

FRANK FAMILY VINEYARDS



The Sparkling Issue
FALL 2018

SPARKLING WINE PROGRAM

MAKING FIZZ SINCE 1993

Story has it that Marilyn Monroe would often visit the winery to get a fill of bubbles. Today, Frank Family Vineyards continues in the tradition of Hanns Kornell Champagne Cellars and produces four premium California sparkling wines: Blanc de Blancs, Brut Rosé, Rouge, and the Lady Edythe Reserve Brut. Each wine is hand-crafted in-house where we place an emphasis on quality and flavor. Our dedication has earned us the recognition by national publications, such as Forbes Magazine, for leading the effort of “grower-Champagnes” in the United States.

A LEGACY IN THE MAKING

Sparkling wine is in the genetic makeup of Frank Family Vineyards. In 1958, Hanns Kornell introduced the French méthode champenoise to California. The wine that made Kornell famous was a Riesling-based bubbly made like the German Sekt of his youth. He produced this famous sparkling wine from the historic Larkmead Winery, originally built in 1884. Years later, in 1992, Rich Frank acquired the iconic winery after the purchase of a classic Tudor home in Napa Valley’s Rutherford AVA and recognized the potential for something great again. Today, Frank Family carries on the tradition of Hanns Kornell Champagne Cellars with our self-made sparkling wine program.

TODD GRAFF CARRIES ON THE LEGACY

Winemaker Todd Graff joined Frank Family Vineyards in 2003 with 10 years of sparkling wine experience working at Schramsberg and Cordoniu (now Artesa). His experience with some of the top sparkling wine producers in California allowed Graff to hone his craft in making sparkling wines according to the méthode champenoise, a skill he’s used since day one at Frank Family Vineyards. Graff’s primary goal with the Frank Family Sparkling Wine Program is to create handcrafted American sparkling wines using century-old traditions. With a focus on single-vineyard and house-made wines, we’re able to have control from vineyard to bottle, ensuring our high-quality standards are being met, but exceeded.

IT STARTS IN THE VINEYARD

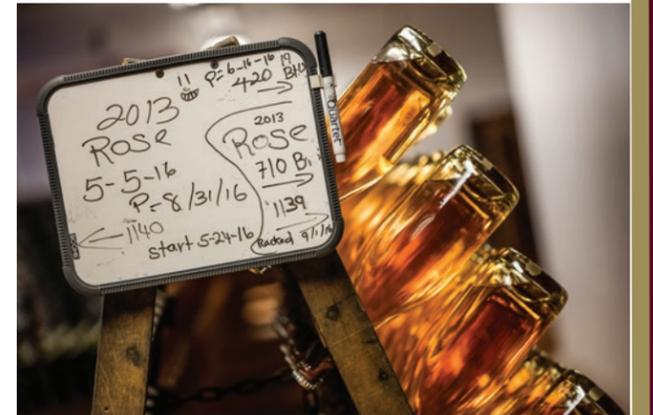
Frank Family sparkling wines are crafted from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes grown in the cool-climate Los Carneros AVA located at the south-end of Napa Valley. The heart of our single-vineyard sparkling wine program is the Lewis Vineyard. This vineyard has been a part of our family since 2000, spanning 86 acres, with 58 acres planted to Chardonnay and 10 acres planted to Pinot Noir. Our winemaking team hand selects the grapes that will ultimately be used to create our four distinctive sparkling wines. Lewis Vineyard sits on the shores of San Pablo Bay bringing cool temperatures, fog, and wind that lend itself perfectly to cool-climate varietals. Our estate vineyard produces grapes with intense, ripe fruit flavors and elevated acidity – the perfect combination for outstanding sparkling wine.

MASTER RIDDLER, ANA LOPEZ

Our Sparkling Wine program was born to pay homage to the history before us and to establish ourselves from the rest of Napa Valley. In a modern wine industry, this means going back to our roots and preserving tried and true traditions. From hand harvesting to hand riddling, each of our bottles receives personal attention and artistry. With us since the beginning, Master Riddler Ana Lopez uses her magic touch and precision to hand riddle every single bottle. In fact, if you check the bottom of any of our sparkling wines, you can see the mark Ana uses to keep track of the bottle’s rotation. Consider it Ana’s signature touch!

CHEERS TO A SPARKLING FUTURE

By honoring our heritage, Frank Family Vineyards, in turn unfolded something new. We are holding true to our vision of being a leading California sparkling wine “grower-producer” creating wines of both complexity and finesse while remaining fun and approachable. Our current portfolio consists of four unique wines suitable for an array of occasions, foods, and seasons. We hope you can taste the history, love, and hard work in every sip of our sparkling wine. Cheers!



