

Spring Time on the Hayne

We've seen fire, and we've seen rain....

Mother Nature has certainly handed the left coast our fair share of weather. After years of the worst drought on record, this winter has brought lots and lots of rainfall. The Sierras are heavy with snowpack — over 550 inches so far — and we're still getting precipitation in Tahoe. Wow. While Napa's massive Army Corps of Engineers flood project has kept the river's banks in check, and downtown Napa out of harm's way, our Sonoma County neighbors haven't been quite so lucky. In early March the Russian River lapped out far beyond its banks flooding property from the redwoods in Guerneville to the vineyards in Healdsburg. Here on the Napa Valley floor, the rains are beginning to slowly replenish and refresh our groundwater supplies, which makes for very happy old, dry-farmed vines.

We expect there to be lots of canopy growth early on as spring's sunshine begins to



reawaken the dormant vines. That means more passes through the vineyard for pruning and maintenance, but less worry about the health of our dry farmed vineyard through the coming seasons. We expect relatively early budbreak and a long, healthy growing season — assuming no late frosts.



*Spring 2019
Allocation*

2017 Vintage

Yes, 2017 was hot. In fact it's the hottest vintage on record for Napa Valley, with 35 growing days over 100 degrees. But you'd never know it given the balance and finesse that our bad-ass team managed to coax out in the final wines.

There's a saying around these parts, that anyone can make good Napa wine in a good vintage, but we separate the mice from the men in the more challenging ones. Our winemaking and vineyard team will tell you it's all about these old vines — and their almost magical quality to maintain extraordinary balance and purity of fruit regardless of the weather. (We guess it's to be expected since they've had 117 years to practice.) But we'll tell you that it took tremendous experience and fortitude on our team's behalf to wait out the heat spikes, ignore the dehydration, and allow the best clusters time to develop phenolic complexity alongside the rising sugars.

At the end of the day the only thing we sacrificed was tonnage. We culled the vineyard's overripe and dehydrated fruit over many passes, prior to harvest and let only the most perfect fruit remain. The result was about 40% lower yields than what's normal for Hayne Vineyard. So while there's quite a bit less wine to go around, you were smart enough to sign up for an allocation, and are going to be supremely satisfied with yourselves and these beautiful wines.

But what about the fires?

Yes, there were fires. Massive fires, that thankfully were relegated to the northern reaches of Sonoma County and way down south. Lucky for us, Zinfandel and Petite Sirah ripen earlier than the bulk of Napa Cabernet, and we're incredibly happy to report that all our fruit was harvested and safely barreled down before the smoke settled in. We guarantee there is no smoke taint in our wines, as much as the fear-mongering press would want us to believe otherwise.





Wines

2018 CHASE Cellars Zinfandel Rosé

One of the only Rosés on the planet made with old vine Zinfandel fruit it's crisp and clean with a round, luscious center. A sophisticated sipping wine; and completely quaffable for any hot dish or summer's day. Food friendly to the max, the flavor profile is decidedly summer-ripe strawberries with light-as-air vanilla cream. *A mere 180 cases produced. \$36.*



2017 CHASE Hayne Vineyard Zinfandel

A bright, complex and superbly layered Hayne Vineyard Zin, it's a beautiful expression of our 30-year old young-vine fruit, that's been skillfully combined with specially selected barrels of old vine fruit picked exclusively from the morning-sun side of the our head-trained vines. Lovely fresh fruit flavors surround a darker, structure-laden core making this wine particularly supple, with a flourish of pretty acid that carries the whole thing through to a delightful finish. *315 cases produced. \$75*

2017 BOURN Sarah's Petite Blend

Deep and delicious, this epic blend of Zin and dry farmed Petite Sirah has substantial palate weight and brooding dark fruit, balanced by beautiful brightness. Concentrated but never overbearing, it's a mouthful of palate pleasure that's guaranteed to make friends and lovers of all proclivities swoon, with a near perfect blend of both masculine and feminine attributes. *264 cases produced. \$75*

2019 Winery Events



Summer Solstice Brunch Sunday, June 23rd from 11am – 2pm

Bust out your Sunday best and come celebrate with bubbles, bites and solstice delights.

As you know, history runs deep around here, so we're adding some spirit to the affair with readings by friend and Medium, Paula Phipps.

Those donning a hat will be entered to win a Magnum signed by our fearless leader, and the guy who makes the wine.

Members & Guests Only, \$60 per person.

Harvest On the Hayne Vineyard Dinner

Saturday August 31st from 6pm until...

Break bread and drink wine under the setting sun, in the legendary Hayne Vineyard. We'll commune among our old vines, with seasonal dishes paired with our new release wines, and some generally jammin' tunes.

Our photographer will be on hand to capture vineyard portraits, and Russell will be around to sign your purchased bottles.

Members, \$100 per person.
Non-members, \$150 per person.

Event RSVP

Give us a call or drop us a line:
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