

MCNAB RIDGE WINERY

WHERE FRIENDS COME TOGETHER TO DRINK GREAT WINE AND MAKE GREATER MEMORIES



Winemaker's Welcome

RICH PARDUCCI

Spring Greetings from the Winery!

As the world blooms into spring, so does the vitality of the vines! The longer days and warmer sunshine bring a sense of renewal to both the vineyard and our winemaking passion. It's a season of growth, beauty, and, of course, exceptional wine.

We're thrilled to announce our latest releases, handcrafted to capture the essence of the season. Whether you're savoring the crisp, refreshing notes of our new French Colombard or the lush, vibrant profile of our Grenache Noir, each sip is an invitation to embrace spring's spirit.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming spring gathering at the tasting room, where we'll toast to this season's bounty with wine, food, and good company. Details are enclosed, and we can't wait to see you there. From all of us here, thank you for being part of our wine family.

Here's to a season of warmth,

Rich Parducci
Winemaker

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A Grand Celebration: 25 Years of Wine & Creativity

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY CARRIE BELLES

Last fall marked a special milestone - our 25th anniversary! To celebrate this momentous occasion, we brought back the ever-popular wine blending party, the first since the pandemic. To call it a success would be an understatement!

The event featured 11 teams of 6 to 8 participants. Each team was given 8 different wines to blend with, labeled only by varietal - unfinished and raw, just waiting to be blended into something extraordinary. The teams worked their magic, mixing and tasting until they crafted what they believed was the perfect blend. Once finalized, their creations were presented - labeled only by number - to the judges, ensuring a completely blind tasting. Our winemaker and owner Rich, owner Reed, and our cellar master Charlie deliberated over the anonymous blends, carefully assessing each one without knowing its composition or creators.

Competition was fierce, with Rich, Reed, and Charlie remarking on the exceptional quality of the entries. In the end, however, it was team Witches Brew that took the top honors —a fitting name for the Halloween season.

The Witches Brew team comprised of Kim & Aaron Speer, Mike & Diane Reynolds, John & Debi Reynolds, Debra Futryk and Tracey Heuer. Congratulations on creating this tasty blend of 25% Zinfandel, 25% Grenache Noir, 25% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon. In recognition of your accomplishment we are proud to include your names on our 2023 Celebration Cuvée red blend.

After the judging, guests enjoyed a wine country-style catered lunch and relaxed in the beautiful autumn weather, sipping newly released wines and soaking in the joy of an unforgettable day.

The Blending and Harvest Party is clearly a cherished tradition, bringing together great wine, creativity, and community. As the date approaches, anyone looking to attend should reach out for recommendations on accommodations and activities—there's so much to explore in Inland Mendocino County and Hopland, from vineyard tours to scenic drives through the rolling countryside. We are honored to help you make this an experience all around.





The Winning Team

Witches Brew

*Kim & Aaron
Speer, Mike &
Diane Reynolds,
John & Debi
Reynolds, Debra
Futryk and Tracey
Heuer.*



Judges

*Charlie Morris
Rich Parducci
Reed Rinehart*



*Winemaker
Rich Parducci
and daughter,
Julia*



Harvest 2024 Memories!

Tollini Vineyards

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY CARRIE BELLES

McNab Ridge has enjoyed a strong relationship with Tollini Vineyards for over 20 years, a legacy that stretches back even further. Decades before, Rich Parducci's grandfather, John, sourced grapes from Tollini Vineyards for Parducci Wines, a tradition dating back more than 50 years.

With deep roots in Mendocino County, the Tollini family has been farming the region since 1921. Their vineyards, nestled in the Calpella and Redwood Valley areas, are known for their distinctive benchland soils, which contribute to the intensity and character of the grapes grown there.

Alvin and Sally Tollini have played a pivotal role in maintaining the vineyard's legacy, cultivating a diverse range of varietals, including Petite Sirah, Syrah, Carignane and Grenache Noir.

