finish. Pair this wine with brisket, grilled pork chops, or linguine with pesto.





## 2015 Director's Great Movies Chardonnay

*Sonoma County, Monterey County*

100% Chardonnay

**91 Points, Gold** – 2017 Winemaker Challenge International Wine Competition

Enjoy a perfume of exotic aromas including ripe tropical fruits like pineapple and passion fruit, sweet Meyer lemon, and fresh baked shortbread cookies. The rich, creamy palate opens with the flavor of home baked lemon bars followed by impressions of melon and baking spices. You'll also find classic Chardonnay minerality and a warm toasted oak finish. This wine pairs beautifully with lobster rolls, fried clams, fresh oysters, or grilled fish.





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## 2016 Sofia Chardonnay

New Vintage!

*Monterey County*

90% Chardonnay, 10% Pinot Blanc

Our Chardonnay is grown in the cool climate of Monterey County. Because the vineyards reside close to the coast, fog coupled with chilly mornings and nights extend the growing season. These conditions help the fruit retain its natural acidity, adding vibrancy to the wine. Our 2016 Sofia Chardonnay delivers juicy flavors of pineapple, pear, citrus, and melon highlighted by delicate spice notes and a hint of minerals. Showing grace on the palate and a silky texture, this aromatic wine is balanced by crisp acidity, which makes it highly versatile with food.



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