

QUARTERLY NEWS



FLOWERING (UNLIMITED POTENTIAL!)

Flowering -- what's just about to happen in the vineyard. When you pause and think about it, it's pretty awe-inspiring. Everywhere, little flowers will appear on the vines, with each blossom having the potential to become a grape. A lot of things have to go right for those blossoms to get to ripeness, to the picker's bin, to the winery, to the bottle, and finally, to your glass. It's a bit cosmic to ponder. Fingers crossed the magic happens in a stellar way at our block at Campbell Ranch (pictured here), and that '25 is a great vintage. So far, so good.

Speaking of bottles and wine in your glass, we're so excited to introduce three new wines - the **2023 Nolan Ranch Gamay**, **2023 Baranoff Pinot**, and **2024 Las Cimas Fiano**.

NOLAN RANCH GAMAY: THE FINAL VINTAGE

As you all know, we love Gamay. So much so that we have produced up to 4 different versions of Gamay PER VINTAGE over the last few years. For a winery of our size, that's a little crazy! At the same time, the logistics and costs of sourcing fruit from Nolan Ranch (6 hours away) was getting pretty stressful, especially during the insanely busy harvest season. We are juggling a lot... and with the goal of just a little more work/life balance, we decided that 2023 was the last time we'd make Nolan Ranch Gamay. (that is, for the foreseeable future) We're sad. It's hard to say good-bye to such an awesome site, and the wine it produces. In fact, it's earned us some great reviews and killer press. (thank you, Wine Enthusiast!) But still... balance. So please enjoy this future unicorn wine to the fullest. The quality is excellent. Because most of it went into our highly regarded Less Traveled Gamay, we only bottled two choice barrels for this final rendition... just 58 cases produced. **Below are our last tasting notes for Nolan Ranch, as well as the other wonderful new wines in our release.**

2023 Nolan Ranch Gamay

The 2023 Nolan Ranch Gamay, sourced from the sandy soils of the Alisos Canyon AVA, opens with vibrant aromatics and a light, graceful lift. Notes of red berries, crushed stone, and a hint of white pepper come through with clarity and energy. It's a versatile wine—light enough for warm-weather sipping, but complex enough to handle serious food. Drink now through 2032.

2023 Baranoff Pinot Noir

The tiny jewel box of a vineyard that is Baranoff is always our first Pinot Noir pick of the vintage, but in 2023 it was extremely late - harvested September 18th (a month to the day behind 2022). The 2023 vintage was a mellow, lazy growing season with a late start in spring due a wet and cold winter. We were able to let the fruit hang out and ripen slowly, resulting in a very elegant and balanced wine. Unfortunately, we made only 2 barrels, so supply is extremely limited (60 cases produced). The wine shows a light to medium garnet hue and offers aromas of cherry, fresh flowers, black tea, and dried herbs. On the palate, it's silky and layered, offering notes of red currant and cherry wrapped in fine, airy tannins. Grilled spring lamb with rosemary would perfectly complement the herbal notes and acidity. Drink now through 2035.

2024 Las Cimas Fiano

Sourced from the gorgeous, organic Las Cimas vineyard here in Healdsburg, the 2024 Fiano is lively and expressive. It showcases vibrant varietal character from the first sip. Notes of ripe pear, lemon balm, and a touch of honey unfold gracefully, carrying through to a long, seamless finish. This is a beautifully textured and energetic white that would pair well with a spring vegetable risotto, a fennel and citrus salad, burrata, arugula and prosciutto... and so much more. Yum. Drink now through 2028.

PEOPLE ARE TALKIN'...

Every time we get a note from you, it means so much. So for this newsletter, we looked through our inboxes and pulled some of your email comments together. (This has the added benefit of making the newsletter very easy to write) 😊 While we get some nice press (and appreciate it), compliments from you drive us and keep us inspired. Thank you everyone!

about the wine...

"I love your wines. I find them fresh, balanced, and complex; I like how the oak is subdued and the fruit shines through. I really enjoyed the bottle of First Born I had last week at the Snake River Grill. It was the perfect match to accompany the Elk Medallions." - Guillaume, NYC

"I realized that I've loved every single thing I've ever tried from Gros Ventre." - Yahaira, CA

"We've been enjoying your wines over the last four nights--have to slow down, or we'll run out within a week! We had it tonight with our dinner, and my beautiful wife is "demanding" that I order more." - Patrick (NJ)

"I've been meaning to shoot you a note about the 2022 Nolan Ranch gamay that Jen and I tried with you last November. I took it to my parents' house over the holidays, as we often do family "wine tastings" when we're all together. My father doesn't really like lighter reds - a real hard-core first-growth Bordeaux kind of guy - and he LOVED the gamay. Couldn't stop talking about it. It was a crowd pleaser for the entire family, and I just wanted to let you know you have a table full of fans in NYC!" - Amy, SF

about the club...

"I'm typing this as I enjoy a drink from my Gros Ventre tumbler you sent, and listening to Bill Evans (Newsletter Pairing Reco). Just wanted to send a quick message to let you know how much I appreciate Gros Ventre in my daily life!" - Janet, Club Member, AL

"I always love the gifts, and reading the pairing notes and descriptions, and of course, the wines are amazing!" - Elizabeth, WA

"It is always like Christmas when Gros Ventre arrives at my door!" - Hilary, Club Member, CA

"We love being part of the Club!!" - Sheri, Club Member, NJ

about customer service...

"I've said it before, but your customer service is nearly as good as the wine (which is saying A LOT...)." - Russell, Club Member, NV

"We appreciate you and your attention to the details! Team Oklahoma loves you and your fantastic wines. You and Chris are the best!" - Christi, Club Member, OK

"You all are so easy to deal with and it was a pleasure to meet you this summer." - Brian, Club Member, TX

about our tastings...

"My wife Stacy and I did a tasting with you and Chris two years ago. It was our favorite tasting of the many we did during our month in Healdsburg that year. We sat at one of the picnic benches on a beautiful sunny day while you and Chris told us all about the wines, vineyard, process etc. Being able to chat with the owners while trying such spectacular wines in such a beautiful setting was a real treat." - Scott, Canada

"Thank you for the beautiful setting to have our lunch yesterday. It was definitely the highlight of our trip." - Michelle, CA

about the newsletter...

(Sarah's favorite comment)

"It's always a bonus to receive the Gros Ventre Cellars Quarterly News with your shipments. It's beautifully written and we love to learn and celebrate with you and your family. Along those lines, congratulations for the several rave reviews!" - Scott & Jody, Club Members, WA



Kidding! (sort of) Thanks for making our days. We wish you a wonderful summer - talk to you at Harvest!

Chris Sander