Committed to sustainable farming, Tollini Vineyards relies on minimal intervention techniques that allow the grapes to showcase their natural character. Their old-vine Carignane, among other varietals, is dry-farmed, relying solely on natural rainfall rather than irrigation to maximize concentration and express the essence of the terroir. In addition, they utilize traditional head-trained vines, which improve sun exposure and airflow, ensuring healthier fruit and vibrant flavors.



Harvested from Tollini Vineyards in Redwood Valley, our **2023 Family Reserve Tollini Grenache Noir** reflects the exceptional growing conditions of the region. This bright and expressive wine boasts lively acidity, fresh red berry flavors, and elegant spice, making it a superb alternative to heavier reds.

Its vibrant fruit and spice-driven profile pair beautifully with roasted meats, earthy dishes and Mediterranean cuisine.

Grenache Noir likely originated in Spain, where it is known as Garnacha, before making its way to France and beyond. Recognized for its bold red fruit flavors, moderate tannins, and ability to thrive in warm climates,

Grenache Noir is often used in blends such as those found in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, but shines as a stand alone varietal, as demonstrated by Rich Parducci in our newest vintage.

While the term “Grenache” often refers to Grenache Noir, it technically encompasses other variations, including Grenache Blanc (a white grape) and Grenache Gris (a gray-skinned grape). Grenache Noir remains one of the most widely planted red grapes worldwide, loved for its richness, spice, and adaptability to warm climates.

Alongside our Grenache Noir release, we proudly introduce our **2024 Mendocino AVA French Colombard**, sourced from the Tollini’s Niemi Vineyard—a wine cherished by Rich’s grandmother, Margaret. McNab Ridge has a long history with this classic varietal. In fact, John Parducci made his first French Colombard wine in 1945.

Slightly off-dry and aromatic, our French Colombard is crisp, refreshing, and layered with bright acidity. Expect notes of honeydew, white peach, candied lemon peel, passion fruit, and delicate floral hints of honeysuckle.

Originating in France, French Colombard is a cross between Chenin Blanc and Gouais Blanc, making it a relative of several well-known grape varieties. Traditionally used in Cognac and Armagnac production, it also stands out as a fresh, elegant white wine when crafted with care. In addition, it is also permitted in Bordeaux Blanc wines.

