



2017 Casa Piena 'Estate' Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

APPELLATION:

Napa Valley

VARIETAL:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD:

Policy Vineyard

WINEMAKERS:

Thomas Rivers Brown

AGING:

French Oak; 92% New

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Cabernet-Braised Beef Short Ribs

ORDERING INFO:

1050068 | \$179.95

DESCRIPTION:

“Casa Piena” translates to “Full House,” a reference to both Carmen and Gail Policy’s five children and eight grandchildren, as well as their philosophy that “great wines taste best when they take their natural place on a table surrounded by family and friends.” Through his multiple positions of management and ownership in the NFL during the 80s and 90s, Carmen cultivated a passion for excellence—a trait that he fully embraced when developing his Yountville winery in the early 2000s, assembling the first-string team of Jim Barbour in the vineyard and Thomas Rivers Brown at the helm of winemaking. These small-production Cabernets are terroir-driven and truly handcrafted.

The 2017 harvest got underway slightly early for the winery, with the grapes coming in the 3rd week of September. This Cabernet offers abundant aromatics of oolong tea, star anise, kirsch, poached plums, and cedar. The palate is dense and layered, revealing complex new flavors with every sip: dark chocolate, black plum, currant, and sweet tobacco. Although still youthful, the tannins are well-integrated and provide a sturdy framework for the full body, with a finish that is long and lingering. Would make an exceptional gift for the Cabernet lover in your life!





2019 Kivelstadt 'The Sibling Rivalry' Pinot Noir Sonoma Valley

APPELLATION:
Sonoma Valley

VARIETAL:
100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD:
Kivelstadt Vineyard

WINEMAKERS:
Sam Baron

AGING:
Aged 12 month in 20% new Francoise Freres puncheon and
80% neutral French Oak

BEST FROM:
Now through 2026

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:
Pan-seared Duck Breast – Cheese – Aged Gruyere

ORDERING INFO:
1050892 | \$48.95

DESCRIPTION:

Kivelstadt Cellars is one of those tiny little gems that merits a trip off the beaten path. Owner Jordan Kivelstadt started the label in 2007 and today with winemaker Sam Baron they produce around 6,000 cases annually. Anything is fair game for these two—their portfolio encompasses “trendy” offerings such as carbonic grenache and their locally-famous orange wine—but the beating heart of the operation is the Kivelstadt Vineyard in the Bennett Valley AVA of Sonoma, where their Pinot Noir grapes are organically farmed. Although it’s an inland valley, it is one of the coolest AVAs in Sonoma County, benefitting from the coastal winds and fog that flow inland through the Petaluma Gap.

This vibrant ruby red Pinot lures you in immediately with aromas of red cherry, rhubarb, tomato leaf, and star anise. The gentle oak treatment here really lets the fruit shine and with each sip, new flavors unfurl on your palate: delicate floral notes framed by red and black berries; cherry cola and a hint of vanilla; a little baking spice to add depth and intrigue. The finish is crisp with a succulent acidity just begging for a cheese & charcuterie plate. This wine would make an excellent first course or appetizer wine, something light to slip into before indulging in heartier fare.





2019 S by Ray Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

APPELLATION:

Napa Valley

VARIETAL:

91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKERS:

Priyanka French

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Herb-Rubbed Prime Rib

ORDERING INFO:

1048504 | \$74.95

DESCRIPTION:

The powerhouse winemaking team of Steve Matthaisson (Viticulturalist), Celia Welch (Consulting Director of Winemaking), and Priyanka French (Winemaker/Vineyard Manager) sums up their vision for Signorello with the following: “Devotion is the word that best describes the intense attention the vineyards and wine receive in order to produce limited quantities of world-class wines. We blend classic French wine making methods with Napa Valley fruit to achieve lush, concentrated, complex fruit flavors and balanced structure. Our goal is to create wines with early accessibility as well as the potential to develop additional complexity as they mature.”

This is a simply stellar introductory vintage for winemaker Priyanka French and a wine that you will be talking about long after the bottle is empty. “S” is a unique blend made from organic fruit sourced from Signorello’s partner growers in St. Helena, Rutherford, and Howell Mountain. Deep purple in color, this wine greets you on the nose with gorgeous dark black fruit, graphite, lavender, and crème de cassis followed by rose petals and leather. Rich and expressive, the “S” is a knockout wine that is approachable in its youth and will continue to evolve in the years to come—and French has signaled that she is definitely a winemaker to keep your eyes on.

