

Matthiasson Family Wines

MATTHIASSON is a family endeavor, the effort of Steve and Jill Klein Matthiasson, as well as their two young sons and an extended family of vineyard and cellar workers. Steve & Jill both have had life-long careers in sustainable agriculture, and they apply those ideals of balance, restraint, and respect for the individual—and for the whole—to their wine. Their production is simple but careful. This concept is central to the tradition of viticulture and winemaking. Respect for this tradition forms the core of their work. To that end, their hands literally touch every vine and every bottle.



As a vineyard consultant Steve teaches and makes decisions, such as when to water and how to prune, on vineyards throughout Napa and Sonoma. Steve's current clients include Araujo Estate, Spottswoode, Chappellet, Robert Sinskey Vineyards, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Long Meadow Ranch, Trefethen, Limerick Lane, and others. On his own vineyards, however, Steve cares for the vines with his own hands, driving the tractor at night, and working with the crews on Sundays.

Matthiasson moved to Napa in 2002. In December 2006, they took their wine plans another step forward and bought a small parcel tucked behind a subdivision just west of the city of Napa. They began replanting the property's 3 1/2 acres of vineyard to an initial lot of Ribolla Gialla – traced back to Josko Gravner's vineyard in Friuli -- Merlot, Refosco, and Cabernet Sauvignon. The Linda Vista Vineyard is now certified organic with many other sites in conversion.

Linda Vista



Vineyard Chardonnay



Varietal/Blend: Chardonnay
Farming Practices: CCOF certified organic
Soil: clay
Harvest Technique: multiple harvests by hand over ripening
Year Vines Were Planted: 1989
Yeast: ambient
Fermentation: whole-cluster pressed the grapes / settled in tank for 24 hours
Malolactic: 2/5ths go through full malolactic fermentation
Maturation: 18 months in neutral French oak
Alcohol: 12.5%
Acidity: 3.47 pH // TA 6.5 g/l
Fined: no
Filtered: light
Country: United States
Region: California
Subregion: Napa Valley
Vineyard: Linda Vista Vineyard

"In 2011 we leased the old Chardonnay vineyard behind our house. The West Oak Knoll area where we live is one of the classic Chardonnay spots in Napa, going back to the 60s, when the climate here was considered too cool for full-bodied reds. The cool winds and clay soils here preserve zesty acidity and freshness, while the Napa sun provides richness and ripeness. Leasing the vineyard, taking it organic, and farming it ourselves gave us the control to feel comfortable producing a challenging and iconic variety like Chardonnay, where crafting "balance" means walking a razor's edge in a genre with such iconic examples." Winemaker's notes

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