

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.

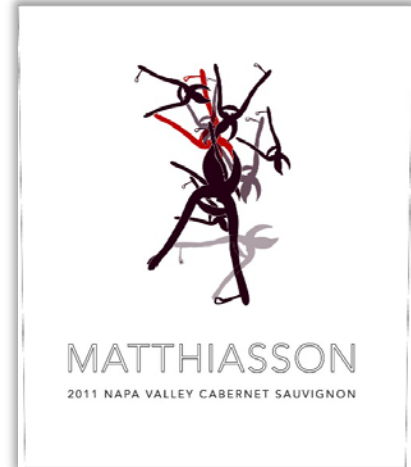


As a vineyard consultant Steve teaches and makes decisions, such as when to water and how to prune, on vineyards throughout Napa and Sonoma. Steve's current clients include Araujo Estate, Spottswoode, Chappellet, Robert Sinskey Vineyards, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Long Meadow Ranch, Trefethen, Limerick 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.

Cabernet Sauvignon

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Varietal/Blend: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon / 7% Petit Verdot / 5% Merlot / 2% Cabernet Franc
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 / blended and racked to barrel
Malolactic: yes
Maturation: 20 months in French oak (20% new)
Alcohol: 13.3%
Acidity: 3.65 pH // TA 5.3 g/l
Fined: no
Filtered: light
Country: United States
Region: California
Subregion: Napa Valley
Vineyards: Coombsville, Rutherford and Oak Knoll

“The nose shows abundant red fruits, lots of bright cherry along with bramble-berries, such as blackberry, cranberry, mulberry, and framed with hints of mineral/herbal characters such as graphite, cedar, and pencil shavings. The palate is vibrant and fresh, with light tannin and beautiful acidity. Decanting is highly recommended.”

Winemaker's notes

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