

WINTER 2024

FEBRUARY

VENGE VINEYARDS & WINERY



OUR TIME TO SHINE



There are moments that have defined us over the years and none more so than this coming year.

Think about it, just 16 years ago we planted our flag within the dirt of our Calistoga Estate, Bone Ash Vineyard. A house, a vineyard, a vision for a work worthy of bearing the Venge name. This is a notion to hold onto amidst the weight of so much history.

Ours is a family tradition that started in 1976 with the purchase of seventeen acres in the heart of Oakville. Back then, wine country was sleepy-time on God's back porch come dusk. A glass of wine at the end of a hard day's work with your dog at your feet? That's a perfect moment in our book. To this day, there's nothing like the smell of fresh earth in the heart of this great valley when the sun goes down.

These are the roots from which we have grown and from which we produce the bounty that we enjoy sharing with all of you. So, brace yourselves for what is to come this year, because what we have in store is nothing short of spectacular! This is our year to shine.

The word for the year is consistency, and consistency begins

here, with your first allocation of the year, where you will find three wines worthy of bearing the Venge name. Our Stagecoach Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon and Sugarloaf Vineyard Cabernet Franc are true benchmarks from their respective vineyards and usher in lip-smacking deliciousness from vintage 2021. Production is limited and allocated exclusively direct to our list.

Here's another nugget to add to your gem collection. Our Brown Ranch Vineyard "Dijon Clone 76" Chardonnay has finally come into form and singing a beautiful song! This limited production beauty won't last long as it over delivers on quality for the price. Be sure to login and secure your allotment of this wine as well.

As we welcome the new year, we are proud to announce that we have shifted our long-term winemaking plans in your favor. Nearly all of the wines featured this year—and beyond—will be sold exclusively from our winery to you.

This new shift recognizes and rewards you for choosing us and for continuing your participation in all that we do. Thank you for joining us on this fantastic voyage!

With gratitude for your continued support.

25% Off Ground Shipping On 1-5 Bottles | FREE Ground Shipping on 6 Bottles Or More

2022 BROWN RANCH VINEYARD "Dijon Clones 76" CHARDONNAY | Los Carneros, Napa Valley

Here comes the first white wine from 2022 and it spectacular! This wine is stylish and freshly balanced, featuring a light, pale straw presence in the glass with a bouquet of fresh orange citrus, toasted pine nuts, mild allspice, rocky flints, and toasted oak. Crisp, savory pineapple, sweet delicious apple, savory stone fruit, and ripe pear lead into mouthwatering deliciousness.

Following tradition, our Chardonnays are harvested and whole-cluster pressed into neutral French Oak where primary and secondary native fermentation took place over a period of four months. The long, slow fermentation process assures silky consistency. Aged *sur-lie* for an extended period without stirring, this wine was fined via gentle racking and bottled unfiltered.

In 2012 the Renteria's purchased the 30 acre Brown Ranch (formerly associated with Saintsbury Winery and formerly a cattle grazing ranch taking its name from the former owner, Nadine Brown). The vineyard is bordered by HdV's Hyde Vineyard and Beaulieu's Vineyard No.9 on Old Sonoma Road.

\$50 | Mixed Orders of 1 to 6 Bottles: \$47.50 | Mixed Orders of 7+ Bottles \$45



2021 STAGECOACH VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON | Block I2B, Atlas Peak, Napa Valley

Stagecoach is one of Napa Valley's largest and leading mountain vineyards located near the Atlas Peak AVA at an elevation of around 1,700 feet above sea level. The soil is very rocky and the topography very steep. Temperatures are warm in the midday and cold at night. This diurnal effect makes for a balance of vibrant acidity and fruit structure that is concentrated and focused.

The grapes were hand-picked early and cool in the morning, then immediately whole berry destemmed using our state-of-the-art *Pellenc* sorting and destemming system. The pristine berries were moved via gravity into open top fermenters, given an initial 5 day cold soak, and fermented utilizing spontaneous native and malolactic fermentation. Time on skins lasted 21 days. The grape pomace was lightly pressed and kept separate as not to impart too much tannin in the finished wine. The barrel program is 100% French oak with 80% entirely new Francois Frères from the tight grained Voges forest in both medium and heavy toast. Bottled unfiltered.

The Stagecoach Vineyard consistently produces Cabernet Sauvignon of unparalleled quality. The 2021 vintage possesses an impressive, bold, deep, dark color that opens the door to an array of black fruit aromatics. Full-bodied, rich and complex with cassis and concentrated black plum, followed by warm toasted bread and French Oak vanillin. This wine has purpose! While still young and in development, the palate shows superior promise. The tannins are firm and support the back palate for several moments beyond the initial taste. If cellared correctly, this wine will continue to improve through 2038.

