

# 2018 Caliza 'Companion' Red Blend

APPELLATION:

Paso Robles, California

VARIETALS:

52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Syrah

WINEMAKER & OWNER:

Carl Bowker

AGING:

18 Months French Oak, 57% New

ALCOHOL:

15.0%

BEST FROM:

2024 through 2029

ACCOLADES:

95 pts – Jeb Dunnuck

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Lamb Shawarma or Braised Leg of Lamb

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1050424 | \$95.95

DESCRIPTION:

Caliza Winery is a very small family-owned winery located in Paso Robles, CA. They focus on producing wines that have a Rhône Valley influence, such as Grenache, Syrah, and Viognier. Like many winemakers (and owners), Carl's affection for wine turned into an obsession after a trip to Europe. It was there that he expanded his appreciation for world-class wines. Upon returning from Europe, the search to locate a vineyard property was paramount for Chris. In 2005 the quest for the perfect property ended in Paso Robles.

TASTING NOTES:

"The 2018 Companion checks in as 52% Cabernet Sauvignon and 48% Syrah which spent 18 months in just under 60% new French oak. Dense purple-hued, with rocking notes of crème de cassis, lead pencil, tobacco leaf, and chocolate. It's full-bodied, has a seamless texture, gorgeous purity of fruit, and ripe yet present tannins as well as a touch of chalky minerality. Drink it any time over the coming decade or more." — Jeb Dunnuck





# 2019 Dearden 'The Little Giant' Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:

Napa Valley, California

VARIETAL:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD:

Lamonica

WINEMAKER:

Chris Dearden

AGING:

26 Months, French Oak

ALCOHOL:

14.6%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2030

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Slow-Braised Beef Entrees

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1051961 | \$114.95

DESCRIPTION:

Owner-Wine Maker Chris Dearden had his first introduction to wine with family around their dinner table. Chris was raised in California's Central Valley, where he developed a passion for agriculture. Over the years Chris has worn many hats, including winemaker, general manager, and consulting winemaker for many small wineries throughout Napa Valley. In 2010 Chris achieved his lifelong dream, to establish Dearden Wine Portfolio. These wines include his flagship wines, 'Sleeping Giant' Cabernet Sauvignon, 'Little Giant' Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as his only Pinot Noir named Argus.

TASTING NOTES:

"This 100%, single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from the Lamonica Vineyard in the rugged, arid, and rocky, eastern hills of Napa. Designated in 2013, this is the 7th release of Lamonica Cab – one of the finest wines we produce, year after year. Small berries and concentrated flavors are key to the production of a wine with depth, texture, black fruits, age-ability, and integrity. It is full throttle, Napa Valley Cab with balance, structure, and mouth-filling satisfaction."

- Chris Dearden, Winemaker/Owner





# 'Cuvée Reserve' Châteauneuf-du Pape

APPELLATION

Rhône Valley, Châteauneuf-du-Pape

VARIETALS:

80% Grenache, 6% Syrah, 4% Mourvèdre, 10% other varietals allowed in Châteauneuf-du-Pape

WINEMAKER:

Laurence Feraud

AGING:

24 Months, large oak foudres

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BEST FROM:

2024 through 2034

ACCOLADES:

95-97 pts - Wine Advocate

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:
Braised Lamb Shanks

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1050990 | \$114.95

DESCRIPTION:

Domaine Pegau is located in the Southern region of the Rhône Valley (Châteauneuf-du-Pape). The estate was founded in 1987 by Paul Feraud and is currently being run by his daughter Laurence. Domaine Pegau is highly regarded for producing one of the most exceptional wines from Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The Domaine follows traditional winemaking practices, including organic farming and minimal intervention in the cellar. All the grapes are hand-harvested and then fermented in the large oak foudres.

