

2025 Spring Release Wines

2023 Kerner



The offspring of the noble Riesling grape, Kerner is an aromatic white variety capable of producing compelling wines. With intensely floral aromatics and vibrant citrus notes on the palate, it showcases bright acidity and balance from our site. We foot-tread the grapes, allowing them to soak on the skins for a few hours before pressing, then fermented and aged the wine in barrel on its original lees for 11 months. Enjoy this wine in celebration of the first spring blossoms and the beautiful burst of spring and summer ahead!

Origin / Germany

Taste / orange blossoms . tangerine . peach flesh

Pairing / Tom Yum Soup . Szechuan chicken . spicy papaya salad

2023 Savagnin



Savagnin is known for producing dry white wines with mineral-driven aromatics and bright, persistent acidity. In 2017, Morgan was entrusted with the care of 200 young Savagnin vines—direct from the Foundation of Plant Sciences at UC Davis and the first of their kind in the U.S. She not only nurtured them but grew them in small pots until we could harvest the budwood and graft the variety into the vineyard. After two years of growth, we grafted them in the spring of 2019 and crafted our first varietal Savagnin in 2021. We find this grape reminiscent of our estate Chardonnay, but with greater minerality and an exceptionally long finish.

Origin / France - Jura

Taste / honey comb . lime curd . warm hazelnuts

Pairing / triple cream cheese . herbaceous salads . freshly shucked oysters

2023 Maceration



Maceration is a white blend we created to embrace creativity and experimentation in the cellar each year, allowing us to explore the potential of the non-traditional white varieties in our vineyard. With Grüner Veltliner, Kerner, Friulano, and Ribolla Gialla all being prime candidates for skin contact, we continue to trial different methods to study the range of expressions these grapes can achieve on our site. The 2023 vintage saw the use of two Novum clay amphorae for both fermentation and aging, bringing a beautiful earthy grounding to the Kerner and Ribolla/Friulano components of the wine.

- Origin* / Austria . Germany . Italy
Taste / white pepper . dried apricot . fennel seed . pear
Pairing / Saag paneer . Mezze . beet, goat cheese & pistachio salad

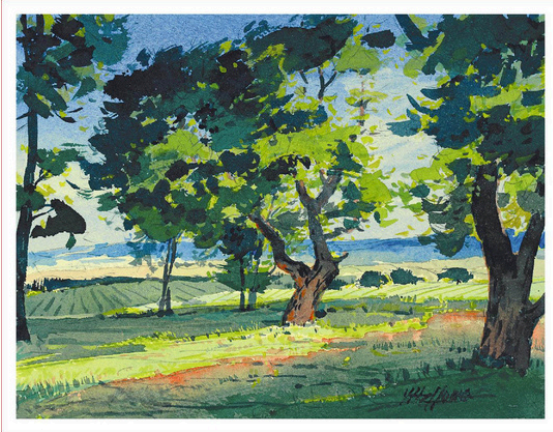
2023 Zweigelt



While the Zweigelt grape may sound like an unfamiliar variety, it is the most widely planted red grape in the country of Austria. Wines produced from this grape are often bright, playful, and quaffable. The 2023 vintage is a collision of black cherry, red raspberry juice, and black pepper – and is juicy, nervy and oh, so drinkable. The label sports one of our favorite resident birds on the property. The Great Blue Herons love to hang in the Johan ponds and hunt voles in the vineyard. We thought this mascot was a perfect fit for this blue-hued beauty of a wine!

- Origin* / Austria
Taste / black cherry . red raspberry juice . black pepper
Pairing / burrata . cold tahini noodles . spatzel

2023 Pinot Noir "Estate"



The goal of our flagship Pinot Noir is to create a bottling that directly reflects the growing season and offers the purest expression of Johan Vineyards' terroir. We carefully select fruit from a range of rootstock and scion combinations, aspects, vine ages, and soil profiles, crafting a collage of our vineyard's diverse expressions through the lens of Pinot Noir. The 2023 vintage was fermented exclusively with native yeast (both primary and malolactic), incorporating 30% whole-cluster fermentation. The wine was then aged for 11 months in French oak barrels, 6% of which were new.

Origin | France - Burgundy

Taste | crunchy cranberry . rose hips . hibiscus

Pairing | mushroom risotto . coq au vin . pork chop & roasted potatoes

2022 Pinot Noir "Sapience"



The intent behind our reserve Pinot Noir, Sapience (formerly Nils), is to showcase the powerful expression of Pinot Noir on our site. Sapience—an old French word meaning “good taste, intelligence, or wisdom”—honors one of the oldest oak trees on our property, a sentinel of time that embodies wisdom and strength, standing watch over our farming. This reserve blend highlights structure and concentration while maintaining balance and focus. Fermented exclusively with native yeast (both primary and malolactic) and approximately 18% whole-cluster, the wine was aged for 19 months in French oak barrels, none of which were new.

Origin | France - Burgundy

Taste | black cherry . sarsaparilla . concentrated red fruit

Pairing | flank steak . puttanesca pasta , black pepper crusted tuna

"Galant" Dessert Wine



Inspired by the traditional 'Macvin du Jura' style dessert wine, "Galant" incorporates freshly pressed Pinot Noir juice blended with estate-grown brandy. A blend of three separate vintages matured for 8 to 10 years in the cellar, this fortified beverage is decadent, sweet & silky with a "spirited" kick.

