

Wine Selections By Club

2012 Malbec
Gold

2013 Aglianico
Concierge | Gold

2013 Alicante Bouschet
Concierge | Gold

2013 Carignane
Platinum

2013 Mourvèdre
Concierge

2013 Petite Sirah
Concierge

2013 Teroldego
Platinum | Gold

2013 Zinfandel, DCV
Concierge

2014 Due Amore
Platinum

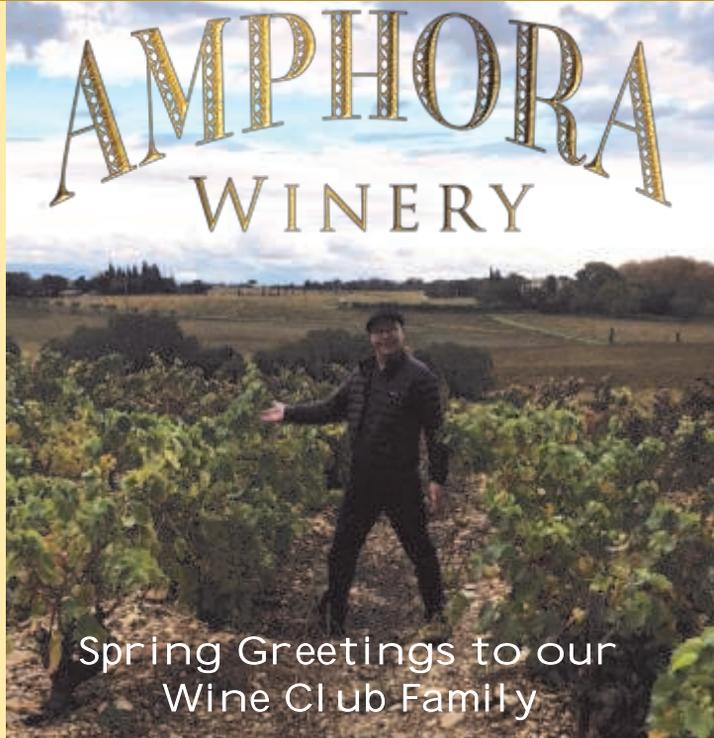
2014 GSM
Gold

2014 Merlot
Concierge | Platinum

2015 Grenache
Concierge | Platinum | Gold*

2018 Vin Rosé
Platinum | Gold*

* Platinum and Gold club members who pick up their shipment at the winery will receive the 2015 Grenache otherwise they will receive a 2018 Vin Rosé (Gold) or one Grenache and one Vin Rosé (Platinum).



The bright days of this season lead to thoughts of summer, and this Club's selections include something special for our "ship-to" members. For years now, our local Club members have enjoyed our dry Rosé wines, which were previously only available in a 3-Liter box. We thought that many of our distant members might be unaware of the wine, or find the box format a bit of a gamble... so this year, winemaker Rick has decided to *bottle* some of his 2018 Vin Rosé, in order to share it far and wide. If you're already a fan, thank you. This is a 'pink' wine for red wine drinkers, by red wine drinkers. It is crafted from 100% Grenache grapes, crushed, and fermented completely dry (as in **no** residual sugar) in a stainless steel tank. The result is a crisp and refreshing wine that is a versatile pairing with a wide range of foods. Rosé-lovers, rejoice! Rosé-averse? Indulge us, please!

Available in 750mL bottle for a limited time, AND in a 3-Liter box (which is the equivalent of 4 bottles) through summer.

As always, we **THANK YOU** for appreciating the fruits of our labors!

2012 Malbec | Bevill/Hart Vineyard

5 barrels produced | enjoy now through 2028

The Bevill/Hart Vineyard is situated a couple of miles north of the winery, on the east side rolling benchlands of the Valley. It consistently bears intense, concentrated fruit that we transform into a jam-packed wine redolent of black licorice, sour cherries and black tea. Its flavors enter with sweet cola, and go on to maraschino cherry and dark chocolate... and did we mention the intense black currant note? This 2012 is well-balanced, and beautifully aromatic, and the finish lingers. Consider this with lamb shanks braised with rosemary and lavender, or a savory stew.



2013 Carignane | Forchini Vineyard

5 barrels produced | enjoy now through 2024

These 70+ year-old vines have sunk their roots deeply which results in grapes full of character and intensity. Our 2013 presents a sweet cherry and red currant profile, with the slightest hint of cocoa, and a lively spiciness on the palate. This varietal was historically a part of the field-blend in

the old Zinfandel-based vineyards, and was rarely found as a varietal wine. Carignane shared a similar role in its homeland (France and Spain), but in recent years it has undergone a bit of a renaissance both here and abroad. Planted on the right site (such as this!), and treated with care, it can render a lovely wine with great character.

