

*Underdogs
that over-deliver*



2014 Nine Hats Red Wine



Launched in 2007, Nine Hats was inspired by Long Shadows' team of nine internationally renowned vintners. A decade later, the portfolio now stands on its own, with a tip of the hat to those who first envisioned it. In the beginning, there was one Nine Hats wine, a red blend created from Long Shadows' declassified barrels to support the winemakers' ongoing, strict selection process for their signature wines.

A multi-layered, deep crimson blend offering the distinctive flavors of Bordeaux varietals held together by savory notes of Syrah. This wine displays a wonderfully rich and refined texture complimented by vibrant aromas and flavors of black cherry, red currants and cocoa that lead to a long, pure finish. Grapes are sourced in equal percentages from Red Mountain, Walla Walla, Wahluke Slope and the Columbia Valley making this wine a complete and layered blend.

45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 20% Syrah, 5% Mourvedre

Drink now-2020.

2012 Monteviejo "Petite Fleur" Red Blend

The Pere Verge family, more than just being owners of Monteviejo, Chateau Le Gay and Chateau La Violette in Bordeaux, are a family devoted to making exceptional wines of terroir, power and elegance. Following the hemispheric seasons (growing seasons are opposite in Bordeaux & Argentina), winemaker Marcelo Pelleritti and his team are producing world class wines both in Mendoza and Bordeaux.

Petite Fleur blend displays complex floral, red fruit aromas accented by deep spice notes from co-fermenting Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon then blending with Merlot and Syrah. This unique blend is sensual and rich on the palate with a long, elegant and persistent finish. This fine wine will continue to develop with a few years of cellaring.

50% Malbec, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 10% Syrah

Drink now-2020.



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Neyers Vineyards

Quietly making a lot of noise



Begun in 1992 by Bruce and Barbara Neyers and their winemaking partner, Ehren Jordan, Neyers Vineyards produces 15,000 cases of wine annually. They rely primarily on Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon grown on the Neyers' 50-acre Conn Valley ranch farmed by Hugo and Lupe Maldonado. Additional grapes are purchased from a select group of growers, several of which are identified on the labels of wines produced from grapes they have grown. In 1999 Neyers purchased the 30-acre Sage Canyon Winery in the foothills east of Rutherford and have developed that facility for their entire production that also includes Syrah, Grenache, Zinfandel and Chardonnay.

2014 Neyers "Sage Canyon" Red Wine



The wine is a blend of four wines, each produced using the traditional Rhône process of 'Pigeage' where all of the grapes are crushed by foot, not by machine. Each wine ferments separately, and when complete the tank is drained and pressed, rack the new wine to used 60-gallon French oak barrels, then let the wine age on the lees for a year before blending. The wine is then bottle, un-fined and unfiltered.

The finished wine is complex and old-worldly. There's earth and mineral along with some wildly exotic fruit, and an attractive soft finish. We've regularly heard it referred to as the best example of an old-world blend made today in California. We think it's at least that. A blend of 45% Carignan (vines are 140 years-old), 25% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre and 15% Syrah.

Drink now-2020.

2012 Neyers "Neyers Ranch" Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon 'Neyers Ranch' is the finest wine they've made from the grapes grown on their property, combining the strength and power of hillside vineyards, with the elegant touch of traditional winemaking. Not only was 2012 a textbook vintage for Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, but these vines are now 20 years old and just entering the 'Sweet Spot' of their productive years.

Bright red-ruby. Peppery herbs give punch to the aromas of redcurrant, menthol, tobacco leaf and flowers. Boasts good texture and density to its varietally typical flavors of dark berries, menthol, licorice and flowers lifted by a touch of green pepper. Already showing an attractive sweetness but the substantial dusty tannins argue for a couple years of cellaring.

Drink now-2021



Elio Altare

2011 & 2012 Barolo



Grandfather Giuseppe Altare purchased the farm and winery in 1948, and the family practiced the typical Piemontese mixed agriculture up until the mid-1970s. Besides winegrapes, the family grew pears, apples, hazelnuts, wheat, and corn. 1971 was the last year in which they worked the land with oxen; after that they gradually acquired tractors and other farm machinery.

After a brief period working with his father Giovanni, Elio, at the age of 26 years decided to change direction and to give a different interpretation to the family's wine, favoring elegance, finesse, and balance. He began a strict regimen in the vineyard and adopted new vinification techniques in the cantina in order to highlight the grape variety and the territory in which it was grown. The winery at this point is a family operation, with the invaluable help of Elio's wife, Lucia, and daughters Silvia and Elena. Together, they continue Elio's tireless effort, experimentation, and research.



