



IN THE GROOVE

2022 Vintage Report with Winemaker Adrian Bolshoi

The 2022 harvest is upon us at the Brick Barn estate, and it feels like a milestone moment to Winemaker Adrian Bolshoi.

Indeed, our estate vineyard was planted in 2012, so the vines now have a full decade of maturation on their side. Meanwhile, Adrian is now entering his fourth harvest at the winemaking helm.

“I think we’ve really found our groove,” Adrian says. “The vineyard is very consistent in terms of fruit character. Weather is always the biggest variable. But I’m 100 percent into these wines and there are stylistic signatures that we are establishing for each of them.” He adds, “As a winemaker, I never want to come in with a heavy hand—it’s more about guiding and accentuating the wines to become their best.”

We have also made some tweaks to the vineyard over the years, such as grafting 2.75 acres over to more Cabernet Franc in 2020, allowing us to invest more deeply in a wine that proved to be a top performer. “As a vineyard matures, you discover the possibilities and learn how to make the most of your terroir,” Adrian says.

For all of these reasons, Adrian has high hopes for the 2022 vintage. Temperatures were warm and steady during the summer growing season, with a rare spell of high humidity in July. Yields are moderate. Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are always among the first to roll into the winery. As always, we can expect a bit of a lull in picking after that, allowing Adrian to clear out the fermenters before we harvest later-ripening varieties such as Syrah and Cabernet Franc.

“Our wines are not moving targets,” Adrian says. “They are the fruit of this special terroir, year after year. There’s a deep sense of connection that comes with that—not just for me as a winemaker, but for everyone who enjoys our wines.”



2019 BÉTON CHARDONNAY
Santa Ynez Valley

Béton is the French word for “concrete,” reflecting the vision behind this wine: to create an elegant Chardonnay that displays the unique nuances gained from aging the wine exclusively in a French concrete tank made from natural washed gravel, sand and well water. The 2019 Chardonnay Béton begins with complex aromas of orange blossom, lime zest, golden apple and nectarine. A sleek yet mouthfilling palate delivers vibrant flavors of apricot, melon and citrus, all cascading into a juicy, balanced finish. The concrete influence is most notable in the wine’s dimensional textures, which include a refreshing sense of minerality.



2021 CABERNET FRANC ROSÉ
Santa Ynez Valley

Our 2021 Cabernet Franc Rosé is an elegant wine made from estate-grown fruit, reflecting a dry European style with a fruit-forward California flair. It opens with enticing floral aromas of jasmine, peach, honeydew melon and mineral. A soft, rounded mouthfeel delivers plush flavors of strawberry, watermelon and stone fruit. Notes of crisp acidity yield to an elegant weight and recurring minerality on a smooth, sensuous finish. The 2021 Cabernet Franc Rosé is perfect for fall seasonal enjoyment. Recommended pairings include fish tacos, herbed flatbread, summer salads and, come the holidays, traditional roast turkey.



2019 PINOT NOIR CLONE 828
Santa Ynez Valley

We are proud to count several iconic French clones among our Pinot Noir plantings at the Brick Barn estate, including Clone 828—the focus of this limited-edition clonal selection wine. The 2019 Pinot Noir Clone 828 presents abundant aromas of Bing cherry, raspberry and strawberry cream with underlying hints of eucalyptus and dried rose petal. A rounded texture reveals elegantly assertive flavors of cherry, cranberry, plum and cinnamon. A beautifully weighted finish gains lift with a lingering kiss of acidity. The gentle intensity of the 2019 Pinot Noir Clone 828 appeals to herb-crusted beef tenderloin, rosemary lamb chops, mushroom risotto and holiday ham.



2019 RHÔNE BLEND
Santa Ynez Valley

The 2019 Rhône Blend is a limited-edition cuvée that showcases the striking synergy between Grenache (50%) and Syrah (50%). Selected from standout barrels by Winemaker Adrian Bolshoi, this classic Southern Rhône-style blend balances an exuberant fruit character with complexity and elegance.

The 2019 Rhône Blend opens with subtle aromas of strawberry and Bing cherry with trailing hints of smoke. Smooth, polished flavors of cherry, pomegranate and strawberry cream anticipate hints of cedar, sage and eucalyptus. Light spice notes linger on a seamless, integrated finish. This wine makes a nice match for grilled lamb chops, pasta Bolognese and gourmet cheeseburgers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Comedy Night

Thursday, September 15
Thursday, October 20

Wine Club Release Party

Sunday, September 11 *or*
Sunday, September 18

Murder Mystery Party

Friday, October 29th
6-9pm