2013 Alicante Bouschet | Sonoma Coast

4 barrels produced | enjoy now through 2028

Our 2013 Alicante Bouschet is a tribute to the underappreciated varietals that lent backbone to the “field blends” of yesteryear. Alicante is known for its bold color. In fact, it was the incredibly dark color and substantial tannins of this varietal that brought it to California in the first place. Its peppery, meaty profile is balanced by dark red fruit notes, and accentuated by ample tannins. Alicante Bouschet was bred in the late 1800’s and is one of the few grapes with red flesh. Very little acreage of Alicante remains locally, so savor this rarity, and raise a toast to our winemaking predecessors.

2013 Teroldego |

Clarksburg

7 barrels produced |
enjoy now through 2024

Our 6th vintage of this rare northern Italian varietal (which originates in Trentino/Alto-Adige)

shows a consistent character vintage to vintage: deep black purple color, supple texture, and intriguing aromas of blackberry and heirloom roses. Its flavors tend toward black fruit: canned blueberry, blackberry, pomegranate syrup and a hint of licorice at the end. This 2013 has a very Italian savory note as well. The lingering finish trails off with cassis and dark plum.

Amphora is one of perhaps only ten wineries in California to produce a varietal Teroldego wine, but given its alluring character, we expect to see more in future years.



2013 Aglianico | Clarksburg

5 barrels produced | enjoy now through 2028

Aglianico (pronounced ahl-YEE-AH-nee-koe) is an important Italian varietal originating in the south of that country (which explains why it is so little known!). This ruby-red wine is spicily aromatic, with notes of peppercorn and sandalwood that open to bright red berry and a core of dark fruit. It is medium-bodied, with fine-grained tannins, and a lively tartness that works brilliantly with a variety of dishes. The wine's flavors follow true to its



aromas, and tend toward red fruit, with a leafy note on the finish. We believe this wine will age elegantly for years, and if you plan to enjoy it in the short-term be sure to decant it. Delightful pairings include pasta with red pepper flakes and olive oil, followed by roast lamb, beef or goat.

2014 GSM | Dry Creek Valley

13 barrels produced | enjoy now through 2025

Our Grenache-Syrah-Mourvèdre blend pays tribute to the wonderful (and invariably blended) wines of France's Rhône River Valley, and is becoming a favorite among staff and visitors alike. Our second "GSM" is comprised of

Grenache (40%), which provides a seductive strawberry fruit that wraps around a brooding, dark-noted core of Syrah (24%). The Mourvèdre (36%) seasons the blend with a woody spice. The result is a lovely synergy, a wine that is appealing right now, but that promises to reward a little bottle-age.

The summery strawberry fruit makes it lovely to sip, but it can really shine with a wide range of food. One example would be a lightly smoked pork tenderloin and cauliflower roasted with lemon and garlic, but follow your whims and imagination, and let us know if you find a winning combination!



2014 Merlot | Dry Creek Valley

8 barrels produced | enjoy now through 2024

Our Merlot fruit grows immediately across Dry Creek Road from the winery, and consistently transforms into one of our most aromatic, balanced, and enticing wines. The 2014 vintage brought a darker and deeper note to this vineyard's characteristic tart raspberry and red cherry characters. This wine's bigger frame easily carries the deep-noted dark fruit and the finish lingers with a touch of vanilla and cinnamon. Try this one with a roast pork tenderloin with a cherry glaze, or a chickpea and cauliflower tagine.



2014 Due Amore | Dry Creek Valley

4 barrels produced |
enjoy now through
2030

Our *Due Amore* wine is winemaker Rick's special blend of two varietals in roughly equal proportion. In 2014, his imagination envisioned

this marriage of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. The Cabernet lends linear structure, a core of dark fruit, and a feel of gravity. The Syrah component hangs on that structure like a tapestry of lush fruit, spice, and mystery. The result is a rich, complex, and intriguing red wine which will reward additional bottle-aging. Simmer something tasty in the slow cooker or dutch oven (beef stroganoff?), pull the cork from a bottle, and experience how this wine opens up over the course of a long evening. Then plan to get more—only four barrels were produced!

2013 Mourvèdre | Clarksburg

9 barrels produced | enjoy now through 2022

Mourvèdre (pronounced mohr-VED-ra) is a full-bodied and rustic Rhône varietal. Its initial aromas go beyond the fruit and flower realm, and into the earth, with scents

reminiscent of forest floor and *herbes de Provence*. This wine can be dangerously drinkable on its own, but **you'll find there is a whole new dimension to it when it's paired with food.** This Mourvèdre can dovetail perfectly with *paella*, grilled sausages, or a fall BLT with a perfectly vine-ripened tomato. There, those earthy notes shine in counterpoint to the flavors of stemmy red fruit, and end with just a touch of spice and minerality.





