

Let's *Wine*
About it



CABERNET SAUVIGNON

- The world's most popular red wine grape is a natural cross between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc from Bordeaux, France. Cabernet Sauvignon is loved for its high concentration and age worthiness.
- The rich flavor and high tannin content in Cabernet Sauvignon make it a perfect partner to rich grilled meats, peppery sauces, and dishes with high flavor.
- Wine drinkers today can find many Cabernet Sauvignon options in the market. Some Cabernet Sauvignon wines are sumptuous and fruity, others are savory and smoky. It all depends on where the Cabernet Sauvignon grows and how it's made into wine.
- In 1997, researchers at UC Davis (Carole Meredith and John Bowers) shocked the world. They discovered Cabernet Sauvignon was a child of Sauvignon Blanc (and Cabernet Franc).
- It's true that Sauvignon Blanc leaves look very similar to Cabernet Sauvignon vines. That said, no one ever thought that a white grape could parent such a world class red.

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PRIVATE RESERVE CLUB	PRICES EXPIRE 11/30/2021	REGULAR PRICE*	12-BOTTLE DISCOUNT PRICE*	6-BOTTLE DISCOUNT PRICE*
Bernardus 2019 Soberanes Chardonnay		\$50.00	\$37.50	\$40.00
KORi 2018 San Saba Vineyard Syrah		\$42.00	\$31.50	\$33.60
Mission Trail Vineyards 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon		\$35.00	\$26.25	\$28.00
SEPTEMBER SELECTIONS		PRICES EXPIRE 11/30/2021		
Pot Belly Vintners NVV Charlotte's Red		\$22.00	\$16.50	\$17.60
Rocklin Ranch 2020 Chardonnay		\$20.00	\$15.00	\$16.00
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Mission Trail Vineyards 2018 Tusca		\$28.00	\$21.00	\$22.40
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WINERY SPOTLIGHT:



KORi Wines is the partnership between Santa Lucia Highlands grape/citrus grower Kirk Williams & his step-daughter Kori Violini. Kirk planted the first vines in 1998, in 2007 they launched the initial KORi Wines Pinot Noir from the KW Ranch Vineyard and Sabrine Rodems has been winemaker since 2010. In 2018, with much enthusiasm, they began the endeavor to open a tasting room in Carmel-by-the-Sea and offer a full assortment of wines including Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, Rosé, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sparkling Blanc de Blancs and of course, Pinot Noir from several different vineyard locations throughout Monterey County.



KW Ranch

The KW Ranch occupies 14 terraced acres in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Sitting at about 220 feet elevation there is a gentle 5% slope of fertile soil that is mostly gravel loam with some large amounts of quartz. With Pinot Noir, it's all about the "where" and it is here on the ranch that Kori herself actually lives where some of the best pinot grapes grow this side of Burgundy.

The KW Ranch is perfectly situated in the heart of the SLH, surrounded by many well-known estates, including Garys' Vineyard, Sleepy Hollow, and Rosella's. Here the winds off Monterey Bay, cool climate, perfect soils, and long growing season allow Kori Pinot Noir to live up to its pedigree. Not only for their family venture but grapes are also sold to other wineries including Wrath, Scratch, Eno & Morgan.

Highlands Vineyard

Just down the road the Highlands is where we source the grapes for KORi Blanc de Blancs Sparkling Wine from 100% Chardonnay as well as Rosé made exclusively from 100% Pinot Noir. Sitting about 100 feet higher than KW at 36 acres the Highlands Vineyard is a "boutique" offering in the SLH not unlike Meursault is for Burgundy. The Chardonnay here is pure coastal California with the ability to straddle buttery or crisp with floral aromas and fruity palates.

Griva Vineyard

In 2014 they made their first Sauvignon Blanc wine with grapes made exclusively from the Griva Vineyard further down the valley in Arroyo Seco.

The vineyards border both sides of the Arroyo Seco River, for over 7000 feet, and contains many elevation changes. The Francioni and Griva Family has farmed on the Central Coast since 1868 and purchased what is currently the Griva Vineyard in 1905. All of the vineyard soils are Arroyo Seco Loam with more sand, gravel and large stones compared to elsewhere in the AVA, especially the blocks nearest the river. The entire vineyard area comprises 334 acres with 57 being Sauvignon Blanc, but at 280 acres Chardonnay is the most commonly planted with smaller amounts of Riesling, Pinot Noir & Blanc and Syrah.



San Saba Vineyard

Wrath Wines' estate San Saba Vineyard is sheltered in a nook just below the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. 25 miles south-east of Monterey the climate is heavily influenced by the morning fog and afternoon winds from the nearby Pacific Ocean. This is a cool site with little rainfall and one of the longest growing seasons in the world. The unusual climate allows winemakers to produce ripe, concentrated wines of exceptional balance. The estate consists of 72 acres, 67.75 of which are planted to grapes. The varietal mix is Chardonnay (30.44 acres), Pinot Noir (18.11 acres), Sauvignon Blanc (15.44 acres), Syrah (3.60 acres) and Falanghina (0.59 acres).

Reserve Wine Selections

BERNARDUS - 2019 *Bernardus Soberanes Chardonnay*



Vineyard: Santa Lucia Highlands' two most renowned growers, Gary Pisoni and Gary Francioni, have joined forces on an exciting vineyard located just south of the celebrated Garys' Vineyard in the heart of the Santa Lucia Highlands - it is called Soberanes Vineyard. Bernardus is honored to be among the few wineries to receive both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from this exciting superstar of the Santa Lucia Highlands appellation.