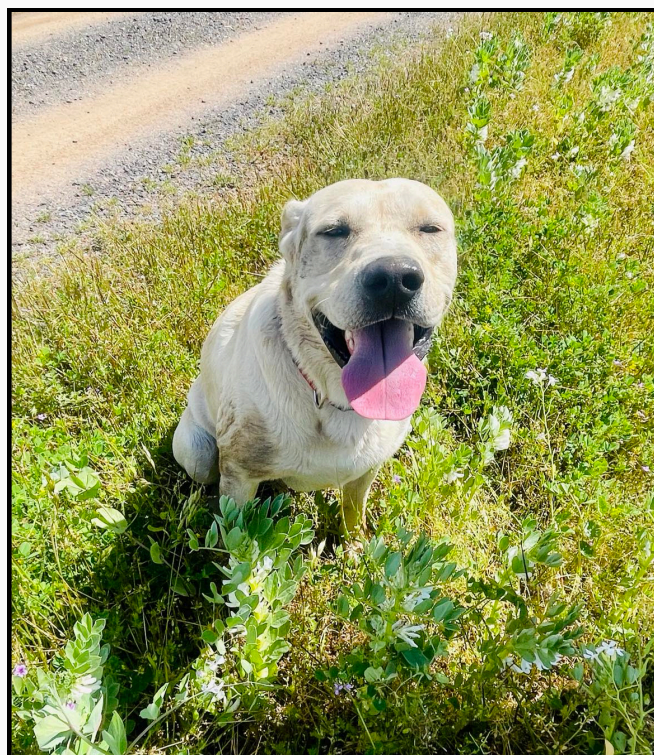
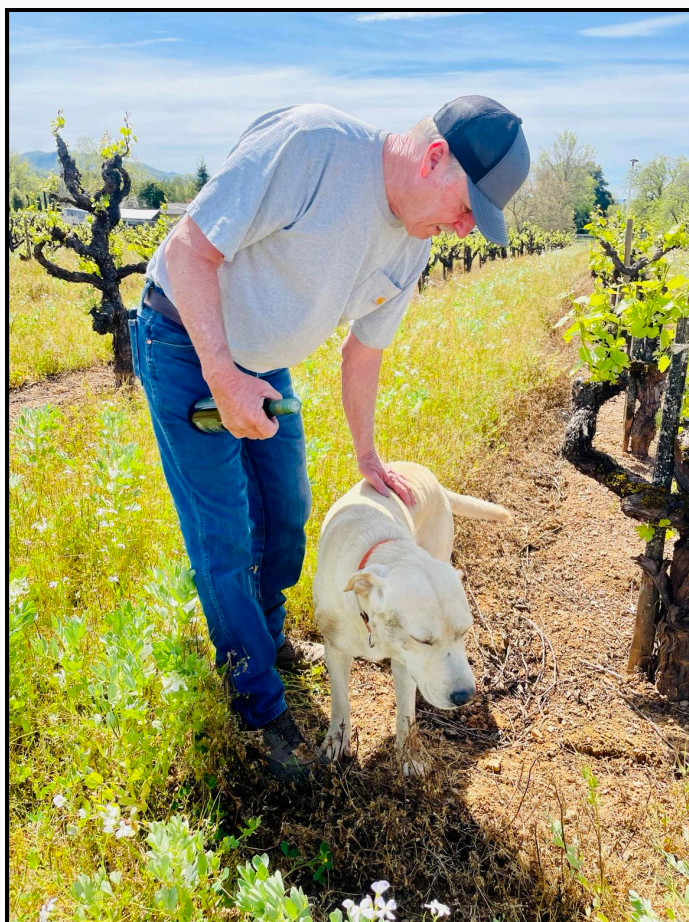
Pairing Recommendations: McNab Ridge French Colombard complements seafood beautifully, pairing well with shrimp, oysters, ceviche, and sushi. It also shines alongside citrusy and herb-driven salads, salmon curry, and goat cheese. Of course, it’s just as perfect for a sunny spring afternoon spent relaxing and savoring the moment.

We hope you’ve enjoyed this glimpse into the Tollini family’s rich legacy and their longstanding influence on McNab Ridge Wines. More importantly, we hope you love these wines as much as we enjoy crafting them.

Cheers!



Tollini Vineyards Grenache Noir



Alvin and his vineyard
helper, Rocco

Winemakers Choice

2024 MENDOCINO AVA FRENCH COLOMBARD

2024 MENDOCINO AVA CHARDONNAY

2023 MENDOCINO AVA CELEBRATION CUVÉE

2023 FAMILY RESERVE TOLLINI GRENACHE NOIR

2022 FAMILY RESERVE
CABERNET SAUVIGNON / MERLOT BLEND

2021 FAMILY RESERVE
LARGO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Reds Only

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2023 FAMILY RESERVE TOLLINI GRENACHE NOIR
X 2 BOTTLES

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2024 Chardonnay

This rich and inviting Chardonnay immediately offers luscious aromas of tropical fruits, vanilla, and caramel that jump out of the glass. Flavors of crème brûlée, toasted marshmallow, and lemon shortbread come across on the palate, which finishes clean due to the balanced acidity. The slight hint of toasty oak will beautifully compliment your favorite roasted chicken, pork, or seafood dish.

2024 French Colombard

Delight in this pleasantly off-dry wine, where intense aromas of citrus blossom, juicy white peach, candied lemon peel, and exotic passion fruit immediately greet the nose. These inviting aromas seamlessly translate to the palate, creating a divinely pleasant experience whether enjoyed on its own or paired with food. For a delightful culinary adventure, this French Colombard makes an amazing pairing with your favorite spicy dish or fresh sushi.