TASTING NOTES:

"The 2019 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée Reserve looks set to rival the best examples of this bottling. Made up of approximately 80% Grenache, with 6% Syrah, 4% Mourvèdre and smaller amounts of other permitted varieties, it's impressively complex on the nose, with scents of black cherries, blackberries, and black olives, plus mysterious wafts of violets and garrigue. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated, it finishes long and velvety, a sure-fire bet for cellaring." – Wine Advocate





#### 2020 Dragonette 'Seven' Syrah

APPELLATION:

Santa Barbara, California

VARIETALS:

96% Syrah, 4% Grenache

WINEMAKER:

Steven Dragonette

AGING:

17 Months, French Oak

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

14.57

2024 through 2030

ACCOLADES:

BEST FROM:

96 pts – Wine Advocate

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Baked Barbecue Baby Back Ribs

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1051916 | \$69.95

DESCRIPTION:

Brothers John and Steve Dragonette and close friend Brandon Sparks-Gillis founded Dragonette Cellars in 2005 after having worked together at a renowned wine shop in Los Angeles. Their shared passion for great wine brought them to wild, windy, and remote northern Santa Barbara County where they spent the next several years seeking out extraordinary, cool-climate vineyards and dedicating themselves to careful, patient, minimalist winemaking.

TASTING NOTES:

"The 2020 Syrah 'Seven' comes from fruit in Ballard Canyon and the Sta. Rita Hills. It was made without whole clusters or much new oak and matured for 17 months. It has great purity on the nose but takes significant time to open its blackcurrant, blueberry, violet, and tea leaf aromas. The medium-bodied palate sits at a fulcrum between lean and ripe styles, offering concentrated flavors on a slender frame, and plenty of refreshing acidity. Give it a couple of years in the bottle or a long decant. 550 cases produced." — Wine Advocate





#### 2020 Lewis Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:

Napa Valley, California

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER:

James McCeney

AGING:

21 Months French Oak, 65% New

ALCOHOL:

BEST FROM:

15.5%

13.57

2024 through 2031

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Beef or Lamb dishes -or- Mature or Hard Cheeses

ORDERING INFO: SKU 1050638 | \$119.95 DESCRIPTION:

In 1992 Randy and Debbie Lewis established a small family winery in Napa Valley and in 1999 were joined by their son, Dennis. Lewis Cellars is a hands-on winery in every aspect of the business, including vineyard management, winemaking, and sales distribution. Lewis Cellars produces 9,000 cases annually of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2020 Lewis Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is among one the best Cabernets from this vintage. Offering enticing, deep-fruited aromas of black currant, berry, and chocolate with just a note of cedar and savory spice. The palate centers on opulent core fruit that swirls around a defined structure of supple tannins with complex undertones of earth and truffle that last throughout the glass.





## 2020 Signorello Estate 'Hope's Cuvée' Chardonnay

APPELLATION

Napa Valley, California

VARIETAL:

100% Chardonnay

WINEMAKERS:

Ray Signorello & Priyanka French

AGING:

8 Months French Oak, 50% New

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2028

ACCOLADES:

93 pts – Wine Advocate

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Chicken Marsala

OPDERING INFO.

SKU 1051918 | \$94.95

DESCRIPTION:

Signorello Estate is nestled in the southeastern corner of Napa Valley alongside Silverado Trail. Signorello Estate Winery is a small family-owned property that was founded in 1977 by father and son duo Ray Signorello Sr. and Ray Jr. The estate represents French-style wines with finesse, created from 100% estate-grown fruit. They deliberately limit the production yields to emphasize the elegance and purity of the varietal. All of the Signorello wines are hand-picked and hand-sorted to ensure consistent quality vintage after vintage.

TASTING NOTES:

"Hand-harvested at night from vines that sit below the winery site and barrel fermented in approximately 50% new French oak, Signorello's 2020 Chardonnay 'Hope's Cuvée' is made in a ripe, expansive style that manages to retain a certain amount of freshness. Marked by scents of grilled pear, melon, and citrus, it also hints at more savory notes of toasted grain. Full-bodied and creamy textured, it's generous but balanced, with just enough citrus rind coming through on the finish to give this rich wine a sense of equilibrium." — Wine Advocate

