

SARAH'S VINEYARD WINE CLUB NEWSLETTER

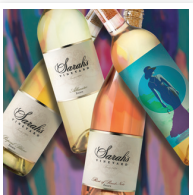


Sarah's Vineyard at Your Fingertips



Want to connect? We are excited that we have a new, easy, convenient way for you to communicate with us. Text us for help with anything regarding your membership, questions about events, ordering wine, updating your information, or just to see what's happening in the vineyard or winery. **Text us at 408-906-8761.**

New Tasting Room Exclusive Spring Wines



We are excited to share that soon we will release some very small lots of wines made exclusively for the Tasting Room, just in time for the warm days and nights ahead! The 2025 Rosé of Pinot Noir, 2025 Picpoul Blanc, and our first estate 2025 Albariño will be released mid-May – stay tuned to emails announcing these wines. We are also excited to release the 2025 Marilyn's Block Chardonnay - a special Chablis-style Chardonnay dedicated to our founder, Marilyn, made from the estate vines planted by her in 1989. These new wines pair wonderfully with warm spring and summer evenings and are the perfect addition to any picnic. Being small lot wines, they won't last long. Be sure to purchase yours before they sell out.

Wine, Dine & Dance 2026!



We are so thrilled to announce that our summer music series will be making its return on Friday evenings, July 10th through October 30th. Included in this release is the music schedule for the summer series. These are 21+ events, no exceptions. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and music is from 6:30-8:30 pm. Be sure to check your emails and the website for the full line-up and details on the music series and all our fun upcoming events.



Latest Press



We are happy to share the wines in our recent February wine club release were well-received by Wine Enthusiast.

- 2024 Sarah's Vineyard Pinot Noir, Rancho La Viña - **94 Points**
- 2023 Sarah's Vineyard Syrah, Besson Vineyard - **93 Points**
- 2024 Sarah's Vineyard Grenache Blanc, Estate - **91 Points**

If you'd like to purchase more of any of these wines, a limited amount is available at the SarahsVineyard.com online shop or at our Tasting Room.

Hello Friends,

Spring came early for us here at Sarah's. In the vineyard, we just finished shoot thinning, bringing everything down to either one shoot or two shoots per node. By limiting production, we will increase crop quality.

In the cellar, I've been focusing all my efforts on our 2025 estate sparkling wine, which we are about to bottle. There's an intensive process that takes place over about 6 weeks prior to bottling, involving blending, fining, stabilizing, and prepping the solutions to start fermentation in bottle (sugar and yeast). The day of bottling, I add the sugar and yeast. The wine will be bottled with a crown cap so it can ferment in bottle, and then I'll check it about a month after the fact to make sure nothing went wrong. It's a very technical process, and unfortunately, I can't check the wine daily like I do with regular wine fermentation to make sure nothing's gone wrong. So, I have to make sure everything's perfect beforehand, because I don't get the opportunity to fix it once it's in the bottle. Then begins the process of the wine bottles lying on their sides in crates, which is my next project. I'll be constructing 30 crates to hold all our sparkling during the secondary fermentation process.

Back to the vineyard - the cool thing about this year is that everything is budding early. Some varieties are already flowering six to eight weeks earlier than we're used to, so we are expecting early picking this year. Who knows, maybe mid-August we will start picking, but we will see. We are looking forward to what the 2026 harvest brings us, but we have plenty to keep us busy until then.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Houston
Winemaker

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POINTS

2024
SARAH'S VINEYARD
PINOT NOIR,
RANCHO LA VIÑA

"The lush aromas of cherry, ginger ale, and cream soda are cut by a slightly bitter hint of sage leaf on the nose of this single-vineyard expression. The wine floats across the palate with jubilant flavors of baked plum and li hing mui that are layered in chaparral and redwood spices."

– Matt Kettmann | Wine Spectator, May 2026

MEMBERS' SPRING RELEASES



2024 Chardonnay, Tondré Grapefield, Santa Lucia Highlands

Tondré Alarid established a vineyard on his family's historic ranch in Monterey's Santa Lucia Highlands. In the hands of his son Joe Alarid, the estate has become one of the S.L.H.'s best-known properties. The Highlands' sparse mountainside soils and windy Monterey Bay-influenced climate produce some of the country's best Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The combination of a perfect site and meticulous farming makes for truly great wines.

"Winemaker Jonathan Houston picks early, and it shows in his Chardonnay, looking to preserve the acidity and brilliance of the region's minerality. He hyper-oxidises this and ferments in about 15% new French oak barrels with heavy lees for 11 months. Tons of freshness and linear character with salty and juicy Meyer lemon pulp, Bright, fresh, and jumping with shining citrus fruits, concentrated citrus oils, and a linear mineral finish."

– 94 Points, Decanter, Clive Pursehouse, March 2026

Only 114 cases were produced | Tasting Room List Price \$42



2024 Pinot Noir, Tondré Grapefield, Santa Lucia Highlands

The unique location of Tondré Grapefield, in the distinguished Santa Lucia Highlands appellation, allows the grapes to have an extended hang time, meaning more sunlight on the vines, more grape ripening and sufficient cool-down in the evening to firm up the fruit's natural acidity. Literally next door to the famed Garys' Vineyard, Tondré shares the same well-drained hillside soils and crop-limiting afternoon fog and cool winds from nearby Monterey Bay. We employed traditional Burgundian techniques in dealing with the superb Pinot Noir fruit from Tondré. Eleven months aging in French oak barrels, one third being new wood, added polish and length.

"Aromatics of gravel dust, a signature of the region, with fresh spices and wild alpine herbals. Fully destemmed, with some extended maceration, helps the winemaker capture those fresh-fruit characteristics. 33% new French oak, that's lightly toasted for 11 months. Fresh and brilliant, cranberry, blood orange, brilliant. and salty. These are dazzlingly bright Pinot Noirs from young winemaker Jonathan Houston, a name to watch, taking a fresh, bright approach in the SLH."

– 95 Points, Decanter, Clive Pursehouse, March 2026

Only 191 cases were produced | Tasting Room List Price \$55



2023 Charbono, Estate

Charbono was originally introduced to California in the Napa Valley by early Italian immigrants; the grape itself hails from France's Savoie region. There is now very little acreage left in the state of this once widely planted variety, which accounts for its almost legendary cult status. We started making Charbono in 2007, buying from our friends who had an acre of it planted just down the road near Santa Teresa and Hecker Pass. That land was sold to build houses on, and we planted an acre of it on our estate. While our little estate Charbono was developing, we bought some from Pear Valley Vineyard in the Paso Robles area, where the bold heat gets Charbono very ripe and lighter in color. Beginning with the 2018 vintage, our Charbono is entirely estate-grown and sees 28 months in neutral French oak barrels. The '23 Charbono displays an intense fruit presence of dark black and blue brambly fruit: ripe blackberry, blueberry, and dark cherry. This wine also has layers of leather, cloves, and baking spice. The 2023 Sarah's Vineyard Estate Charbono pairs well with seared flank steak with chimichurri.

Only 94 cases were produced | Tasting Room List Price \$48

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