



Greetings

As we welcome in 2023, we approach this new year with the hopes that good fortune will continue to grace us. We strive to never take for granted the people around us and the beauty of our environment.

By way of updates for this past year and the one ahead of us. 2022 was very good to us with an amazing wedding celebration with our son, many visitors at the winery, and a harvest that was albeit challenging and a bit less than projected, but we experienced no fires. We also implemented measures to show that we are true stewards of the land we live on. Be sure to check our sustainability page on our website. Having joined 1% for the Planet in September, we are proud to be contributing to an organization that supports a multitude of Environmental Partners. We also are in the final stages of installing solar panels at the winery. Lastly, we have just submitted our plans to the County for digging storage caves behind the winery. This ~4000 square foot addition will greatly increase our productivity. Digging should start in March of 2023.

This year would normally be the release of the 2020 vintage. However, since we only produced our Mekerra Proprietary White, Majestique Saint Emilion and Paderewski Vineyard Syrah, we are proud to have created unique library vintage combinations for each of the Memberships and also for each wine release. Much will depend on how inventory holds up throughout the year, so we encourage you to take advantage of the offers that we send your way.

Sending each of you our best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

— Philippe, Cherie, Sylvie & Greg

SCHEDULE OF RELEASES FOR 2023

CJ COLLECTOR

RELEASE DATE JAN 10

SPRING VIP / ELITE

RELEASE DATE MARCH 7

FALL VIP/MEET MELKA

RELEASE DATE SEPT 19

LIBRARY CJ
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

RELEASE DATE JAN 24

LIBRARY MÉTISSE
JUMPING GOAT VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

RELEASE DATE MARCH 21

LIBRARY MÉTISSE
MONTBLEAU VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

RELEASE DATE APRIL 25

LIBRARY MÉTISSE
MARTINEZ VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

RELEASE DATE MAY 16

2020 MAJESTIQUE
LE CHATELET VINEYARD
SAINT-ÉMILION
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ

RELEASE DATE JULY 14

LIBRARY MEKERRA
LA MEKERRA VINEYARD
PROPRIETARY RED
PROPRIETARY WHITE
MERLOT

RELEASE DATE SEPT 26

2020 MAJESTIQUE
PADEREWSKI VINEYARD
SYRAH

RELEASE DATE OCTOBER 24

Vintage Overview & Harvest Recap

2020 Vintage Recap: Harvest began for us on August 18th, one day after the start of the LNU fire in Fairfield. We finished the whites on September 1st and were thankful that the altitude of this vineyard helped in preventing any effects of smoke on the fruit. All subsequent harvesting in the Napa and Sonoma appellations was not done and like many vintners, the choice was made to not produce wine. Our Syrah from Paso Robles was harvested on September 21st and while only a 75-case production, we are very happy with the quality.

2022 Harvest Recap: The new normal in California with temperature swings in both directions. Frost hit some of the vineyards in spring, followed by a pretty mild July and then early September saw extreme heat with temperatures above 100F for over a week. The vines were pushed and viticulturists were challenged. Overall, the wines are tasting fairly balanced and the vines in most sites responded well after that one week of extreme heat. Thankfully, napa terroirs are showing their pedigree.

Annual Members Event

This year's members event to be held at the winery is scheduled for August 12, 2023. We will have our customary food truck on hand and for this event, we have decided to embrace our 27-year history and exclusively pour library wines. We are fortunate to have a healthy inventory of back vintages to share. We look forward to welcoming all of our Melka Members to the property!

