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Summer 2017 Amanti Edition



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2014 Francis Coppola Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Newman Vineyard, Knights Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Gold, 91 Points – 2017 Winemaker Challenge International Wine Competition



This limited production 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from The Newman Vineyard in Knights Valley sells out vintage after vintage, making it one of the most popular wines in our portfolio. The Newman Vineyard sits at the center of Knights Valley, one of Sonoma County's warmest sub-appellations. It's a perfect example of how excellent farming practices combined with good soil and climate work to create impressive reserve level wines with vintage-to-vintage consistency. 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.

Due to the popularity of this wine, we wanted to ensure all Amanti Members received two bottles of this vintage. Your first bottle was released in the spring shipment, followed by a second release in this summer shipment. If you would like additional bottles of this vintage, we kindly suggest ordering them soon - this wine always sells out quickly!

We are honored to share that the previous vintage of this Francis Coppola Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon from Stuhlmuller Vineyard was just honored with a score of 91 points by Wine Enthusiast Magazine. We allocated two bottles of the 2013 vintage in the spring 2016 Amanti shipments. We hope you enjoyed this incredible award-winning wine.

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2013 Director's Cut Cinema

Sonoma County

52% Zinfandel, 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Sirah, 4% Merlot

Gold, 92 points – Los Angeles International Wine Competition

Gold – Orange County Wine Society Commercial Wine Competition

While the vagaries of each vintage dictate the exact blend, our Director's Cut Cinema is always comprised of Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel, with other red varietals rounding out the composition to create a robust wine that delivers lush, full-bodied character, solid tannin structure, and richly fragrant fruit. Complex, well endowed, and velvety in texture, our 2013 Cinema delivers immense concentration and a great deal of sophistication. Blackberries, raspberries, and tangy pomegranate are prominent aromas as are spices ranging from cinnamon and coffee bean to cocoa and black pepper. The palate reveals sweet cherries, spiced plums, warm vanilla, and toasted oak flavors that build into a lush finish that features a hint of minerals. With a solid frame of firm tannins, this wine will have great longevity and become even more elegant as time goes on.



2015 Francis Coppola Reserve Pinot Noir

Martinelli King Ranch, Russian River Valley

100% Pinot Noir

Gold, 92 Points – 2017 Winemaker Challenge International Wine Competition

This is the first time we've had the opportunity to source grapes from the Martinelli family's King Ranch Vineyard. George and Lee Martinelli are multi-generation winegrowers who take great pride in their vineyards, producing some of Russian River Valley's finest fruit.

The wine from our 2015 vintage delivers a rich, full-bodied palate that offers excellent length. Beautiful aromas of black raspberries, kirsch, lavender, and star anise give way to lush, juicy flavors of cherries and strawberries emboldened by hints of mocha, toasted spices, and an edge of bourbon vanilla from French oak barrels. Supple tannin structure lends aging potential to this vintage, but even now it demonstrates complexity and intrigue.



2014 Francis Coppola Reserve Syrah

Nimble Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley

96% Syrah, 4% Petite Sirah

Located in the Dry Creek Valley appellation, Nimble Vineyard, formerly Wallace Creek, is situated in a well-wooded, picturesque area where rolling hills offer the ideal terrain for mountainous, higher elevation vineyards. The alluvial silt and clay loam soils in this region have a high level of organic matter, which works to accentuate the dark jammy fruit flavors of Syrah. The hills here shield the vineyards from the Pacific's cool coastal influence, which helps maintain an ideal ripening temperature of 85 degrees. Even though it's warm during the day, fog makes its way into the valley each evening to cool the vineyards back down. This pattern prolongs the growing season so that the grapes mature slowly for more concentration.

2014 was another outstanding year for California wine. Across the board, the fruit demonstrated good texture and density along with intense aromatic properties. Our 2014 Nimble Vineyard 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.



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2016 Sofia Brut Rosé

New Wine Release!

