

HARVEST THE WAY WE LIKE IT

When our first day of the 2021 Harvest was Friday, August 13th, we took a collective breath and hoped for the best. The generator was onsite and ready to go and we were looking forward to actually hosting a Harvest Party to celebrate what is normally our favorite time of year. We are ecstatic to report that, along with the grapes, all of our plans came to fruition. The Harvest Party went off without a hitch in late September and by mid-October, all of our grapes were picked and in the cellar.

Although we are experiencing extreme drought conditions, the vineyards performed extremely well and early indications are that 2021 has the hallmarks of an outstanding vintage. Cooler weather late in the season allowed even ripening and a comfortable rhythm to harvest. It was a welcome relief after the last couple of years and we look forward to sharing these wines with you. Cheers!



2021 Sauvignon Blanc grapes arrive on Friday the 13th!

Winter "My Choice" Wine Selections

2018 Pinot Gris: Fresh citrus and floral notes with hints of honeysuckle—a staff favorite!

2020 Rosé of Pinot Noir: Delightfully refreshing, this wine is full of vibrant acidity and delicious fruit flavors.

2016 Pinot Noir, Toyon Farm: Made from Dijon Clones bringing a light and pretty aspect of Carneros Pinot Noir.

2016 Pinot Noir, Stanly Ranch Estate: Complex and rich, made exclusively from Dijon Clone 667.

2017 Syrah, Stanly Ranch Estate: Made in a Northern Rhône Côte-Rôtie style—we love this wine!



2018 VIOGNIER, STANLY RANCH ESTATE

This wine is sourced exclusively from the Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard in Carneros. The goal of the Starmont Stanly Ranch Estate Viognier is purity of site highlighting structure and finish. The wine has good weight, without being heavy, and nice viscosity on the palate, vibrant peach and melon flavors, and fresh structure with a lingering finish.

Food Pairing

Enjoy this Viognier with Grilled Peaches drizzled with an aged Balsamic Reduction.

Ageability

This wine will drink well for the next one to three years.

Retail: \$35 "Build a Case": \$336 (\$28/bottle)

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2017 PINOT NOIR, TOYON FARM

This wine is made of Dijon Clone 115, and brings a light and pretty aspect to the line-up. The pale garnet color points to the gentle extraction during fermentation. On the nose, aromas of dried cranberry and bing cherries with hints of cinnamon and clove, and on the palate you find a soft approach held up with acid freshness and silky tannins which melt into a lingering finish.

Food Pairing

Try this Pinot Noir with Crab Cakes with Fennel, Watercress and Blood Orange-Chive Aioli.

Ageability

This wine is in an ideal drinking window—perfect for this holiday season!

Retail: \$45 "Build a Case": \$432 (\$36/bottle)



2017 PINOT NOIR, BROWN RANCH

Rich and concentrated, the Brown Ranch Pinot Noir is consistently the most intense of the Starmont Pinot Noir bottlings. It offers notes of boysenberry, forest floor and hints of mocha on the nose. A generous entry on the palate with a lush mid-palate elevated by noticeable but soft tannins ending with a concentrated focus.

Food Pairing

Pair this Pinot Noir with a Mushroom, Kale & Butternut Squash Pasta.

Ageability

The tannins and weight that are characteristic of the Brown Ranch Pinot Noir will allow this wine age gracefully for the next 4 years.

Retail: \$55 "Build a Case": \$528 (\$44/bottle)



2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Sourced from Sonoma, Napa and Mendocino Counties, the 2018 Starmont Cab is a beautiful wine that exhibits richness, balance, and elegance. The nose offers a layered complexity of blackberries, cassis, bramble, and dark chocolate. A fresh entry on the palate is evidence of the fruit's natural acidity, which gives way to flesh and cedar accents on the mid-palate. Present but refined tannins indicate a gentle extraction which has created balance throughout and length on the finish.

Food Pairing

Grilled Hanger Steak with Sesame Scallion Noodles will pair nicely with this Cab.

Ageability

With proper cellaring, this wine will drink well for the next 5+ years.

Retail: \$34 "Build A Case": \$326.40 (\$27.20/bottle)