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CURRENT RELEASES

WINEMAKER: TODD GRAFF



Reserve

LADY EDYTHER | SPARKLING

Blend Composition

52% Chardonnay, 48% Pinot Noir

Cooperage

25% Barrel Fermented and aged

Appellation

100% Carneros Napa Valley

Winemaking

Our Reserve Champagne is made in the traditional French method where the secondary fermentation occurs in the bottle. This wine then rested on the spent yeast cells for nearly five years before disgorgement. Six months additional rest post-disgorgement ensures the maximum expression of this exemplary wine.

Tasting Notes

The 2010 Lady Edythe Reserve Brut is pale straw yellow in color, with notes of lemon peel and buttered toast. Flavors of tart Granny Smith apples and freshly baked biscuits coat the palate, coupled with mouthwatering acidity and a round mouthfeel that lingers through the wine's long finish.



2010

HARVEST | September 10th, 2010

TECHNICAL NOTES

12% ABV | 2.97pH

1.10 g/100mL TA

300 cases bottled May 12th, 2011
& disgorged February 17th, 2016

NAPA VALLEY | BLANC DE BLANCS

Blend Composition

100% Chardonnay

Appellation

100% Carneros, Napa Valley

The predominant maritime influence of the Pacific Ocean creates the cool temperature, fog and wind that make Carneros ideally suited for growing cool climate varietals. The region consists primarily of shallow and dense clay loam soils. The restricting soils result in extremely low yields, producing grapes with strong character and balanced acidity.

Winemaking

Frank Family Vineyards Blanc de Blancs is hand crafted in our cellars using the traditional Méthod Champenoise, where the secondary fermentation occurs in the bottle. This wine aged on the lees for three years, and was then hand riddled before disgorgement.

Tasting Notes

The 2013 Blanc de Blancs is pale straw in color with a continuous thread of persistent bubbles. A beautiful bouquet marked by delicate aromas of floral lemon, brioche and green apples fuse with hints of toasted almond, wet stone and crème brûlée, the palate is fresh and vibrant, with a rich structure and creaminess that brings balance and intensity to the flavors. The mid-palate is luscious and creamy with flavors of freshly-baked bread and tart ripe pear. The finish shows remarkable length with an excellent minerality as notes of effervescent citrus and fresh white fruit linger.



2013

HARVEST | August 27th & 30th, 2013

TECHNICAL NOTES

12% ABV | 3.03 pH

0.99 g/100mL TA

500 cases bottled on April 16th, 2014
and disgorged on February 6th, 2017.



2014

HARVEST | August 9th, 2014
TECHNICAL NOTES
12% ABV | 3.14 pH
0.88 g/100mL TA
1000 cases bottled April 15th
and 16th, 2015 &
disgorged January 2018

SPARKLING | BRUT ROSÉ

Blend Composition

88% Pinot noir, 12 % Chardonnay

Appellation

100% Carneros Napa Valley

Winemaking

Frank Family Sparkling Rosé is made in the traditional French method where the secondary fermentation occurs in the bottle. This wine then rested on the spent yeast cells for nearly three years before disgorgement.

Tasting Notes

The 2014 Brut Rosé comes across as lively yet balanced, with nostalgic, summery flavors like strawberry sorbet, orange peel, and fresh red cherry woven throughout. An enticing shade of salmon pink, the abundance of finessed fruit flavors on the nose and on the palate are framed by toasty, creamy nuances.



2014

HARVEST
August 9th & October 9th, 2014
TECHNICAL NOTES
12.0% ABV | 3.38 pH
0.69 g/100mL TA
1000 cases triage bottled in April
2015 & disgorged January 2018.

SPARKLING | ROUGE

Blend Composition

86% Pinot Noir, 14% Chardonnay

Appellation

100% Napa Valley

Winemaking

Frank Family Napa Valley Sparkling Wine is made in the traditional French method where the secondary fermentation occurs in the bottle. This wine then rested on the spent yeast cells for nearly three years before disgorgement.

Tasting Notes

A fascinating Frank Family classic, the 2014 Rouge is scarlet ruby-colored and opens with attractive aromas of lavender, vanilla bean, and black cherry. A silken, creamy mousse is upheld by fresh acidity—pleasing flavors of spiced cranberry and cardamom fill the palate and round out the lengthy finish.