Monterey County

80% Pinot Noir, 20% Chardonnay



The wines of the Sofia collection are summertime essentials, so you can imagine that we couldn't be more excited to unveil our new Sofia Brut Rosé just in time for all of your summer celebrations. Styled after the sparkling rosés of Loire and Alsace in France, Sofia Brut Rosé offers light effervescence, crisp natural acidity, and notes of fresh fruit, flowers, and spice. Unlike our still rosé, which is crafted from Rhône varietals, Sofia Brut Rosé is made from a blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, which offers alluring, aromatic flavors. This wine was practically created for an afternoon happy hour, as it pairs well with assorted cheeses and charcuterie, hors d'oeuvres, and oysters.

The debut release of Sofia Brut Rosé flaunts a floral nose highlighted by aromatic notes of tea leaves and flavors of tart red currants, pomegranates, strawberries, peaches, cloves, and spice berries. Graceful and round across the palate, this wine is underscored by a crisp verve that brings the tapestry of flavors to life, then lets them linger on the sparkling finish.

And the cherry on top? It comes in minis too!

If you haven't had the chance to enjoy our minis yet, you're missing out. Crafted for poolside sipping, outdoor concerts, and practically anywhere you can't bring a bottle, our Sofia Blanc de Blancs and Sofia Brut Rosé are available in 187ml cans. Also great for those moments you want just one glass of sparkling wine, but don't want to pop an entire bottle.

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2013 Pitagora

Sonoma County

37% Petite Sirah, 27% Merlot, 14% Syrah, 9 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot, 4% Zinfandel, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec

Gold, 91 Points - Sommelier Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition

Gold, 90 Points - Critics Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition

Gold - San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

This wine has quickly gained notoriety among critics and is a member favorite. In fact, it is one of our most requested wines for shipments! It is no wonder, as the fruit for this wine is sourced from three incredible appellations of Sonoma County: Alexander Valley, Sonoma Valley, and Dry Creek Valley. Each varietal adds its own unique characteristics. Petite Sirah is the backbone of this blend, lending density and a peppery nuance, with the remainder comprised of outstanding selections of Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot.

Extremely dark and dense, you'll experience a dramatic fragrance of plums, cinnamon, violets, and impressions of baked boysenberry pie. With this vintage, the earthiness is toned down and instead the wine favors black fruits and spices. Cherries, cassis, and black raspberries are enhanced by notes of star anise and seasoned wood. Generous tannins framing the velvety fruit character give this wine a robust presence while spice notes, a touch of pepper, and the lengthy finish add to its allure. Whether you're throwing a great dinner party under the stars or invited all your neighbors over for a barbeque, this wine pairs beautifully with smoky meat on the grill.



2015 Diamond Collection Malbec

California

97% Malbec, 3% Petit Sirah

Our Diamond Collection Malbec was one of the first California bottlings of a single varietal Malbec. After a decade of producing this varietal, we've perfected our cultivation methods to achieve extremely high quality fruit.

The 2015 vintage was marked by an early season. The warm, dry summer months led to less, more concentrated fruit on the vines, which became rich and expressive by harvest. The resulting wine has weight and body along with structure to support the ripeness of the fruit.

Malbec offers hearty character and the same framework as Cabernet but has less tannin and a slightly rounder palate that delivers succulent fruit and a distinctive mineral note unique to the varietal. This year's rendition is extremely well-balanced and complex because of lower, more concentrated yields. Aromas of cherry, minerals, leather, and dark chocolate can be found along with flavors of blackberry, pomegranate, and vanilla.



2015 Diamond Collection Zinfandel

California

95% Zinfandel, 5% Petit Sirah

This Zinfandel, blended from Mendocino and Lodi County grapes, is a unique blend that reflects different clone selections, soil types, and cultivation methods. This diversity creates complexity and a more textured palate.

Because of limited rain in the spring, the vines developed less fruit, which became rich and extracted by harvest. This year's Zinfandel is extremely dark and fragrant with jammy fruit character and plentiful spice notes. A small amount of Petite Sirah in the blend contributes earthy mineral notes as well as color, density, and structure. Aromas of cherries, leather, and toasted oak are accentuated by flavors of plums, raspberries, and anise.



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