



HAWK WATCH

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Harvest 2023 is nearly upon us and what an AMAZING harvest it likely will be! A few minor tweaks to our farming practices and vineyard inputs have paid off in spades with our vines being loaded with beautiful clusters of fruit with record yields expected! If the weather holds and Mother Nature doesn't throw us too many curve balls, we should be sitting pretty when we start harvesting (think mid-September...)



This harvest we will also be returning to the Chardonnay game after a 3-year hiatus, so keep your eye out for that new reserve release early next year. This quarter we also introduce the most recent addition to our wine making team, MIA! We acquired her from Lisa's sister in Houston and now she sits proudly in our tasting room welcoming our guests, asking to be pet, and trying to figure out who might be allergic so she can rub all over them! Actually, that last part isn't true. But Zena and Zoro? That's another story... I hope you'll take a minute to introduce yourself to her on your next visit. She's a real sweetheart and absolutely loves people.

This month we celebrate the 19 wonderful years we had Zena and Zoro before we sadly lost both last year. I crafted two wines specific to each of their personalities and included a bottle of each in your wine club shipment. Note the paw prints on the front and back labels. Also included in this month's selections is our 2018 Mongrel. It's one of my favorite bottles on the tasting bar right now. We're getting low with inventory on our Petit Verdot, Mourvedre, Zinfandel blend so gobble it up before it's gone!



In closing, we would like to thank each of you for being part of our extended family. We could not do any of this without you and your loyalty and support. There are many good things coming down the pike, so stay tuned! Happy Harvest! - Mike & Lisa

A Message From Mia!



What a difference a year makes!



"Baby" Hawk Watch is all grown up!

Hi everyone! I'm sooooo excited to be part of the Hawk Watch family! I was raised in Houston but moved to California 2 months ago to live with my new parents! I've been told that I have some big shoes to fill with Zena and Zoro gone, so I'll do my best to make them proud! I'm super friendly, love people and being pet. I'm not quite ready to be picked up yet, but we're working on that. I'll make sure to introduce myself next time you visit us!





2020 Zena

Elegant yet spicy. That was Zena’s personality when she was younger; pet me, pet me, pet me, then SCRATCH! Ultimately, she became more of a lovable slug in her advanced years. Our latest blend of Syrah, Tannat and Grenache lives up to her youthful personality with a raw earthiness, cedar and bright red fruit in the nose, followed by a kick of spice and dark fruit brooding on the palate. Notes of cherry pie, and sweet oak round out the finish. Zena passed away in November 2022. We hope you enjoy this mini tribute to her and the love and affection she brought to our tasting room. Enjoy now through 2029. 69 cases produced. Wine Club Price \$30 bottle / \$336 case

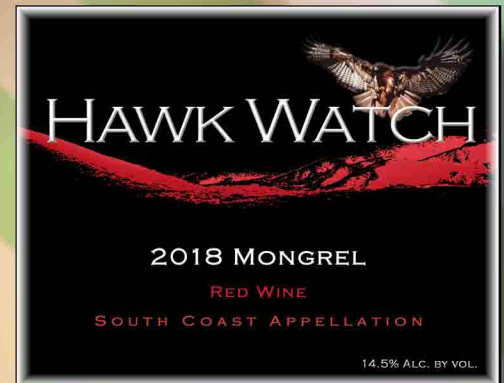
2020 Zoro

Soft and mellow. That was Zoro’s personality his entire life. He never fell into the “slug” category like his sister; he was an active kitty from day one and considered our winery his personal jungle gym! Our newest Meritage blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot matches his personality perfectly. In the nose you’ll discover soft notes of plum, cinnamon and a hint of sandalwood with luscious ripe red currant and black cherry on the palate. Zoro left us in June 2022. We hope when you enjoy this wine you’ll recall the kind, gentle demeanor he had and the love and joy he brought to our visitors. Enjoy now through 2030. 89 cases produced. Wine Club Price \$30 bottle / \$336 case



2018 Mongrel

This isn’t the first time you all have seen this bottle in our wine club, but it’ll probably be the last since our inventory is running quite low. As this wine has aged it has gone through many changes, so it’s been fun and educational to watch it evolve over the years. Initially when bottled in 2021 the Mourvedre element was dominant with all the gamey, smokiness you would expect from that grape. But after being in bottle for nearly 2 1/2 years the Zinfandel and Petit Verdot have stepped in bringing rich dark fruit elements to the mix which is what I’ve personally been waiting for!! The blend of Petit Verdot, Mourvedre and Zinfandel is admittedly strange but that goes to show that patience is a virtue and good things come to those who wait! Enjoy now through 2027. 77 cases produced. Wine Club Price \$28.50 bottle / \$319.20 case



2020 Solo Barrique Merlot

Our estate Merlot vineyard block consists of a mere 250 vines. The rows are oriented North-South and have a west facing sun exposure. Typically, this small collection of vines produces just enough fruit to make a single barrel of wine. Normally the wine in this single barrel is used for elevating the fruit expression in one or more of our Bordeaux wines. But in 2020 the fruit was so beautiful and the resulting wine so big and rich we felt we should place it in our Solo Barrique program. Aged for 30 months in 100% French oak the wine is juicy and ripe with bold elements of black cherry and spice with a full, rich palate and a long, graceful, lingering finish. Enjoy now through 2030. 23 cases produced. \$58 bottle / \$696 case

