

SARAH'S VINEYARD WINE CLUB NEWSLETTER



Member Appreciation Week



We love our members! We are so thankful for our dedicated wine club members, which is why we are excited to set aside an entire week to recognize you! As a thank you for your support of our winegrowing efforts, we will be offering 'members only' specials! Watch your email inbox for details on our week of gratitude. This is a perfect time to stock up your cellar for the upcoming holidays!

Fall Wine Club Party



Save the Date for November 13th for our fall wine club member tasting. We'll taste through our brand-new wine club releases – all from our estate. Winemaker Jonathan will be joining us to answer questions about the wines and tell us how this year's harvest has been going. We can't wait to see you all here for a fun evening. Check your email inbox for details and to make reservations.

Holiday Sip & Shop



We are excited about our annual Holiday Sip & Shop taking place on Sunday, November 9th from 11:30-4pm. Get a head start on your holiday shopping! Browse the unique artisan-made local gifts while enjoying live music, food from R&R Tacos and Cart n'Cutie Charcuterie, plus your favorite Sarah's Vineyard wines that can be enjoyed that day by the glass or bottle. Santa will be visiting 1:00-2:00pm! Check out our website's Events page for details and the list of vendors at this free event.



As the holidays rapidly approach, please let us know if you are looking for a venue to host your holiday event, special occasion, or corporate team building activities. Contact events@sarahsvineyard.com for more information.

Happy Holidays at SV



Save the Date – Sunday, December 21st – and join us for a fun day of relaxing and taking a break from all your holiday preparations. We will have your favorite wines, live music with David Johnson, and food available for purchase from Roy's BBQ, plus hot cocoa for the kids! Keep up to date on all events by checking the events page on our website often!

Hello Friends,

There is a beauty in harvest beyond the peace of the vineyard and the chaos of the cellar. It is the inexplicable ability of nature to leave you humbled. An old saying says, "Men plan, and God laughs." Well, there was a definite chuckle over my harvest plan this year. The year started slowly, so I planned for everything to come in late, thinking that this vintage would be a repeat of 2023. Instead, grapes like chardonnay, pinot noir, and viognier ripened quickly, and the day after I bottled my last wine of 2024, I had my first pick of 2025. A vacation would have been nice, but the grapes had other plans. So, no problem, we just adjust, now expecting a compressed year, right? Nope. The cool weather and rainstorms of October have pushed out harvest for varietals like cabernet sauvignon, grenache, merlot, and nebbiolo. There is beauty in this unpredictability. It is like the wind is whispering to me, "You don't know as much as you think you do." With every harvest, and with any luck, I will surrender to that feeling and learn from it.

Cheers,

Jonathan Houston,
Winemaker



~ Latest Press ~

2023 TONDRÉ GRAPEFIELD PINOT NOIR | 93 POINTS & CELLAR SELECTION

"There's a strong mineral streak of slate and stone on the nose of this bottling, as dark cherry and sandalwood aromas complete the picture. The palate is tense and complex, pairing strawberry, wild thyme and white pepper flavors. Drink now-2040."

-Matt Kettmann, Wine Enthusiast (November 2025)

MEMBERS' FALL RELEASES



2023 Chardonnay, Estate

The Sarah's Estate Chardonnay is our most historic wine. From our very first vintages in the late 1970's, this label has been responsible for our world-class reputation growing this noble grape. Barrel fermented with secondary malolactic conversion induced. The wine was aged for 11 months in French oak cooperage with twice-monthly stirring of lees. The 2023 Estate Chardonnay displays bright citrus, white blossom, yellow apple, stone fruit, and a hint of honey, with a long, lingering finish. The time spent primarily in neutral French oak barrels lends a hint of vanilla and adds a soft, creamy texture to this bright, complex wine. Pair with the enclosed recipe for Julia's French Onion Soup. The Chardonnay's acidity helps balance out the richness of the cheese in the soup while complementing the flavor of the caramelized onions.

Only 151 cases were produced | Tasting Room List Price \$42



2023 Pinot Noir, Estate

Our S.V. Estate Pinot Noir adds new meaning to the term "homegrown," as some of the vines from which it is drawn are mere steps from the tasting room. Having complete "dirt to bottle" quality control ensures this limited release is a special one. The Pinot Noir we picked from the various home ranch blocks in September 2023 was of excellent quality, with near-perfect flavors and acids and deep, rich color. After a cold soak, fermentation began using yeast RC212 in a stainless-steel tank. Pump overs of the cap occurred twice daily before pressing and "barreling down" for eleven months aging in small French oak cooperage, thirty-five percent of which was new wood. The wine was bottled in August 2024 and allowed over a year in the bottle before being released to our members. The 2023 Estate Pinot Noir is a delightful balance of soft red fruits and spice. On the nose, violets, strawberry, dark cherry, plum, and raspberry are layered with baking spice. The palate echoes the aromas, adding clove and cinnamon. You can also serve this with the enclosed recipe for Julia's French Onion Soup. The acidity in the Pinot Noir marries nicely with the soup while complementing the savory notes.

Only 185 cases were produced | Tasting Room List Price \$55



2022 Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate

Our sixth Estate Cabernet Sauvignon release to our S.V. members is a tribute to the early winegrowing days of our region. This grape was one of the first varieties planted in the Santa Clara Valley, well before the Civil War. We grow these grapes with great care and attention, with a highly restricted yield, to develop the excellent concentration we find in the wine. This limited estate release was hand-harvested, saw extended maceration to create depth of flavors, color, and tannins. It was then fermented in small lots and matured in 25% new French oak for 15 months. The light percentage of new oak adds a delicate enhancement to the wine without overshadowing the natural deliciousness. The result of meticulous winegrowing is a very well-balanced wine with a burst of rich ripe dark cherry, raspberry, and red currant. Hints of star anise, clove, baking spice, and leather round out this wine that has a smooth finish and tannins. The 2022 Estate Cabernet is the perfect accompaniment to your next burger night or enjoy a glass with a piece of dark chocolate.

Only 122 cases were produced | Tasting Room List Price \$48

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Pinot Noir Only Wine Club

- 2023 Pinot Noir, Estate