Winemaking: Bernardus has chosen a block planted with the highly regarded Wente clone of Chardonnay which is known for its small clusters of tiny grapes. This clone, along with the highest quality farming practices, provides us with a very intense wine exhibiting the finest quality aromas and flavors. All their Chardonnays are fermented and aged in the Burgundian tradition. Their Soberanes Vineyard Chardonnay grapes are hand-picked before being gently whole-cluster pressed and barrel fermented using a variety of specially selected yeasts. This Chardonnay undergoes a complete malo-lactic fermentation which, along with hand stirring every two weeks, enhances the richness, complexity of the wine.

Tasting Notes: The 2019 Soberanes Chard exhibits aromas of baked apple and crème fresh. The palate exhibits its hallmark richness and intensity showing ripe white fruit flavors accented by subtle buttery oak notes, which linger beautifully on its soft, full finish.

KORI - 2018 *San Saba Vineyard Syrah*



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Tasting Notes: Hot off the heels of the, now sold out, 2017 vintage comes the San Saba 2018 which a slightly drier year shows the same great black fruit, plum, baking spice and smoked meat put in a more concentrated package.

MISSION TRAIL VINEYARDS - 2018 *Cabernet Sauvignon*



Winery: Nearly 230 years ago Franciscan friars planted wine grapes in Monterey County. Although these early vineyards are no longer around, they foretold the story of the thriving grape growing industry of today. Mission Trail Vineyards is dedicated to showcasing the promise that Monterey wine country has to offer. Only small lots of hand-crafted wines are produced. Owners, Ken and Robyn believe wine should be a reflection of the true varietal character with little man-made influences.

Vineyard: The Carmel Valley's terrain and climate is ideal for creating rich, full bodied wines; the Bordeaux varietals are favorites here, especially Cabernet Sauvignon. Average summer temperatures can reach into the 100's with cool evenings dropping into the low 30's and 40's. This dramatic swing in temperature extends the ripening time and growing season, allowing the grapes a slow maturation process for eventual complexity in the fruit and the wine.

Tasting Notes: This Cabernet Sauvignon is deep Garnet in color, with aromas of blackberry, cassis and oak. On the palate, there are initial flavors of plum and blackberry that lead into dark chocolate and cassis. finishing with touches of earth and cedar.

Bernardus
2019
Soberanes Chardonnay
Alcohol
14.4%
AVA
Santa Lucia Highlands
Composition
100% Chardonnay
Aging Potential
4-5 years

KORI
2018
San Saba Vineyard Syrah
Alcohol
14.0%
AVA
Monerey
Composition
100% Syrah
Aging Potential
6-8 years

Mission Trail Vineyards
2018
Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol
13.8%
AVA
Carmel Valley
Composition
100% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot
Aging Potential
6-8 years



MEET OUR MEMBERS: *Pat and Cheryl Moloney*

The Moloneys are originally from Northern California but moved to Boise, ID in 1977, where both Pat and Cheryl were Educators. Cheryl is now retired, and Pat left the Education industry in 1996 and started an event planning company. His business has brought him to California quite often, particularly to the Monterey Peninsula.

One Fall afternoon, Cheryl was exploring Cannery Row while Pat was golfing, and she happened upon A Taste of Monterey. She came inside, enjoyed a glass of wine along with our amazing views, and decided that she must join our Wine Club. That was in 2006. For 15 years, Pat and Cheryl have been loving their membership as much as we have loved them as our members.

When we asked them why they have kept their membership for so many years, Pat and Cheryl happily shared that what they "love about the Club is the variety of wines in the shipments. Monterey Wine Country is a big area, and our exploration of this region is through this wine club."



The Moloneys, 2006

The couple describe themselves as "equal opportunity wine drinkers", meaning they have no favorite varietal. Pat says they "like to drink whatever fits their fancy at that given moment". Though they do have a few favorite wineries from Monterey - Line Shack and Bernardus, to name a few.

When Pat is in town for business, not only will they stop in to enjoy a glass, relax and enjoy our beautiful setting, he often buys cases of wine from us for his events. We have even sent cases out of state for events Pat has held. It's truly amazing that he shares his love of Monterey County wines with others everywhere he goes.

Since the pandemic has kept everyone at home, we have not seen Pat and Cheryl in awhile. However, they continue to support us not only through their membership, but also by ordering additional wine. Pat and Cheryl explain that they have a "great relationship with Jasmine. We would just contact her and she'd send us wine to get us through COVID." We are always grateful for their support, we can't wait to see them in person!



Pat and Cheryl, 2021

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Noble Vines 152 Pinot Grigio, Bernardus Chardonnay, Line Shack Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Cheese Corner



PAIRING CABERNET SAUVIGNON WITH CHEESE

Young cabernet with light tannins: choose aged cheeses—great options are included above for cheddar and gouda, Pecorino-style sheep's cheese and goat.

Older cabernet with soft tannins: choose semi-firm cow's milk cheeses, such as aged cheddars, aged goudas, sheep's milk cheeses and Comté.

Big, rich cabernets: choose intense cheddar cheeses and aged Gruyère.

Wines with a long finish, such as cabernet sauvignon, demand cheeses with complex flavors that can stand up to that finish, and aged cheddars tend to be the best pairing for various styles of cabernet sauvignon. When in doubt, choose aged cheddar for cabernet.