CARNEROS | CHARDONNAY

Blend Composition

100% Chardonnay, 76% Carneros-Napa, 24% Carneros-Sonoma

Appellation: Carneros

The foundation for the Carneros Chardonnay is Frank Family's Lewis Vineyard, located in the heart of Napa-Carneros, near the shores of the San Pablo Bay. It is made up of 78 acres planted on gently rolling hills, with 68 acres planted to Chardonnay and 10 acres planted to Pinot Noir. The predominant maritime influence of the Pacific Ocean creates the cool temperature, fog and wind that make Carneros ideally suited for growing cool climate varietals. The Lewis Vineyard consists primarily of shallow and dense clay loam soils, receiving only 20 inches of rainfall annually. The restricting soils result in extremely low yields, producing grapes with strong character and balanced acidity.

Other fruit sources for this wine include Beckstoffer Vineyards and Hudson Vineyards located in Napa-Carneros, and Sangiacomo Vineyards located in Sonoma-Carneros.

Cooperage:

Barrel fermented in 34% new, 33% once and 33% twice-filled French oak barrels for 9 months. While aging on the lees, the wine was hand stirred regularly to promote depth and longevity.

Tasting Notes:

This wine appears light straw in the glass with aromas of toasted brioche, baking spices, and candied lemon rind. On the palate, the Carneros Chardonnay is full-bodied and creamy yet balanced by its lively acidity; with nuanced flavors of yellow apple, lemon curd, baked pear, melon, and subtle hints of oak toast.



CARNEROS | PINOT NOIR

Blend Composition

100% Pinot Noir, 74% Carneros-Napa, 26% Carneros-Sonoma

Appellation

100% Carneros

The foundation for the Carneros Pinot Noir is Sangiacomo Vineyard and Beckstoffer Vineyards located in the heart of Carneros, near the shores of the San Pablo Bay. It is made up of 78 acres planted on gently rolling hills, with 68 acres planted to Chardonnay and 10 acres planted to Pinot Noir. The predominant maritime influence of the Pacific Ocean creates the cool temperature, fog and wind that make Carneros ideally suited for growing cool climate varietals. The Lewis Vineyard consists primarily of shallow and dense clay loam soils, receiving only 20 inches of rainfall annually. The restricting soils result in extremely low yields, producing grapes with strong character and balanced acidity.

Cooperage

10 months in 33% new French oak barrels, 67% once and twice-filled French oak barrels

Tasting Notes

Bright ruby in color, the 2017 Carneros Pinot Noir is floral and lively with a beautiful exploration of lavender, red cherry, and cinnamon. Soft and juicy, it has a full-bodied figure of ripeness with polished tannins and structured acidity.



2016

HARVEST | September 2nd through
October 1st, 2016
TECHNICAL DATA
14.4% ABV | 3.52 pH
0.62 g/100ml TA | SRP: \$35
25,000 cases bottled July 2017



2017

HARVEST | September 4th through
September 27th, 2017
TECHNICAL DATA
14.5% ABV | 3.68 pH
0.59 g/100mL TA
5000 cases bottled July 2018
SRP: \$38



NAPA VALLEY | CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Blend Composition

86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

100% Napa Valley

Vineyard Sources

The S&J Vineyard is made up of 206 acres of land located east of the Vaca Mountain range in Napa's Capell Valley. Purchased in 2000, it is named for Darryl Frank's children, Stella and Jeremy, and is planted to 58 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 9 acres of Petite Sirah and 9 acres of Zinfandel. The soils are fertile, well-drained and clay loam-based, reminiscent of the Rutherford Bench.

The Benjamin Vineyard is located east of Conn Creek Road in the heart of the Rutherford AVA. Purchased by Rich Frank in 2012, the 87-acre parcel was formerly known as Wood Ranch was renamed for Paul Frank's son, and is planted with 50 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 8 acres of Petit Verdot, and 2 acres each of Zinfandel, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. The vineyard is composed of gravelly loam soil as a result of sediment from the Conn Creek and Napa River which flowed through the region thousands of years ago.

