

Hello Armida Family!

We are so excited to get rolling here in 2022. The rebuild of our hospitality area is near completion with the site coming together, looking just like the beautiful design by Jarrod Bauman our amazing architect. All the heavy lifting is done. We are now putting in the railings, soon to be followed by the lighting, planting, turf install, and finally the furniture (which is already on site)! Steve and I are working on some new experiences that will give you all some fun and different tasting options. More importantly we will get back to some of your favorite Armida events and wine club parties. The timing will be perfect, just in time for the warm weather. Due to Covid restrictions and the construction completion date, Armida will have our own Barrel Tasting Futures event, and a special boutique Passport experience for our wine club members this year. Details to follow!



As I was selecting the wines for this shipment it struck me how special our wine club is and the great relationships and good times we have had together through the years. Some of you are new members and most have been loyal Armida fans for many moons. Hopefully for many more to come.

I also had forgotten how special our wines are! In this shipment we will offer 3 wines that are so very limited. 2018 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay, the last of this wine you'll see from us. The total case production was just 203 cases. Everyone will be receiving our 2018 Parmelee Hill Vineyard Zinfandel. We have been the exclusive producer of this wine for years. This vintage received a stellar 94 Point rating from Wine Enthusiast and is a 347 case total bottling. Finally for those of you who prefer all red wines in your shipment, you will receive a 2018 Chalone Vineyard Pinot Noir. This wine also received a wonderful 92 Point rating from Wine Enthusiast. Another limited wine with only 161 cases produced. It's sure great to be an Armida Wino! We appreciate you all staying with us during this past couple years with everything that has been going on.

Well I am going to get back out there and root the construction team and winery crew on as we get ready to fully reopen and bottle our 2021 Sauvignon Blanc and Grenache Rose....

Cheers to all!
Bruce

Featured Wines



2018 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay – Sonoma Coast

APPELLATION: Sonoma Coast | BLEND: 100% Chardonnay | OAK: 60% New French Oak 16 mths in French Oak
ALCOHOL: 14.5% | TA: 5.7 g/L | pH: 3.54 | RS: (Dry) | CASES: 203

- Only 10 miles north of the San Pablo Bay, the marine influence plays a significant role in the grape crop's flavor and character development.
- We select two different clones, clone 76 and clone 15, from two separate blocks, with two different soil structures; creating a more diverse and interesting wine.
- After fermentation the wine was kept on the lees and stirred every two weeks until malolactic fermentation was finished in late spring.
- Aged over 16 months before being minimally fined and filtered right before bottling.
- The rich, smooth wine enters the mouth with a blast of D'anjou Pear, lemon cookie flavors and distinctive minerality.
- The lengthy, expansive finish surrounds the palate with flavors of fresh citrus and spiced apple pie.
- Drink now or age for up to 7 more years.

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2018 Chalone Vineyard Pinot Noir - Chalone

APPELLATION: Chalone | BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir | OAK: 35% New French Oak, 16 mths
ALCOHOL: 13.5% | TA: 6.3 g/L | pH: 3.45 | RS: (Dry) | CASES: 161

- Chalone Vineyard is located on the west-side of Pinnacles National Park, in Central California.
- This wine comes from 13 rows of the 667-clone of Pinot Noir in the Vista 6-Block, at about 1,200' elevation.
- The soil composition is unique to the Chalone appellation, comprised of a high amount of limestone.
- Our Chalone Pinot Noir is a dark shade of magenta, due to the clone 667, the elevation and the dry conditions of Chalone Vineyard.
- Aromatics of plums, raspberries, and rose petals are vibrant, with nuances of candied spices in the background.
- Drink now or age for up to 7 more years

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2018 Parmelee-Hill Vineyard Zinfandel – Sonoma Coast

APPELLATION: Sonoma Coast Sonoma County | BLEND: 100% Zinfandel
ALCOHOL: 14.5% | TA: 8.1 g/L | pH: 3.18 | RS: (Dry) | CASES: 347

- This acre was planted with steep terraces facing southward to maximize sun exposure - the warmest part of Parmelee-Hill vineyard.
- Cold nights, warm days, well-draining soils, and immaculate farming ensure that this Zinfandel flourishes in this very cool vineyard site.
- Twice daily for the next 15 days the wine was stirred with the skins to extract color, flavors, tannins and texture from the grapes.
- Once fermentation was complete, only the free-run wine was drained to a separate tank before being transferred into predominately French oak barrels to age for 16 months.
- The entry is luscious and complex, with flavors of fresh raspberries and plums intertwining with sweet vanillin and molasses from the barrel influence.
- The bright juicy acidity, a hallmark of Parmelee-Hill Vineyard, balances the sweetness of oak influence and sandy texture.
- Drink now or age for up to 15 more years.



Behind the Cellar Door

Hello Wine Club Members,

It's been a busy beginning to the year! With the threat of supply chain disruptions we've had to be extra diligent about ordering our bottling supplies with plenty of lead time. Our first bottling this month, the 2021 Sauvignon Blanc and Rosé, should avoid any delays. Unfortunately, we don't know if future bottlings will be affected. The rest of the wines from the 2021 harvest are tucked into the cellar and aging. I'm very excited about the 2021 wines and my patience is being tested because I want you all to taste how good they are. Currently, we're framing a plan to select a few barrels for you to taste at the winery, and have the opportunity to purchase futures of the wines at a discounted price.

