

August 2020 in the Cellar

# Crop Update

Extreme heat continues throughout California with Lodi temperatures at 108° by August 19th and around 100° into next week. With the sustained high temps, sugars have been quickly increasing across all varieties. We are ahead almost a week from last year's harvest. We anticipate that our first grapes to be harvested will be Syrah from Borra Vineyards, Lodi, CA. Stay tuned for updates!

### Fred's Red

At the beginning of August, we blended and bottled a new batch of our best-selling red wine, Fred's Red. After I2 months of aging in American Oak we blended a selection of our fruitiest Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot wines. This fruit-forward and smooth wine has rich flavors of plum, blackberry and violets and a beautiful aftertaste of sweet oak and roasted coffee beans.

### Christmas Red

We are officially ready for Christmas! Ho Ho Ho. What is Santa bringing? Wine? Yes! Our favorite seasonal wine: Christmas Red

By mid of August we bottled a huge batch of Christmas Red wine. This delicious blend of red wines, raspberry, cherry, strawberry, and cranberry wines was infused with our special and own recipe of mulled spices, including cinnamon, cloves, and oranges.

# Lynfred Winery Vintage 2016 Zinfandel, Petite Sirah & Viognier

Last year, we did a blending class at our Naperville location. We presented 3 different red blends following a traditional technique used in the Northern Rhone Valley- France of adding a touch of Viognier to enhance the creamy and fruity

flavors of the blends. We learned what blends produced different styles of wines. We experimented with a full-bodied blend, a balanced medium body wine and a fruity and food friendly red. Then we voted our favorite. The best choice was the soft and fruity one. This delicate blend was made by using Zinfandel as the main component leaving the stronger reds in less percentage for the final blend. After choosing the wine, we promised the audience that someday in the future we will recreate this style of blend for our wine club members. We are living up to our promises! We created this tasty Zinfandel, Petite Sirah & Viognier blend that shows lots of fruitiness and smoothness on the palate. Perfect wine for a wide range of foods from cheeses, pastas and roasted meats. Thank you to our friends that participated in that epic blending class!

### Chardonnay Reserve 2019

Made with the same grapes from Kamiak Vineyards, Columbia Valley, Washington. This rich wine went through a gentle oak-aging sur lies resulting in a smooth and creamy wine with elegant notes of toasted almonds & French vanilla and delicious tropical fruit flavors. Enjoy our exclusive Lynfred Winery Chardonnay Reserve 2019. Cheers!

## Viognier Reserve 2019

At the end of August, we bottled a new addition to our Lynfred Winery Reserve portfolio. Viognier Vintage 2019. After 10 months of aging in French Oak we bottled this spectacular white. This wine was made with grapes from old vines from the warm area of Ripon, California. There, the microclimatic conditions are exceptionally good to grow our best Viognier grapes. Fermented and aged "sur lie" in new French oak. As a result, this remarkable vintage has papaya, peach, and rich creamy flavors to it. Enjoy our unique Lynfred Viognier Reserve 2019.

## Mango

During August we bottled one of our Best- Selling fruit wines, and particularly the favorite of our cellar crew: Mango wine. This new batch was made with fruit from Mexico. This delicious and fragrant wine has aromas of peaches, lychee, and that characteristic and refreshing mango flavor.

Saludos from the Cellar, Rodrigo Gonzalez Head Winemaker



