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## Greetings

As we welcome in 2022, we remain hopeful that this year will provide all of us with some joy and continued good health as we push through this ongoing pandemic. We are grateful for all of your continued support with wine consumption.

To update you all on our estate vineyards which are responsible for the amazing wines we can produce, we did not harvest any Chardonnay this year at our beloved Mekerra vineyard in Knights Valley as we chose to T-bud the block to a new clone. We feel this will help give us more consistent quality. Additionally, we continue to fight virus in a couple of blocks of Cabernet franc. The Montbleau vineyard which was lost to the Glass Fire in 2020, will be re-planted this spring. The 2019 being released in April will be the last vintage of Metisse Montbleau for quite some time.

We are always striving to improve not only the quality of wines, but also the methods we use to produce them. After four years of production at the new winery, we have decided to invest in digging a cave on the property for barrel storage. This will be able to house over 300 barrels and also contain a bottled wine library room. We continue to struggle with space as a small winery and this is a perfect solution! We would also like to announce a new member to our team at Melka – Greg Kohl has joined us as Cellar Master and we feel very fortunate to have him aboard.

Finally, on a personal note, we will have a wedding in the family this year! We are grateful for our son's happiness and our growing extended family.

– Philippe, Cherie & Sylvie

## SCHEDULE OF RELEASES FOR 2022

CJ COLLECTOR	SPRING VIP / ELITE	FALL VIP/MEET MELKA
RELEASE DATE JAN 18	RELEASE DATE MARCH 8	RELEASE DATE SEPT 20
<p>2019 CJ CABERNET SAUVIGNON SAUVIGNON BLANC</p> <p>RELEASE DATE JAN 25</p>		<p>2019 MAJESTIQUE LE CHATELET VINEYARD SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU CLASSÉ</p> <p>RELEASE DATE JULY 14</p>
<p>2019 MÉTISSE JUMPING GOAT VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY</p> <p>RELEASE DATE MARCH 15</p>		<p>2019 MEKERRA LA MEKERRA VINEYARD PROPRIETARY RED PROPRIETARY WHITE MERLOT</p> <p>RELEASE DATE SEPT 27</p>
<p>2019 MÉTISSE MONTBLEAU VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY</p> <p>RELEASE DATE APRIL 12</p>		<p>2019 MAJESTIQUE PADEREWSKI VINEYARD SYRAH</p> <p>RELEASE DATE OCTOBER 18</p>
<p>2019 MÉTISSE MARTINEZ VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY</p> <p>RELEASE DATE MAY 17</p>		

## Harvest Recap and Vintage Overview

**2019 Vintage Overview:** Harvest began for us on August 28th with our whites from Mekerra, with Merlots following in mid-September and Cabernets late September into October finishing on the 20th. Our third harvest at the winery was a bountiful one as we processed a total of 73 tons. The climatic conditions were warm with no heat spikes and average precipitation. We were very surprised at how much structure the wines built up early in the aging process. The resultant wines are beautifully balanced with softer tannin profiles.

**2021 Harvest Recap:** Drought during winter and heatwaves at bloom created an early vintage and small crop. September proved perfect ripening weather with cool nights and sunny days. Harvest began for us with the Sauvignon blanc from Mekerra on August 18th. We did the second pick of this varietal a week later and while quality is very strong, yields were low. Merlots were next and we swiftly moved into Cabernet franc and Cabernet with some vineyards yielding low and others right on point of crop estimates. We completed our last pick on October 8th and finished pressing all fermenters by the end of the month. The wines are expressing intense aromatics, good acidity and complex, soft tannins – exciting!



## Annual Members Event

This year's members' event to be held at the winery is tentatively scheduled for August 13, 2022. We are hoping that this coming year will allow most members to be able to travel. We will have the event catered by one of our beloved food trucks and plenty of libations from the Melka portfolio of wines. We look forward to welcoming all of our Melka Members back to the property!