

Chateau Margene

Spring 2023



Let it Rain!!

With all the talk of drought over the last seven years, we were all hoping for a big Winter season of rain. We have certainly gotten it! Huge storm in January and lots of rain in February and March.

More than three times the "norm" with all the lakes filling up and the aquafier being re-charged somewhat. The ground was already saturated when the heaviest rains fell, so the run-off washed out two main roads to our estate vineyard/winery with one being repaired within a few days (Cripple Creek) and the other (Creston Road) still out as of March 14th. It required more engineering/permitting and is set to re-open in late March. With accompanying high winds, we lost one of our large Pine trees coming up the main road to the winery. Unfortunately, it fell right across our road which required some quick chainsaw work to re-gain access off the property.

Many other roads in the area were also impacted and the Salinas River through Paso Robles was at its highest peak in over a quarter of a century with the 13th street bridge having to close twice.

Our busy season kicked off again with bottling on February 13th, irrigation maintenance and weed management in the vineyard, wine club packaging and shipping with grapevine pruning slated for late March/early April. We now have to wait for things to dry out before letting crews in the vineyard. Jon or I will be manning the estate tasting room Friday - Sunday at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm or 3:00 pm., by appointment. Our Morro Bay tasting room is once again open 7 days a week from noon to 7:00 pm.. Stop by to meet Bill, Melissa, Tera, Chris or Randy.

Fingers crossed that this will be another stellar vintage! Mother Nature always seems to throw us curves during the growing season. Last year it was extreme/extended heat in September. Our motto of "planning for the best and preparing for the worst" will once again be in play. Hey, if this was easy, anybody could do it!!

Member Wine Release Weekend

April 15th & 16th

11:00 am or 2:00 pm

Come celebrate with us! Great wines, live music and small bites being provided. Two members and up to two guests are complimentary. Our Spring 2023 wine club offerings will be poured, so come taste what is in your shipment (so you are not tempted to open them early). . **Reservations are required and tables and time slots are filling up quickly.**

Go to www.chateaumargene.com/visit - Book Now - Member Outdoor Seated Tasting - Select number of guests, date and time. If you opt to book more than two guests (6 max total), fill in the number of people in your group and we will bill your credit card on file for the additional guests.

Sorry, no one under 21 and no dogs allowed this weekend.

2023 Spring Wines

2021 Cabernet Sauvignon - Michael's Vineyard

\$88 / WC \$70.40

Clubs: **Winemaker's Mixed, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cellar Club**

Inky purple with a blackberry, dark cherry and cedar aromatics. Earthy and juicy with plush tannins and a lingering finish. "You could consider drinking in early 2024. Just know that it will age beautifully through 2032" Alc. 14.8%

2021 Cielo Rosso (Super Tuscan style)

\$78 / WC \$62.40

Sangiovese (83%), Cabernet Franc (9%), Malbec (8%)

Clubs: **Winemaker's Mixed, Cellar Club**

An estate blend with the more delicate Sangiovese being enhanced with the Cabernet Franc and Malbec, which adds depth and structure. Notes of blackberry, wild blue berries and mocha. Dusty tannins move through to a chewy mid palate and a pleasant, lingering finish. Approachable in mid 2024, we find it most enjoyable with some age.

Recommend cellaring through 2032" 14.9% Alc.

2021 Mooney Family Pinot Noir - Boekenoogen Vineyard

\$78 / WC \$62.40

Clubs: **Winemaker's Mixed & Pinot Noir**

The Boekenoogen Vineyard is located on the eastern slopes of this coastal range. Early bud break, consistent ocean breezes, fog that comes in from the Monterey Bay and a long growing season all contribute to its rich phenolic development, balanced acidity and vibrant tannic structure. "Layered aromatics of raspberry, blackberry and black licorice - a pleasant burst of acidity adds dynamic tension and vibrancy.

2015 ROXO Cellars Syrah (500 ml)

(Port-inspired wine)

\$60 / WC \$48

Club: **ROXO**

Full-bodied port-style wine with notes of black fruits, plum and warm spice.

"7 years in French oak - drink well now, highly ageable." 18.9% Alc.

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Wine Release Weekend

November 17th & 18th, 2023

Newly released wines, live music and small bites. Two members and up to two guests are complimentary. Our Fall 2023 wine club offerings will be poured. More details on this event in August.