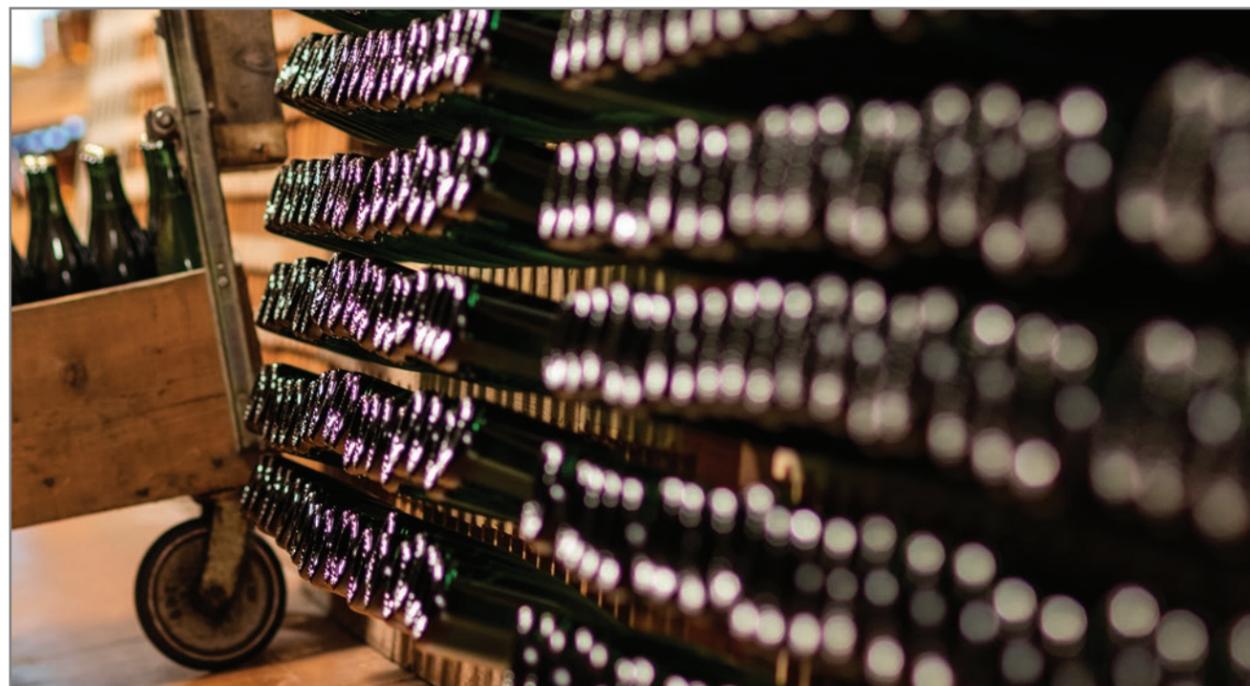
Additional vineyard sources: Round Pond Estate in Rutherford; Delouise, and Shooting Star Vineyards located in Napa Valley.

Cooperage

20 months in 33% new and 67% once and twice-filled French oak barrels

Tasting Notes:

This wine appears rich, opaque ruby in the glass, with matching rich aromas of crème de cassis, fresh espresso, vanilla bean, and ripe blackberry. Toasty, spicy notes of cedar come through as well. On the palate, the wine offers flavors of blackberry, raspberry, black cherry, and cocoa powder, and has a soft yet firm tannic structure, with subtly gripping tannins that beg for grilled meats. The finish is long and expressive, with spiced fruit flavors lingering endlessly.



2015

HARVEST | September 20th through October 22nd, 2015

TECHNICAL DATA
14.5 % ABV | 3.61 pH
0.66 g/100ml TA
25,000 cases bottled June 2017

LEWIS VINEYARD | LATE HARVEST CHARDONNAY

Blend Composition

100% Chardonnay

Appellation

100% Lewis Vineyard, Carneros, Napa Valley

Winemaking

This Late Harvest Chardonnay was crafted in the traditional European method where botrytized grapes are left on the vine until the perfect concentration of flavors and aromas are achieved. The wine was aged 2 years in 100% French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Winemaker Todd Graff saw the potential in these two vintages to create a late-harvest wine in a very distinctive style.

The wine radiates purity and opulence with its yellow amber hues. Intense aromas of dried apricots, quince paste and hints of pear lead into a wet stone minerality, classic of botrytized wines.

The palate is beautifully balanced with layers of spice and honey that mingle with exotic notes of candied mango and pineapple. Drenching the palate with every single drop, the incredible richness provides a seemingly endless finish.



2013

HARVEST | October 31st, 2012 through November 6th, 2013

°BRIX AT HARVEST
31°Brix, 2012 | 39°Brix, 2013
TECHNICAL DATA
13.0 % ABV | pH 3.65 | TA 0.66
g/100ml | Residual sugar 12.6 %
391 cases bottled August 28th, 2014

Reserve

LEWIS VINEYARD | CHARDONNAY

Blend Composition

100% Chardonnay

Appellation

100% Lewis Vineyard, Carneros, Napa Valley

Vineyard

Located in the heart of Napa-Carneros, near the shores of San Pablo Bay, the Lewis Vineyard was purchased by Rich Frank in 2000 and is named for Paul Frank's son, Lewis. It is made up of 86 acres of gently rolling hills, with 58 acres planted to Chardonnay and 10 acres planted to Pinot Noir. The predominant maritime influence of the Pacific Ocean creates the cool temperature, fog and wind that make Carneros ideally suited for growing cool climate varietals. The Lewis Vineyard consists primarily of shallow and dense clay loam soils, receiving only 20 inches of rainfall annually.

