



SIGNATURE WINE CLUB JULY 2020

This month we're focusing on California as a way to introduce a brand-new winery to the Maritime Collective, Moshin Vineyards. This winery begins with a man, Rick Moshin.

In the late 1970s, while teaching math at San Jose State University and working a side hustle at a home-brewing supply store, Rick was encouraged to try his hand at winemaking—and fell deeply, madly in love. His hunger for grapes soon inspired him to become a grape broker, earning access to extra fruit while forging relationships with vineyard owners throughout Northern California. This gig allowed him to be in the right place when a certain Pinot Noir vineyard—the first acreage in their estate—went up for sale in 1989.

A self-taught farmer who (along with friends and family) built a gravity-flow winery by hand, Rick enjoys experimenting with different varietals and winemaking methods. His heart will always belong to Pinot Noir, but as a passionate viticulturist and vintner, he remains ever curious about the whole world of wine.

The Moshin Sauvignon Blanc is a real treat. It's a single vineyard Sauvignon Blanc and due to oak aging reminds me of a Fumé Blanc with its slightly oaky style. Folks who don't normally gravitate toward SB will find a deeply complex white wine that rejects with gusto that SB is watery or uninteresting. Fans of SB will find a new summer favorite in this wine, and I think it sips especially well in the San Francisco Summer Fog.

The Madrigal Zinfandel is a Tasting Studio staple and I like to think the reason why is because it's a Cab drinkers Zin. The nose is sultry, and the texture is straight velvet, but unlike a jammy zin or high-alcohol sweet bomb, the finish is sophisticated and well structured. Pair this wine with BBQ!

Wine is meant to be enjoyed with others so whether you're joining your quarantine bubble, socializing virtually, or drinking with us in spirit, cheers!

Moshin Vineyards Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2018

Since way back in 1989, winemaker Rick Moshin has been producing natural, terroir-driven, and delicious wines in the Russian River Valley. He sustainably farms his own prized Goldridge-soil Pinot Noir vineyards, and using the natural yeasts of his grapes he gently makes small-lot, premium wines in our gravity-flow winery on Sonoma County's famed Westside Road. Celebrating our 30th anniversary in 2019, we're still family-owned and -operated, and our focus remains on hand-crafting some of the highest-quality wines in the Russian River Valley AVA. This Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from the Larrick Vineyard - a 2.5 acre parcel that is organically farmed in the Dry Creek Valley. The wine was tank fermented then aged in neutral oak barrels for six months.

Variety: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Tasting notes: Bright flinty nose with appealing fruit flavors of fresh honeydew melon, lime zest, mango and white spring flowers. Excellent balance of fruit flavor and acidity - refreshingly smooth on the midpalate with a clean, crisp finish.



Since the late 1930's, three generations of the Madrigal family have farmed some of Napa Valley's finest vineyards. The family history is a constant source of inspiration, and guides Chris, 3rd generation of the Madrigal family, in his wine making now. Chris' passion for winemaking inspired him to establish Madrigal Family Winery in 1995 by producing his first vintage of just 500 cases of Petite Sirah. Today, he continues the family's commitment and legacy of developing outstanding vineyards and award-winning wines.

Varieties: Barbera: 100% Zinfandel

Tasting notes: Dark ruby red in color, this Zinfandel shows off complex aromas. Cherry cola, vanilla and pomegranate dominate the nose. On the palate, a core of cherries engulf your mouth with soft tannins. In the back ground, mocha and touches of clove round off into a smooth finish. Pair this wine with Santa Maria style tri-tip, mashed red potatoes and BBQ corn on the cob.

Madrigal Zinfandel 2015