2013 Zinfandel | Dry Creek Valley

8 barrels produced | enjoy now through 2025

This Zinfandel combines the best of three wonderful Dry Creek Valley vineyards. A. Forchini/Watson, Timber Crest, and Tre Torrente. Together they encompass hillside and both east and west side benchland vineyard. Aromas of freshly-cut plums and raspberries highlight this wine, and their sweet character is complemented with hints of black pepper and pomegranate. The deep flavors suggest dusty blackberry with a touch of anise, and linger long on the palate. Our Dry Creek Zin would go wonderfully with ravioli in a slightly spicy, rich tomato sauce.

2013 Petite Sirah | Bevil/Wolcott Vineyard

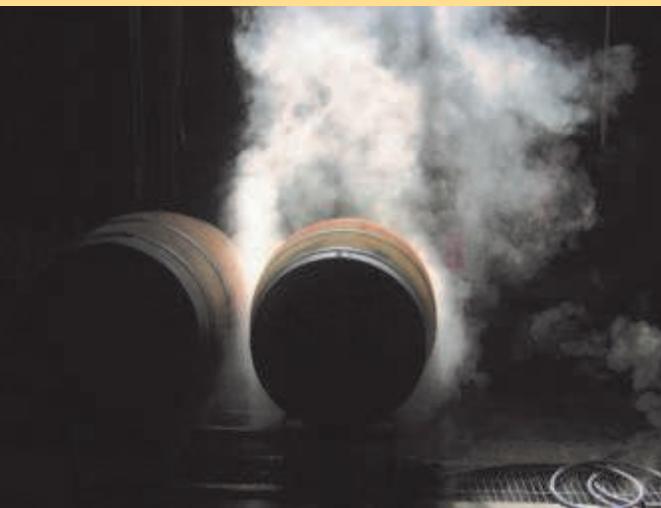
4 barrels produced | enjoy now through 2029

This intensely dark and substantial varietal is truly one of Dry Creek Valley's iconic grapes, and while it's certainly a key component in the best "field blends", it stands alone quite well. The Wolcott Vineyard, just four driveways south of the winery, renders beautiful fruit year after year. Our 2013 presents a pleasant branded cherry and baking spice nose, dark fruit flavors, and just the right degree of tannic "grip". The wine is a characteristic dark and enticing purple, and the jam-packed flavors will deepen over years of additional bottle-aging. In addition to the usual grilled meat pairings, contemplate this wine with roasted root vegetables or mushroom risotto.



2015 Grenache | Clarksburg

7 barrels produced | enjoy now through 2022



In a word, this wine is a lovely and appealing rendition of a venerable grape—a liquid smile. This vineyard shows a consistent character in Grenache every vintage, one that highlights a juicy strawberry jam fruit in both aroma and flavor, and a gentle spicy finish. It is not particularly tannic, yet it has ample body, and great “presence”. Be sure to serve this wine at a cool “cellar” temperature (about 52-55 degrees) to best enjoy

it, especially during the warm days of summer. Grenache is so delicious that it is unlikely to spend much time in your cellar in any event, but it will still develop nicely over the next one to four years. We think the flavors of this wine would pair beautifully with a slow-cooked roast of pork or a roasted leg of lamb with North African spices, lemon, and onions. You could keep it simple, and equally enjoyable, with grilled chicken and Italian sausages and a tomato salad.

2018 Vin Rosé (750ml) *for our out-of-town club members*

Our 2018 Vin Rosé is 100% Grenache, crafted in the Provençal style (that is, defiantly dry). It is pale salmon in color, with strawberry and raspberry-cream aromas leading to flavors of berry and mineral with a squeeze of tart cherry. **This is rosé for red wine drinkers! For years now, we’ve crafted rosé from this fruit, and it has been wildly popular among our *local* club members—but only available in a 3-liter box. For the first time, we have bottled a limited quantity, in order to share it with our out-of-town club members.** It is also available in the convenience and portability of the box (equivalent to four regular bottles, and at a discounted price, too!). Whether in the fridge door, on the pool deck, or on a boat—take this one along on your spring and summer meanderings.



Spring 2019 Club Wines

Re-order price list

	Retail	Concierge	Platinum	Gold
2012 Malbec	40	30	32	34
2013 Aglianico	38	28.50	30.40	32.30
2013 Alicante Bouschet	34	25.50	27.20	28.90
2013 Carignane	35	26.25	28	29.75
2013 Mourvèdre	34	25.50	27.20	28.90
2013 Petite Sirah	42	31.50	33.60	35.70
2013 Teroldego	42	31.50	33.60	35.70
2013 Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley	30	22.50	24	25.50
2014 Due Amore	50	37.50	40	42.50
2014 GSM	38	28.50	30.40	32.30
2014 Merlot	55	41.25	44	46.75
2015 Grenache	34	25.50	27.20	28.90
2018 Vin Rosé (750ml)	27	20.25	21.60	22.95
2018 Vin Rosé (3L)	82	61.50	65.60	69.70

To order, please call us at 707.431.7767 or email us at jim@amphorawines.com. Many of these wines are exclusive to our club members and do not appear on our website, so call or email us today! Remember, Concierge and Platinum members receive shipping discounts of 50% and 25% respectively.