Overall, the maritime influence and the restricting soils result in extremely low yields, producing grapes with strong character and balanced acidity. The practice of cool climate viticulture and the planting of small-clustered Dijon clones, such as clone 95, contribute to an intensity that is found in the Chardonnays of Frank Family's Lewis Vineyard.

Cooperage

11 months in 100% new French oak barrels

Tasting notes

The 2016 Lewis Vineyard Reserve Chardonnay is deep and complex, with classic Chardonnay roundness and richness upheld by brilliant, bracing acidity. Gleaming bright yellow gold in the glass, concentrated tropical, citrus peel, and floral notes intertwine on the palate in delicious harmony. Toasted brioche and caramel nuances meld into the soft yet lengthy finish.



2016

HARVEST
September 9th & 15th, 2016

TECHNICAL DATA
14.5% ABV | 3.53 pH
0.60 g/100ml TA
1000 cases bottled August 21st, 2017

WINEMAKER | Todd Graff

SRP: \$65



Reserve

MT. VEEDER | CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Blend Composition
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation
100% Mt. Veeder

This hillside appellation produces grapes of extraordinary quality. The vineyards benefit from the longest growing season and the lowest yields in Napa Valley. The rugged slopes extend above the fog line providing ample sunlight. The mountain terrain renders shallow topsoil and minimal water retention, resulting in tiny berries, with intense flavor concentration yet soft tannins.

Cooperage
20 months in 50% new French oak barrels, 50% once and twice-filled French oak barrels

Tasting Notes
The mountain appellation speaks loudly in our 2015 Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, contributing plum and black olive, integrated with earthy dust. Concentrated and complex, this 100% varietal wine demonstrates focused fruit that unwinds slowly in the glass.

2015

HARVEST | September 21st, 2015
TECHNICAL DATA
13.9% ABV | 3.65 pH
0.68 g/100mL TA
200 cases bottled August 18th, 2017



Reserve

RUTHERFORD | CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Blend Composition
96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

Appellation
100% Rutherford, Napa Valley

Vineyards
The Frank Family Rutherford Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from a few prime vineyards in the Rutherford AVA. Rich Frank's Winston Hill is located in the eastern side of the Napa Valley's Rutherford appellation along the Vaca Mountain range; the hand-terraced vine rows have southwestern exposure and consist of well-drained volcanic and sandstone soils that rise nearly 500 feet from the valley floor. Rich Frank's Benjamin Ranch is right across the Silverado Trail from Winston Hill. The ranch spans 87 acres with 70 acres planted with vines. The Benjamin Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon adds depth and the classic "Rutherford dust" character to the Rutherford Reserve. A handful of our closest neighboring vineyards are chosen to finish out the blend.

Cooperage
20 months in 50% new French oak barrels & 50% once-filled French oak barrels

Tasting Notes
Round, rich in fruit and expansive on the palate, the 2015 Rutherford Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon exudes layers of espresso, black fruit, and pencil shavings. Full bodied, it does not hold back in power yet succeeds in finding balance. A grippiness persists on the finish, suggesting it has potential to age, in the correct cellar conditions for years to come.

2015

HARVEST | September 10th through October 14th, 2015
TECHNICAL DATA
14.5 % ABV | 3.59 pH
0.66 g/100ml TA
1000 cases bottled August 14, 2017.

Reserve

CALISTOGA | CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Blend Composition
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation
100% Calistoga

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from Sam Brannan Vineyard along the Silverado Trail in the Calistoga AVA. Lying between the Mayacamas Range on the west and Vaca Range on the east, Calistoga lies at the northernmost end of the Napa Valley. Summer daytime temperatures frequently reach 100 degrees, but can drop by as much 50 degrees at night. These temperature swings, along with well-drained volcanic soils, produce grapes with both ripeness and balancing acidity.

Cooperage
20 months in 50% new French oak barrels, 50% once and twice-filled French oak barrels

Tasting Notes
Dark purple in color, the 2015 Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve tastes of blackberry and cassis, with integrated tones of oak spice and vanilla. With structured acidity, it has a powerful midpalate and a balanced and lengthy finish.



