

2020 Damiana Vineyard Chardonnay**Vineyard**

Our oldest vineyard, planted in 1978, often produces our densest and most opulent Chardonnay. It's exposure is primarily southwestern, which can mean more, which can mean more sun during the growing season; though this site is heavily influenced by maritime breeze most afternoons. Shallow top soils of fractured Lambert shale and mudstone limit vigor and lead to wines with great concentration and intensity.

Tasting Note

Great natural acidity helps the wine keep its shape and leads to a deeply flavored palate. The low yields in 2020 have given us an even greater level of concentration and intensity. The fruit character in this site is more stone fruit than citrus, with minerals and baking spice accent.

Member Price: \$61.20 Retail Price: \$72

2019 Walker's Nebbiolo**Vineyard**

We farm two Nebbiolo at two dramatically different sites. Gist Ranch Estate is just over an acre situated on heavily fractured Vacqueros Sandstone. High in elevation and mostly above the fog, this site consistently ripens this fickle variety and is the backbone our Nebbiolo wines. Our Winery Estate Nebbiolo is sourced from a small 0.3 acre hillside perched just above the Rapley Trail Vineyard.

Tasting Note

Our 2019 Nebbiolo does a really great job of balancing its richness and fruit character with soft but very dense tannins, bright acidity, and pretty, high-toned aromatics. Crushed cherry and strawberry jam lead into aromas of rosehips, hibiscus tea and alpine herbs.

Member Price: \$55.25 Retail Price: \$65

2020 Vintage

Devastation defines the 2020 vintage. A mostly mild but dry season was punctuated by dry lightning and wind on August 16th, igniting the CZU complex fire, which burned within 10 miles of the winery. The smoke enveloped the vineyards affecting the character of the fruit.

We made the gut-wrenching decision that no red wine was to be bottled from the vintage, as the wines we made before we were sure of the damage displayed very characteristic smokey flavors and texture. We did conclude that if we were careful in pressing, we could make white wines that escaped the worst of the smokey character. While our losses in the vineyard pale in comparison to the loss of home and life from the fire, it was a heart-breaking year none the less.

2019 Vintage

The 2019 vintage will go down as a classic year in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Some unsettled weather in the spring resulted in poor flowering, lower yields in some blocks. The summer was warm, but not oppressively so- the lack of extreme heat events was a welcome change. Harvest began in mid-September, finishing up in mid to late October - relatively late compared to the recent string of early harvests.

The wines are concentrated with a fine balance of structure and fruit intensity. Site expression seems amplified; low yields and moderate temperatures often lead to some of our most singular and terroir driven wines. wines will be sought after and rare.

2017 Will's Cabin Vineyard Pinot Noir

Vineyard

The Will's Cabin Estate Vineyard lies some 20 miles south of the winery at elevations reaching over 2300 ft. The north-west facing ridge is heavily fractured Vacqueros sandstone with steep slopes and awesome exposure. A mere 14 miles separates the vineyard and ocean, though it often basks in morning sun as it sits above the morning fog. This is an earlier ripening vineyard that produces wines that are seriously structured with a wild, mountain character that continues to impress us.

Review

“Leather, dried strawberry and peppercorn lead into a nose loaded with chaparral spice of light thyme and sage on this vineyard designate. It's a bit shy on the palate at first, and then light cranberry and raspberry flavors emerge against the crushed stone and light red-flower flavors.”

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 93 points.

Member Price: \$61.20

Retail Price: \$72

2017 Vintage

Record setting rains replenished our thirsty soils and gave our old vines a much needed reprieve from four drought stressed seasons. The 2017 vintage was another year of record setting heat, continuing our string of record setting temperatures. Luckily, Spring was mild and allowed us to set the best crop we have seen since 2012. A torrid heat spike over the Labor Day started the growing season with a bang and had us off and running at sprinter's pace. The weather following was mild and allowed for the latest harvest we have seen in some time. It will go down as a vintage with good yields and potentially great quality.