\$125 | Mixed Orders of 1 to 6 Bottles: \$118.75 | Mixed Orders of 7+ Bottles \$112.50

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2021 SUGARLOAF VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC | Napa Valley

When Cabernet Franc is grown to perfection, one finds great richness and depth in the variety. The significant complexity found in the 2021 vintage is a testament to the uniqueness of the block and its proximity to ideal diurnal temperature fluctuations. The resulting wine has structure and depth that will guarantee it holds a prominent place in your cellar for years to come.

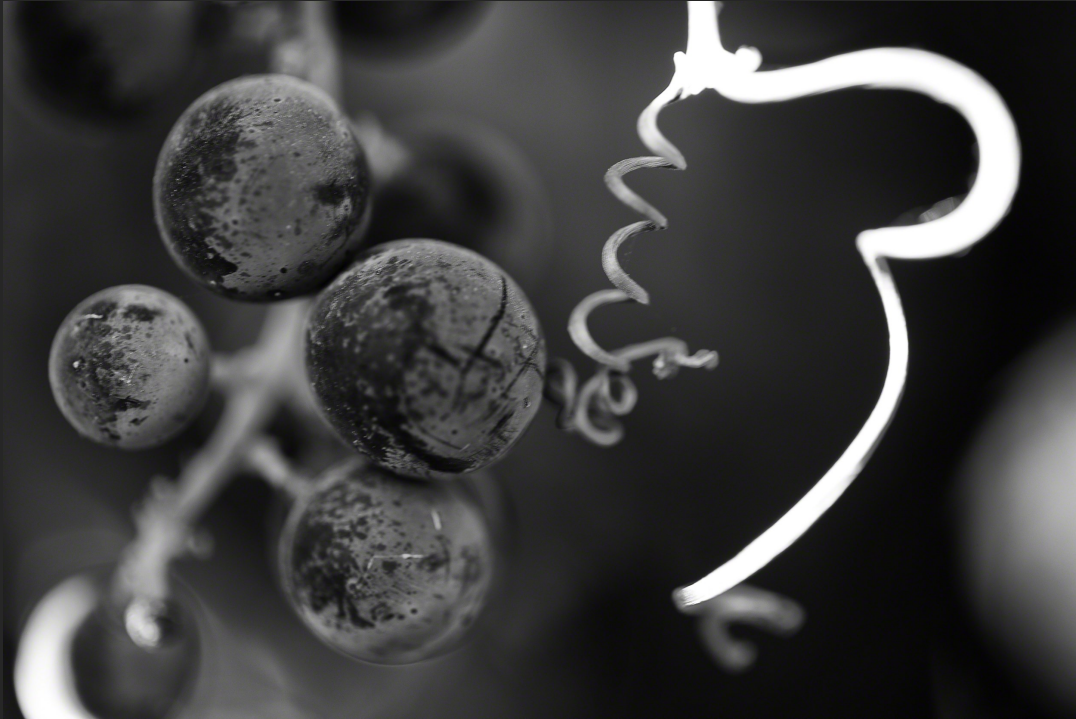
Used historically in our wines as a blending varietal that shores up the flavor gaps in valley floor Cabernet Sauvignon, or forms the body of our Arsenal BDX "Reverse Bordeaux" blend, this noble variety produces a wine that stands on its own when grown to perfection.

Located adjacent to Phelps and Cakebread Vineyards, Sugarloaf Vineyard was planted on hillsides with rocky soils in the Napa Valley AVA. The elevation ranges from 250 to 1050 feet above sea level. The area faces southwest towards San Pablo Bay and the climate is moderately warm with afternoon marine winds cooling the warmer air surrounding the hillsides. The rocky soils promote low to moderate vigor creating balanced hillside fruit with velvet-like tannins.

Our Cabernet Franc is hand-picked and moved to our four stage *Pellenc* sorting system. We call this the "Ferrari" of sorting machines as it has the capacity to sort grapes flawlessly and allow 2 people to do the work of what used to take 8 people. The resulting destemmed berries produce what we call "grape caviar." From the sorting stage, we move the whole berries via gravity into a combination of stainless steel and concrete fermentation tanks, where time on skins lasts approximately 16 days. The free run juice is moved to 65% new, 3-year-air-dried French oak barrels to age for 18 months. Gentle barrel-to-tank racking via *bulldogging* compressed air aids in naturally clarifying the wine, bottling unfiltered.

What a delicious classic this wine is! Sweet, fragrant aromas of freshly pulled rose petals, robust tobacco, sweet cedar smoke, black fruits and truffles pique curiosity. The palate is luxurious! Fine grained tannins complemented by sugared blackberries, semi-sweet chocolate, warm clove and star anise lead to a savory and delicious finish.

\$95 | Mixed Orders of 1 to 6 Bottles: \$90.25 | Mixed Orders of 7+ Bottles \$85.50



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