

2019 Armida 'Maple Vineyards' Zinfandel

APPELLATION:

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, California

VARIETALS:

92% Zinfandel, 8% Petite Sirah

VINEYARD:

Maple Vineyards

WINEMAKER:

Brandon Lapides

AGING:

French and American Oak

ALCOHOL:

14.9%

BEST FROM:

2025 through 2032

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Filet Mignon topped with Blue Cheese Butter

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052370 | \$49.95

DESCRIPTION:

Armida Winery is a small family-owned winery tucked away in Dry Creek Valley. Armida is one of the few remaining legacy wineries where the original owners run the daily winery and vineyard business. Owned by two brothers, Steve and Bruce Cousins, Armida has a well-deserved reputation for producing small quantities of noteworthy wines from iconic, unique vineyard sites including Durell Vineyard, Maple Vineyard, and Gold Mine Ranch. All the wines have a clear expression of place and the vineyards that they come from.

TASTING NOTES:

"Medium to full-bodied, with structure and texture to match many dishes. Dark black fruits are balanced with savory spices. The seductive finish isn't cloying and sweet, but rather refined, lush and succulent, and the integrated tannins and great balance of savory and spice will continue to gain in complexity over the next fifteen years."—Brandon Lapides, Winemaker





2019 Craggy Range Te Muna Road Vineyard Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Martinborough, New Zealand

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD:

Te Muna Road

WINEMAKER:

Julian Grounds

AGING:

10 Months French Oak

ALCOHOL:

13.0%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2024

ACCOLADES:

91 Pts - Wine Enthusiast

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Grilled Shrimp Skewers with a squeeze of lemon

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052378 | \$59.95

DESCRIPTION:

Craggy Range is a family-owned winery that is situated in the shadow of the Te Mata Peak, a premium wine-growing wine region in Hawke's Bay New Zealand. In the early 1990s, Terry Peabody and his wife Mary decided they wanted to create a family legacy, one that would last for future generations. They were open to the location, but there was one condition – Terry didn't want to buy into an existing vineyard, rather he wanted to select bare land, an untouched site to ensure a focus on quality from the very beginning. The search began in France and toured the Old world, before landing in New Zealand... and as they say, the rest is history.

TASTING NOTES:

"This vintage of Craggy Range's classic Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc is loaded with grassy flavors, and green herbal notes, woven with zesty lemon-lime, passion fruit, and seashell nuances. As it warms in the glass, it offers more generous fruit. The palate is zesty, with green herbal notes riding straight through to the finish." — Wine Enthusiast





2019 Mauritson 'Rockpile Ridge Vineyard' Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:

Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley

VARIETALS:

76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Malbec, 10% Petite Verdot, 1% Merlot

VINEYARD:

Rockpile Vineyard

WINEMAKER:

Emma Kudritzki

AGING:

20 Months, French Oak

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BEST FROM:

2024 through 2031

ACCOLADES:

95 Pts – Wine Advocate

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Roasted Rack of Lamb with Cabernet au jus

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052368 | \$84.95

DESCRIPTION:

Rockpile Vineyard is located approximately 2,000 feet above Lake Sonoma and Dry Creek Valley. The vines were planted in 1992 by Rod and Cathy Park. In late 2014 the Park family sold their 800-acre ranch to Ken and Diane Wilson. The Rockpile Ranch is 100% sustainably farmed and solar power is used for all farming operations. Today, this mountain-top vineyard has 60 acres of planted grapes, ranging from Cabernet Sauvignon to Zinfandel.

TASTING NOTES:

"Blended with 13% Malbec, 10% Petit Verdot and 1% Merlot and displaying a deep ruby-purple color, the 2019 Rockpile Cabernet Sauvignon Rockpile Ridge Vineyard has broody tar and black currants on the nose to begin, unfolding as it airs in the glass to wafts of lavender and menthol. The full-bodied palate is powerful and grainy, with bright acidity to balance its concentrated fruits, and it finishes long and spicy." — Wine Advocate





2020 Villa Maria 'Taylors Pass' Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Marlborough, New Zealand

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD:

Taylors Pass Vineyard

WINEMAKER:

Helen Morrison

AGING:

14 Months French Oak, 36% New

ALCOHOL:

14.0%

BEST FROM:

2024 through 2027

ACCOLADES:

91 Pts – James Suckling

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Charcuterie Platter or Beef Carpaccio

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052365 | \$55.95

DESCRIPTION:

Villa Maria has over 60 years of winemaking, truly one of the forefathers and pioneers of New Zealand. At just 21 years old Sir George Fistonich leased five acres of land from his father and created the first wine under the name of Villa Maria. Today, Villa Maria is a globally recognized winery that produces bold, expressive wines that showcase the style and terroir of New Zealand AVAs.

TASTING NOTES:

"Dark cherries, blueberries, sage, earth, five spice, and some smoke on the nose. Slate and oyster shells, too. It's mediumbodied with vibrant acidity and silky tannins. Elegant, mineral finish." —James Suckling





2021 little x little Teldeschi Vineyard Carignan

APPELLATION:

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, California

VARIETAL:

100% Carignan

VINEYARD:

Teldeschi Vineyard

WINEMAR

Will Gondak & John Mulroy

AGING:

10 Months, Neutral French Oak

ALCOHOL:

13.4%

BEST FROM:

2024 through 2027

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Pan-seared Duck Breast with red wine reduction

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052337 | \$49.95

DESCRIPTION:

Winemakers and childhood friends Will Gondak and John Mulroy came together to form little x little wines with a vision: to produce approachable and delicious wines with minimal intervention. People often ask the two friends, "What's up with your name?" The two friends met in kindergarten when they were literally 'little.' To that point, they wanted a name that would reflect their winemaking style, slow and steady, one step at a time, hence little x little wines.

TASTING NOTES:

This is a small-production wine that is very impressive. Offering deep concentrated purple color and crimson halo. Ripe aromas of sweet raspberry, and black cherry, with layers of crushed cranberries, and spice. The palate displays lush black and red fruit flavors, balanced with ripe tannins and just a kiss of acidity. The finish seems to last forever, has great texture, and is well-structured.





2021 Te Mata Syrah Hawke's Bay

APPELLATION:

Hawke's Bay, New Zealand

VARIETAL:

100% Syrah

WINEMAKER:

Nick Buck

AGING:

12 Months French Oak

ALCOHOL:

ALGOROL:

13.0%

BEST FROM:

2024 through 2028

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING: Barbecue Pork Roast

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052379 | \$35.95

DESCRIPTION:

Te Mata Estate was established in 1896 by John Chambers. The Chambers family sold the estate in the early 1970s to the Buck and Morris families. These two families have taken the winery to new heights, with modern innovation and New World farming techniques. The wines from Te Mata are exclusively produced from the family estate located in Hawke's Bay. Robert Parker is quoted as saying, "This is one of New Zealand's greatest wineries."

TASTING NOTES:

"Dark and brooding in the glass, Estate Syrah '21 is ink-black with a vivid magenta edge. The lifted aromatics of concentrated raspberry and crushed violets quickly become layer upon layer of exotic spices, fruit cake, pancetta, vanilla, and cocoa running the length of this wine's luscious palate. Dense, saturated, ripe, and enticing in its detail, Estate Syrah '21 delivers on every dimension." – Nick Buck, Winemaker

