

Matthiasson Family Wines

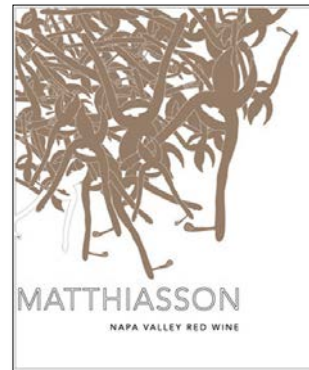
MATTHIASSON is a family endeavor, the effort of Steve and Jill Klein Matthiasson, as well as their two young sons and an extended family of vineyard and cellar workers. Steve & Jill both have had life-long careers in sustainable agriculture, and they apply those ideals of balance, restraint, and respect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

Napa Red



Varietal/Blend: 56% Merlot / 32% Cabernet Sauvignon / 8% Cabernet Franc / 2% Malbec / 2% Petit Verdot

Farming Practices: practicing organic
Soil: varied

Harvest Technique: multiple harvests by hand over ripening

Year Vines Were Planted: 1950s–2007

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: cool co-ferment in open-top fermenters with hand punch-downs / 24-day maceration

Malolactic: yes

Maturation: 20 months in French oak (50% new)

Alcohol: 13.5%

Acidity: 3.60 pH // TA 6.03 g/l

Fined: no

Filtered: no

Country: United States

Region: California

Subregion: Napa Valley

Vineyards: Red Hen / Meadowbrook / Matthiasson / undisclosed St. Helena site

“Merlot comes from the Red Hen Vineyard, a warm site with a thin soil atop a cobble alluvial fan resulting in small berries and early ripening. The Cabernet Sauvignon is grown in the Meadowbrook Vineyard with intense afternoon sunlight and air currents coming off of Mt. Veeder providing the acidity and tannin to the wine. The fruit for this wine is from the sites with shallow clay and sandy soils over dry cobble and silts. The Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot comes from the Matthiasson Vineyard and the Malbec is sourced from St. Helena.”

Winemaker's notes

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