2015

HARVEST
September 18th & 22nd, 2015
TECHNICAL DATA
14.5% ABV | 3.51 pH
0.68 g/100mL TA
500 cases bottled August 18th, 2017

Reserve

S&J VINEYARD | PETITE SIRAH

Blend Composition
100% Petite Sirah

Appellation
100% Napa Valley

Vineyard
The S&J Vineyard is made up of 206 acres of land located east of the Vaca Mountain range in Napa's Capell Valley. Purchased in 2000, it is named for Darryl Frank's children, Stella and Jeremy, and is planted to 58 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, along with 9 acres of Petite Sirah and 9 acres of Zinfandel. The soils are fertile, well-drained and clay loam-based, reminiscent of the Rutherford Bench.

Cooperage
20 months in 33% new French oak barrels, 67% once and twice-filled French oak barrels

Tasting Notes
This inky purple wine has a bouquet of blueberry and oak spice. Notes of blackberry syrup and toasted cedar come to play in the glass. The 2015 S&J Vineyard Reserve Petite Sirah is balanced in its youth, with grippy yet pleasant tannins that coat the palate through its earth-laced finish.



2015

HARVEST
October 1st & 4th, 2015
TECHNICAL DATA
14.5 % ABV | 3.58 pH
0.67 g /100ml TA
400 cases bottled August 18th, 2017



“THE RILEY” | RED WINE

Blend Composition

69% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation

Napa Valley

The 2015 “The Riley” is Frank Family’s inaugural Merlot-driven red blend bottling, named for Rich and Leslie Frank’s German Shepherd rescue. Sourced from our Estate Benjamin Ranch as well as fruit from grower partners throughout Napa, this wine showcases some of the finest Merlot and Cabernet Franc vineyards in the valley.

Cooperage

21 months in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% once-used barrels

Tasting notes

A rich plum color, the 2015 The Riley Red Wine is a seductive blend that expresses scents of dark red cherry, black tea, roasted coffee beans, and hints of black pepper notes. Plenty of supple tannins fill the palate but never overwhelm. Good acidity complements the medium-bodied mouthfeel. Layers of blueberry and ripe plum harmonize well with the savory, toasted herbal undercurrent that last through the lengthy finish.

2015

HARVEST | September 13th through October 5th, 2015

TECHNICAL DATA
14.5% ABV | 3.55 pH
0.66g/100ml TA

492 cases bottled August 3rd, 2017



WINSTON HILL | RED WINE

Blend Composition

81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot

Appellation

Winston Hill Vineyard, Rutherford, Napa Valley

Vineyard

Rich Frank’s original estate vineyard Winston Hill is on the eastern side of the Napa Valley’s Rutherford appellation along the Vaca Mountain range; the hand-terraced vine rows have southwestern exposure and consist of well-drained volcanic and sandstone soils that rise nearly 500 feet from the valley floor.

Cooperage

21 months in 75% new French oak barrels and 25% once-filled French oak barrels

Tasting notes

The 2015 Winston Hill appears deep and dark and exudes light aromas of vanilla, cream, and caramel. Black fruits, espresso, and cocoa notes follow and give way to a seamless wash of the palate. Fresh berry lingers on this focused and balanced wine with incredible length.

2015

HARVEST | September 10th through September 13th, 2015

TECHNICAL DATA
14.5% ABV | 3.67 pH
0.60 g/100mL TA

500 cases bottled August 9th, 2017

Reserve

CHILES VALLEY | ZINFANDEL

Blend Composition

91% Zinfandel, 9% Petite Sirah

Appellation

Napa Valley

Chiles Valley AVA is located in the Vaca Mountains on the northeast side of the Napa Valley. The region is ideal for Zinfandel because of warmer temperatures. Fruit from Rich Frank’s Benjamin Ranch rounds out the blend—this acclaimed site is right across the Silverado Trail from Winston Hill. The ranch spans 87 acres with 70 acres planted with vines.

Cooperage

16 months in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% neutral barrels

Tasting notes

The 2016 Reserve Zinfandel is a fine wine blended with 9% Petite Sirah that offers a welcoming intrigue of oak spice and plum. It tastes of blackberry and vanilla with sprinkles of white pepper with lovely layers of vibrant red fruits. A full body and grip of tannins completes the profile.



2016

HARVEST | September 22th through 27th, 2016

TECHNICAL DATA
14.9% ABV | 3.50 pH
0.73 g/100ml TA | SRP \$55
1,000 cases bottled March 20th, 2018



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RECIPE PAIRING

GOOSE & GANDER BRUSSEL SPROUTS WITH FRIED DUCK EGG

PAIRED WITH FRANK FAMILY 2017 CARNEROS PINOT NOIR

Recipe Courtesy of
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Pinot Noir

Serves 2 people



METHOD

1. Place all ingredients for dressing in blender and blend well.
2. Pan-fry duck egg on low heat in a non-stick pan with clarified butter until egg white is cooked thoroughly, finish yolk with a pinch of Maldon sea salt.
3. Toss shaved Brussels sprouts and pancetta with dressing and place around fried duck egg in a circular shape.

