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"Even as a kid, I knew TECHNICOLOR offered the most beautiful movie color process. Technicolor, I learned, was not a photographic process but similar to lithography whereby primary colors were actually printed on the clear celluloid. For me, Technicolor was the standard of color for all movies. Director's Cut Technicolor celebrates artistry in film and wine, two of life's greatest forms of entertainment."

—Francis Ford Coppola

A very special commemorative wine honoring 100 years of cinematic innovation, Technicolor is comprised of six varietals that underwent many blending trials before we reached just the right combination. This inaugural release features a complex blend of Malbec, Syrah, Petite Sirah, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Zinfandel. This new blend offers vibrant flavors with complex shades of spice, delivering good weight across the palate, robust tannins, and a notable oak presence that frames lush, juicy flavors of plum, wild blackberry, and cassis. The fruit is accented by exotic fragrances that include cinnamon, coriander, and star anise, as well as a hint of lavender. As the wine opens up, a caramelized vanilla character emerges that leads into a long, luxurious finish. This newly released wine will be best after a few years of aging, but can be enjoyed now with 1 to 2 hours of decanting.



### 2014 Francis Coppola Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Knights Valley, Sonoma County

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The limited production Francis Coppola Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon continues to quickly sell out vintage after vintage, and we expect this new release to be no different. As we do with each Francis Coppola Reserve wine, we reserve one bottle for each Amanti member shipment. This vintage is from the Newman Vineyard, positioned at the center of Knights Valley in Sonoma County. Planted to moderate rootstock and Clone 7 Cabernet, this gravelly clay loam vineyard features 30-year-old vines. Out of this maturity comes expressive, high quality fruit. Aromas of wild berries, juniper, and baking spices transition to high volume flavors of cherries and cassis interwoven with earthy elements like espresso beans, toasted wood, forest floor, and dried flowers. It's dark, dense, and seriously delicious. This new vintage can be enjoyed now with 1 to 2 hours of decanting, or after a few years of aging.





### 2015 Francis Coppola Reserve Viognier

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Our limited production 2015 Francis Coppola Reserve Viognier once again comes from Catie's Corner, a vineyard in the Russian River Valley of Sonoma County. Unlike last year's rendition from the same vineyard, this vintage is lighter on spice and larger on minerals, making it more graceful and refined than its predecessor. We harvested our 2015 Viognier in the early morning hours, fermented cool, and finished in stainless steel to protect the varietal's fragrance. This vintage is elegant in style with refreshing mineral character. It opens with aromatic citrus bergamot and pretty floral notes. Succulent flavors of apricot, peach, and guava are enlivened by a hint of lemon and vibrant natural acidity.



#### 2014 Director's Cut Merlot

Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

#### Amanti Red

Available exclusively to members through shipments and at the winery, the 2014 vintage of Director's Cut Merlot is a beautiful blend of 87% Merlot, 10% Syrah, and 3% Zinfandel. The 2014 fruit is exceedingly juicy in character, with distinct spice notes, a plush texture, and supple tannins. What begins with an alluring fragrance of crushed berries, cassis, star anise, and cedar is followed by luscious impressions of plums and baked cherry pie tinged with vanilla bean.

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Sonoma County

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## 2014 Rosso & Bianco Rosso California

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Our Rosso & Bianco wines have always been very special to us. Not only do they pay tribute to the family's Italian heritage, they're some of the first wines we ever created. When it comes to Rosso, the brand's flagship wine, we strive to bring you a blend that reflects the kind of homemade "comfort" wines Francis recalls his family making. Our 2014 Rosso is ready to be enjoyed right away, offering rich, juicy flavors of berries, cherries, and an edge of spice. The complexity of this wine is the result of blending varietals: Zinfandel offers pepper, spice notes, and succulent dark fruits, Syrah gives the wine a velvety texture, Cabernet Sauvignon lends red fruit and structure, and Petite Sirah provides body and weight.



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## 2015 Rosso & Bianco Shiraz California

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A favorite from our Rosso & Bianco collection, the Shiraz offers density and texture, featuring an edge of tannin and a complex flavor profile that includes impressions of dark jammy berries, black pepper, mocha, and a touch of floral. The wine is influenced by using a combination of French and American oak. French oak heightens vanilla and baking spice nuances with American oak bringing out pepper and earthiness in the blend.



## 2016 Rosso & Bianco Pinot Grigio California

#### Amici Mix

If you have been sitting outside our Winemaker's Lab recently, you will have heard about our incredible 2016 vintage of wines that we will be releasing starting this year. The Amici Mix shipments include the first taste of the 2016 vintage, with the release of our Rosso & Bianco Pinot Grigio. A beautiful blend of 23% Chardonnay and 77% Pinot Grigio, this bright, crisp wine is perfect for spring. President and Director of Winemaking, Corey Beck, stated that "the profile is melon, tropical fruit, and citrus notes... personally, I really like it with shellfish or oysters."

## 2014 Diamond Collection Zinfandel California

#### Amici Mix

Crafted by blending fruit from different appellations, clone selections, soil types, and cultivation methods, our Diamond Collection Zinfandel embraces the diversity and complexity of vineyards throughout California. Primarily comprised of Zinfandel from Paso Robles and Sonoma County, a small amount of Petite Sirah is added to balance the wine's jammy nature with added structure. The balanced blend creates complex aromas of wild berry, currants, tobacco leaves, and cinnamon, followed by deep flavors of plum, cherry, dark chocolate, and toasted wood.



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