This style of dessert wine has been produced since the 14th century France, with the initial recipe attributed to the abbesses of Chateau Chalon. Producers gave it the nickname of "Galant", as it was a favorite wine of two notable Duchesses that loved to share it at gatherings with other noble women.

Origin | France - Jura

Taste | caramel . brûlée orange . wildflower honey

Pairing | dark chocolate, bacon wrapped dates, Comté

Library Selections

2015 Blaufränkisch



The 2015 growing season was the warmest and driest on record in the recent history of the Willamette Valley. Fortunately, the strong afternoon winds from the Van Duzer Corridor provided a cooling influence, helping the fruit retain bright natural acidity despite the heat. This acidity lends focus and vibrancy to each wine. The fruit was destemmed and fermented in small open-top macro bins, with the cap gently punched down by foot twice daily during primary fermentation. The wine then aged for 19 months in neutral French oak barrels.

Origin | Austria

Taste | dried currants . bergamot tea . meaty tannin

Pairing | dried meats . grilled spring vegetables . goat cheese stuffed mushrooms

2017 Pinot Gris "Drueskall"



Drueskall—Norwegian for "grape skin"—is a skin-fermented white wine made from Pinot Gris. Our aim is to craft a wine with the structure of a red and the layered aromatics of a white, making it a versatile companion at the table. We continue to refine its vinification, using both whole-berry fermentation and carbonic maceration, with skin contact ranging from 15 to 40 days. After primary fermentation, the wine is pressed and aged in barrique, allowing fruit, tannin, and acidity to harmonize before bottling this complex, exotic expression of Willamette Valley Pinot Gris.

Origin | France - Burgundy

Taste | loose leaf green tea . dried apricots . umami

Pairing | sashimi . pancetta sage tortellini . pork gyoza

Cowhorn Selections



2023 Spiral White Blend

The Spiral is a thoughtfully arranged composition of our estate's white varieties: Viognier, Marssanne, and Roussanne. Its goal is to provide the freshest example of each selection, together, with bright aromatics and a lively, refreshing acid-driven mouthfeel. Picked by hand along a continuum of ripeness, each variety and block is pressed, settled and fermented in barrel without yeast or any other additions. It is assembled and sulfured just before bottling.

Origin | France

Taste | apricot tart . opal apple . yuzu . kumquat

Pairing | watermelon and feta salad . soft cheese with quince paste



2023 Viognier

Although small in area, our Viognier blocks are planted across a diverse range of soils and microclimates. Our two selections of the variety span a continuum of predominantly alluvial soils, from loamy to gravelly and then to very cobbly. The vines across these soil types also experience varying amounts of sunlight per day. The effect of these variables creates a diversity of expression, allowing for beautifully complex aromas and textures.

The 2023 Viognier was whole cluster pressed and then fermented and aged in mostly neutral oak barriques and a couple of new French oak puncheons, with only small amounts of sulfur added before bottling.

Origin | France

Taste | sea mist . Comice pears . jasmine . lemon thyme

Pairing | Piccata . roasted vegetable medley . seafood tower



2022 Grenache

Our estate Grenache is entirely head trained, trellised in a manner that is classic to the Rhone Valley of France, but is unusual in North America. This vineyard experiences the heat necessary to ripen this late variety, but grown here on the banks of the upper Applegate River, our Grenache is uniquely complex and is energized by the acidity and tannin afforded by our cool summer mornings. The fruit is hand harvested and fermented both destemmed and as whole cluster, and is aged in mostly neutral French Oak.

This Grenache is texturally dense and energized; simultaneously playful and reflective.

Origin | Spain

Taste | Sun-kissed raspberry . white pepper . blood orange

Pairing | tapas . grilled meats . goulash



2022 GSM

Our estate GSM is a vintage snapshot of the red varieties planted across our vineyard. We ferment and age each of the red cultivars separately, in mostly neutral french oak, using natural methods and only minimal additions of sulfur. Although not in the greatest overall proportion in this wine, the Grenache sets the overall tone, with bright playful red fruit and lifted citrus tones. The Syrah meanwhile provides darkly concentrated aromas and determined structure, and the Mourvèdre inserts brooding background savory notes and textural depth. The palate is a delightful balance of sweet and crunch tannins, focused acidity, and a decidedly persistent finish.

Origin | Spain . France

Taste | tart cherry . pomegranate . lilac . bay laurel

Pairing | moussaka . aged Gouda . pork loin & mushrooms

2023 Johan Vineyards Pinot Noir



PINOT NOIR
JOHAN VINEYARDS

2023

Johan Vineyard is the only other vineyard that Cowhorn receives fruit from. It is owned and managed by the same family as Johan, so we think of it essentially as our second estate vineyard. Their goal is to craft a Pinot Noir from this excellent vineyard in the Willamette Valley in their own style and intention, having chosen specific vineyard parcels that inspire them. We collaborate in farming decisions, decide when to pick, and deliver the fruit to Cowhorn, where the wine is made.

Although we are deeply familiar with the vineyard, 2023 was our first vintage making this wine at Cowhorn. It was a beautifully warm growing season, allowing the fruit from this somewhat cooler vineyard to achieve an elevated level of ripeness, while still maintaining its signature verve and vitality. Hand harvested, the fruit was partially destemmed, with an average of about 11% whole cluster, fermented on skins, and then aged for 14 months in mostly neutral French oak, with only 12% new.

Origin | France - Burgundy

Taste | rhubarb . ripe cranberry . Douglas Fir forest floor

Pairing | kofta . grilled artichokes and yams with black garlic aioli