NOTE: Brussels have a cabbage-like texture and need more dressing than a typical green salad, it should be nicely coated, think coleslaw.

For the dressing:

- 1 tablespoon Vermont maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon liquid koji (can find online or Japantown)
- ¼ teaspoon crushed Calabrian chili

For the salad:

- 16 oz Brussels sprouts -
- Uncooked, thinly shaved with a mandolin or sharp knife
- 6 oz rendered pancetta or bacon lardons
- 2 duck eggs (we use Washue Valley Duck Farm)
- 2 teaspoon clarified butter
- Pinch of Maldon sea salt

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

ANTONIO ZEPEDA



If you've visited the Frank Family tasting room in the past five years, chances are you have met Antonio "Tony" Zepeda. Tony is a wine educator in our tasting room and spends his day-to-day interacting and leading guests through our tasting experiences. The wine industry is certainly a familiar place to Tony who grew up working in the vineyards with his dad. This experience shaped his passion for wine at a young age. Now, a new dad himself, Tony is a remarkable representative for our winery and everything we stand for. We asked him a few questions to give you the opportunity to get to know this standout member of our growing winery family.

1. What do you enjoy most about working at Frank Family Vineyards?

I enjoy meeting people from all over the world and making friendships and making them laugh. I also enjoy sharing the wines and the stories behind them.

2. What have you gained from working at Frank Family Vineyards?

A lot of friendships and a work family

3. What are three words to describe Frank Family Vineyards?

Homey, Consistent, and Fun

4. What is your favorite Frank Family wine and what would you pair it with?

Reserve Zinfandel paired with ribs or brisket and Blanc de Blancs paired with fried chicken

5. When you're not at work, what do you like to do?

I like to enjoy the outdoors with my family and making garage wine.

ROSA LINDA MANZO



Rosa Linda has been a cherished member of our winery family for 19 years. She grew up in Jalisco Mexico but calls Napa Valley home, having lived here half her life. She joined the wine industry in 1991 with a job labeling wine bottles by hand. Today, Rosa Linda manages the Frank Family Vineyards shipping department, wine bottle inventory, and the bottling line. We sat down with Rosa Linda to ask her a few questions and give her a chance to step from behind the scenes and into the spotlight.

1. How would you describe Frank Family Vineyards?

It's my second home.

2. What do you enjoy most about your job at Frank Family Vineyards?

I enjoy driving the forklift, bottling wine, and spending time with my work family.

3. What is your favorite time of year at the winery?

I love when it's time to bottle the wine because it means it's ready for the world to enjoy.

4. When you're not at work, what do you love to do?

Spending time with my family, cooking at home, and enjoying Frank Family wine.

5. What is your favorite Frank Family wine, and what would you pair it with?

Our 2016 Carneros Chardonnay and grilled salmon. When I tell people I work at Frank Family they always say how much they love our Chardonnay. This wine is my favorite too.

25th Anniversary Celebration Highlights

In July, Frank Family Vineyards celebrated its 25-year-long legacy with our members and guests with a party unlike any in our history. It was an unforgettable evening with 5-star dining from Meadowood Napa Valley, live music, rare library wines from our collection over the years, and the release of our 2015 Owner's Blend Magnum. The dance floor was full all night long and no one wanted to leave the festivities. Thank you to all our members for joining us on this journey and for sharing in the excitement that this once-in-a-lifetime milestone brings.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

Frank Family Vineyards
DECEMBER 1, 2018
1 – 4 P.M.

PINOT & PAELLA

Frank Family Vineyards
FEBRUARY 9, 2019

WINE TASTING SEMINAR WITH TODD GRAFF

Frank Family Vineyards
MARCH 9, 2019

MICHAEL CHIARELLO WINE DINNER

Bottega Napa Valley
APRIL 13, 2019

SUMMER BBQ BASH

Frank Family Vineyards
JUNE 22, 2019

CHARDONNAY AND LOBSTER DINNER

Frank Family Vineyards
AUGUST 17, 2019

NOW RELEASED 2015 Owner's Blend Magnum

Frank Family Vineyard's 2015 Owner's Blend made its world debut this summer after a sneak peek at the 25th Anniversary Celebration. In the week it was launched Forbes Magazine named it one of their "Wines of the Week" calling it irresistible. But for us, what makes this wine so special is its backstory. It's a story 25 years in the making when Frank Family Vineyards first opened its doors in July 1993. This wine was handcrafted by winemaker Todd Graff along with Rich and Leslie Frank to commemorate our history and toast to the future.