2011 Elio Altare Barolo

The 2011 Barolo shows elegance and poise with a meaningful feeling of purity and focus. Elio and daughter Silvia Altare added some additional fruit from the Liste cru for the first time to make this base Barolo. It sees no filtration or clarification. Pretty berry notes with licorice and toasted almond fill the palate. Wild berries and pressed cherry give the wine vertical lift and energy. Drink 2017-2030

2012 Elio Altare Barolo

With fruit from La Morra, Castiglione Falletto, Serralunga d'Alba and Barolo, Elio Altare's 2012 Barolo is a classic expression of the vintage. Fruit from each township is vinified separately and after the malolactic fermentation, the wine goes into neutral oak. The wine exhibits less baby fat compared to the 2011 vintage and its color is not as deep or black. The aromatic intensity of the wine is also carefully delivered and subtler. This is an elegant, food-friendly Barolo that can be consumed in the medium-term.

Drink 2017-2028



English Fizz Bubbles from Kent, England



The winemaking era at Balfour Estate began in 2002, when Richard Balfour-Lynn planted his first vineyards on these clay-rich soils, with an ambition to make fine sparkling rosé. To turn his dream into reality Balfour-Lynn was helped by Stephen Skelton MW using his extensive experience with English vineyards. Today 37 acres are planted to Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay.

Hush Heath "Balfour Estate" Leslie's Reserve



Whole bunch pressing then fermentation in stainless steel tank. The cuvée is selected for a young, fresh style with malolactic fermentation encouraging a softer, more approachable expression. Secondary fermentation in bottle is followed by a minimum of 12 months maturation on lees followed by a dosage of 19 grams per liter producing 750mL of fun!

Bright gold with attractive pink highlights and a fine sustained head. On the nose fresh and clean with hints of brioche and red apple. Beautifully balanced with crisp acidity, refreshing flavors of lime and redcurrant then a touch of sweetness on the finish.

55% Pinot Noir - 40% Chardonnay - 5% Pinot Meunier

Hush Heath "Balfour Estate" Brut Rose

Gentle pressing then fermentation in stainless steel. A small amount of red juice is fermented and added to the main blend to create the delicate pink color. In contrast to the NV styles, no malolactic fermentation takes place in order to preserve the hallmark English acidity and structure. After secondary fermentation in bottle the wine spends at least 24 months on lees. Pale salmon. The nose is vibrantly fresh with hints of strawberry, basil and a peppery spice. The palate is very dry, crisp and has well-balanced acidity. The richness and body reflect the ripeness of this vintage. Spice, white pepper, raspberry and hints of vanilla combine, resulting in a deliciously complex sparkling wine.

52% Chardonnay - 40% Pinot Noir - 8% Pinot Meunier



Charles Medley
Owensboro, Kentucky



The Benriach
Speyside

Old Medley Sour Mash 12yr

After Prohibition ended in 1933, 5th Generation bourbon distiller Thomas Aquinas Medley, began production of a new brand of bourbon... a brand he called Old Medley. Though Thomas Aquinas Medley died in 1940, the brand he created - Old Medley - survived for several decades before ceasing distribution a few decades ago.

Today, Samuel Wathen Medley is proud to honor the legacy of Old Medley with this limited release, (only 15,000 bottles) 12 year old Kentucky straight bourbon whiskey.

A sweet aroma hits you first, followed by a good amount of oak. A surprise amount of alcohol hits you for a 86 proofer. A longer whiff conjures up grain, leather and rye notes.

It has quite the flavor blast of aged vanilla, caramel and a dash of Mr. Goodbar. The bourbon is on the sweet side before the spice from the rye mingles in. The palate has a decent amount of depth to it and is definitely the highlight of this bourbon.

American Whiskey



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Scotch Whisky



The Benriach 10yr

Benriach is a small distillery that is located in the Speyside region of Scotland, just to the south of the city of Elgin. It was founded in 1897 by John Duff & Co, who built it to aid production at the adjacent Longmorn distillery. They named it (rather unimaginatively) Longmorn 2. The distillery was renamed Benraich, which translates as 'speckled mountain' from Gaelic, in 1965 following a long period of closure.

A fresh and lively combination of crisp, green orchard fruits, stem ginger and hints of tangerine mellows to creamy vanilla with a delicate note of mint and a gentle twist of citrus, all held together with a sweet barley back note.

Warm toasted oak spices flood through green apple skins and dried apricots, ripening to hints of peach and soft banana. Subtle touches of aniseed and lemon zest create a contrasting edge to the fruit and add an intriguing character to the long, crisp barley finish.