

Matthiasson Family Wines

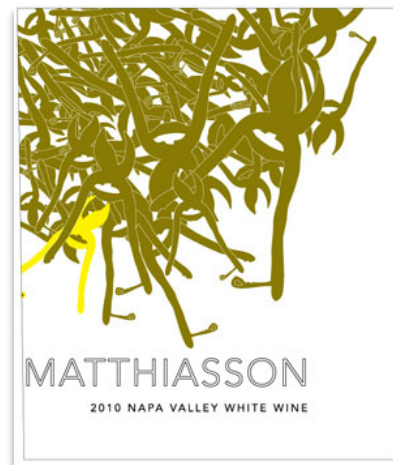
MATTHIASSON is a family endeavor, the effort of Steve and Jill Klein Matthiasson, as well as their two young sons and an extended family of vineyard and cellar workers. Steve & Jill both have had life-long careers in sustainable agriculture, and they apply those ideals of balance, restraint, and respect 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.

White Blend



Varietal/Blend: 50% Sauvignon blanc / 25% Ribolla gialla / 20% Semillon / 5% Tocai friulano

Farming Practices: practicing organic
Soil: varied

Harvest Technique: multiple harvests by hand over ripening

Year Vines Were Planted: 1943-2003

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: light whole-cluster pressed the grapes / co-fermentation in 20% new Boutes barrels / aged on lees without stirring

Malolactic: blocked

Maturation: 9 months in French oak (25% new)

Alcohol: 12.1%

Acidity: 3.38 pH // TA 6.5 g/l

Fined: no

Filtered: light

Country: United States

Region: California

Subregion: Napa Valley

“The Sauvignon Blanc comes from Ryans Vineyard, which sits on a streak of alluvial gravel in the center of the valley floor, south part of Napa. The Ribolla gialla and Tocai friulano are from the tiny Elsa's Vineyard, in the mouth of Napa's Dry Creek canyon, right next to the creek. The Semillon is from 60 or 70 plus year old vines in the Yount Mill Vineyard in Yountville. They are head trained and dry farmed.”

Winemaker's notes

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