This wine effortlessly displays the depth Cabernet Sauvignon can achieve from our Winston Hill Vineyard, earning a coveted place in our wine cellar and in our hearts. The critics seem to agree as well:

"In magnum, this will evolve for three decades or more, but it's hard to resist right now. This is an energetic, complex wine, with both generosity and serious structure."

– Forbes Magazine

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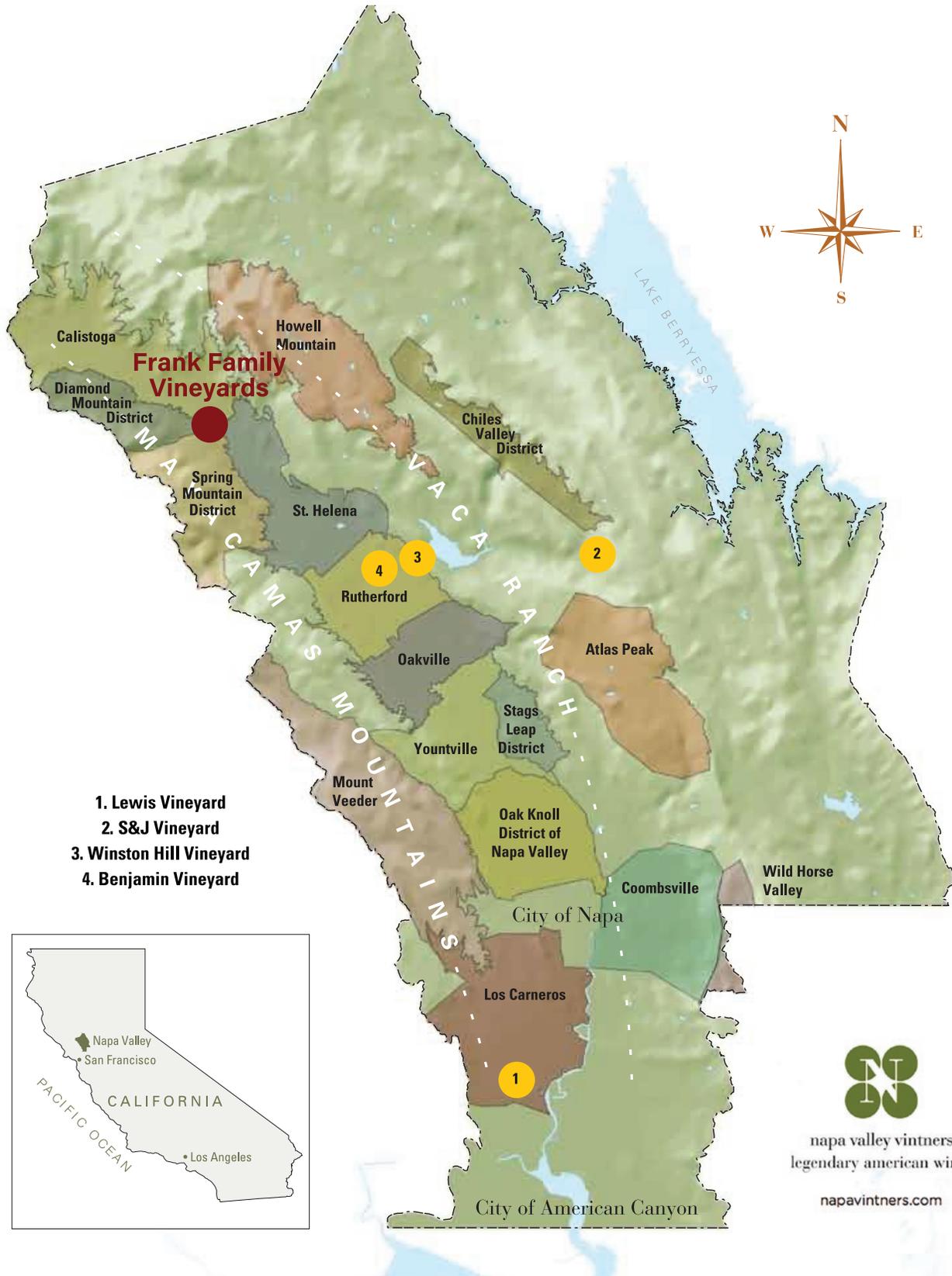
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