This shipment is full of iconic wines from the 2018 vintage. This vintage is almost sold out and we'll shortly be releasing new vintages from your favorite vineyards. The 2018's have been aged perfectly and they are hitting their stride!

2018 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay - Those of you in our "Red and White" Wine Club will be receiving the last of our Durell Vineyard Chardonnay. Tragically, our old-vine block here had to be removed due to extremely low production. These old Chardonnay vines struggled, and grew a very small crop. The last vintage from this block, our Durell Chardonnay swan song (if you will), is a copiously rich and concentrated Chardonnay. I would pair it with polenta, grilled salmon, sage-butter chicken and my personal favorite, local Dungeness crab. Yum! We have a small number of cases left of the Durell Chardonnay. Be sure to call if you love it! It won't last long.

2018 Parmelee-Hill Vineyard Zinfandel - Regardless of which club you're in, you're receiving the Parmelee-Hill Zinfandel. I'm very proud of this special wine. It comes from a single acre planted on a steep hillside near San Pablo Bay. Not many Zinfandels have the "Sonoma Coast" origination, and that's what makes this wine so intriguing. The cooler climate of the Sonoma Coast crafts a Zinfandel that is higher in acidity and red fruit flavors. As such, this inimitable Zinfandel has a completely different flavor profile than our other Zins from the Dry Creek Valley. It's exciting to see diverse flavors in Zinfandel when it's grown in different climates. Wine Enthusiast seemed to appreciate the uniqueness of this wine and awarded it 94 POINTS!! This wine will age "forever," but it will peak in the next 2-7 years.

2018 Chalone Vineyard Pinot Noir - For those of you in the "Red Wines Only" club, you will receive our wonderful Chalone Vineyard Pinot Noir, only our second vintage from this historic vineyard. The incredible volcanic-limestone soils impart a true "taste of place" for this Pinot Noir. Great texture and a beautiful finish are the backbone of this wine. Wine Enthusiast rewarded our 2018 Chalone Vineyard Pinot with 92 Points.

NEWS FLASH I was voted by my peers to be President of the Board of Directors for Z.A.P., Zinfandel Advocates and Producers. ZAP is a non-profit organization with the primary purpose of educating the public about the historical significance and preservation of Zinfandel. ZAP began over 30 years ago and was founded by the "3 R's" (Ravenswood, Ridge and Rosenblum). For the past 6 years Bruce and Steve have been donating heavily to ZAP and have allowed me to volunteer my time. I immediately joined the board of directors and began helping out as much as I could. This is an honor as I look forward to helping educate and preserve Zinfandel. If you haven't heard about ZAP, please go check out their website Zinfandel.org. They have great videos and information about Zinfandel. You might even recognize some of the "Legendary Vineyards" that they spotlight (Maple Vineyards). They also hold an incredible Zinfandel tasting event in San Francisco every year. I will be pouring at this year's event that will take place over March 25, 26 and 27. See ZAP's website for more information.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2022. We have big things planned this year...I hope to see you here soon!

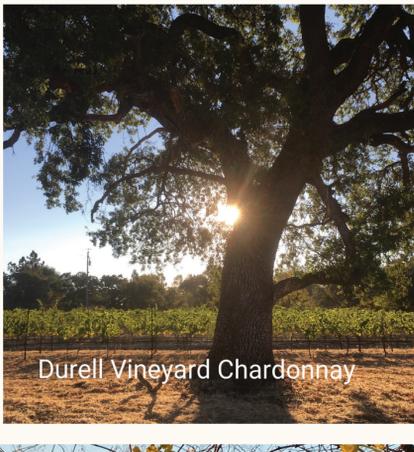
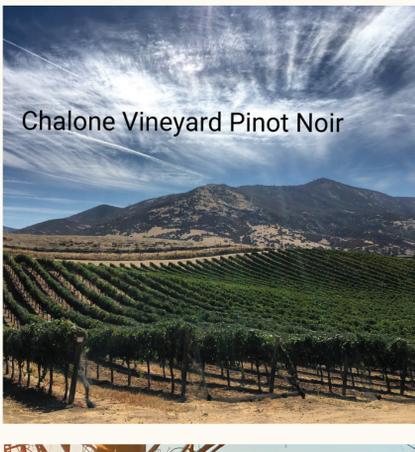
Cheers,
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Parmelee-Hill Vineyard Zinfandel

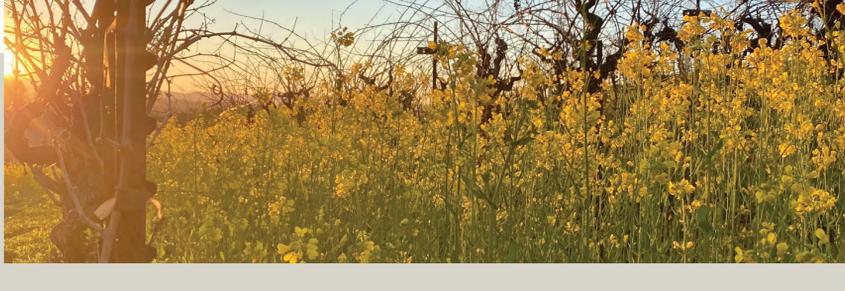


Parmelee-Hill Vineyard Zinfandel

Chalone Vineyard Pinot Noir



Durell Vineyard Chardonnay



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