2023 Family Reserve Tollini Vineyard Grenache Noir

This vibrant and delicious light bodied wine offers enticing aromas of freshly crushed ripe strawberries, with a hint of raspberry and cherry. The abundant red fruit continues on the palate, offering juicy strawberry flavors that mingle with subtle notes of creamy caramel and delicate toffee, adding a touch of sweet spice. The finish is smooth and silky, leaving a pleasant lingering impression of ripe red fruit and a hint of toffee.

2023 Celebration Cuvee

This layered and intriguing red blend offers a wealth of flavors. Enticing aromas of ripe black cherry, plum, and blackberry are nuanced by a delicate hint of fragrant clove and a lift of floral violets. The dark fruit core is enriched by bright notes of red candied cherries, offering refined tannins and a smooth finish. Well-integrated oak lends subtle notes of vanilla and spice adding depth and structure without overpowering the fruit.

2022 Family Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot

Prepare for an aromatic journey as dark fruit and intriguing earthy notes eagerly escape the glass. This is a wine that embraces the palate with a plush and juicy character, unfolding layers of mocha and caramel alongside the expressive flavors of blackberry, black currant, and plum. The subtle embrace of French Oak leaves a memorable impression of vanilla and cedar, adding a final touch of sophistication to the finish.

2021 Family Reserve Largo Cabernet Sauvignon

This Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a beautiful core of ripe black cherry, revealing distinct aromas and concentrated flavors of classic cassis, rich cocoa, elegant cedar-tinged cigar box, and a medley of luscious dark fruits like blackberry and plum. This full-bodied and balanced wine boasts a richly woven and velvety texture and culminates in a long and satisfying finish that gracefully evolves with notes of dark berry compote, warm vanilla, and subtle hints of baking spice such as clove and nutmeg. Indulge in this exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon alongside your favorite grilled and perfectly seasoned steak, pan-seared duck breast with a fruit reduction, or a hearty and flavorful Portobello Burger.

Shining a light on lesser-known California wine region



Mendocino County, renowned for its vast, rugged landscapes and commitment to organic and regenerative viticulture, has been named America's Wine Region of the Year for 2024 by Wine Enthusiast magazine. This prestigious honor highlights Mendocino County's rich history, diverse terroir, and growing influence within the wine industry, nationally and abroad.

Mendocino County is one of California's most distinctive and eco-conscious wine regions, and this accolade reflects the region's excellence in winemaking, sustainability efforts, and the close-knit community of winegrowers who have made Mendocino a standout destination for wine lovers looking for hidden gems.

Of the county's vast 2.5 million acres, just over 15,000 acres are planted to grapes, with about 100 wineries operating at any given time. Mendocino County's unique geography, nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Mayacamas mountain range, provides the ideal climate for grape growing, resulting in a kaleidoscope of flavors for winemakers to work with. The county's 12 distinct American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) encompass many landscapes: cool, coastal vineyards with strong fog influence; warm inland valleys with rolling, sunbaked hills; and mountains covered with forest and chaparral, where grapevines cling to the slopes at 2,000+ feet. Among this array of microclimates are areas ideal for growing Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Zinfandel, as well as other notable varieties like French Colombard.

Mendocino County is also known for its accessible, old growth redwood groves, its famous Pacific coastline, and for being one of the most dog-friendly places to visit in the state. "There's something for everyone here," says Ramon Jimenez, executive director of Visit Mendocino. "Thanks to this award, more people will get to discover what we've known all along – that Mendocino County is magical." He emphasizes that Mendocino is a great place to visit year-round. "We have harvest events in September and October, a mushroom festival in November, a seafood festival in January, several whale festivals in March and April, a world-renowned film festival in May, and so many summer events I couldn't possibly list them all," says Jimenez. "And it's usually sunny."

A group of Mendocino vintners, along with MWI and Visit Mendocino, accepted the American Wine Region of the Year award on the county's behalf at the Wine Enthusiast Wine Star Award Gala in San Francisco on January 27, 2025.

A New Look, Same Warm Welcome!



In 2022, we remodeled our tasting room to create a warm, inviting lounge-style atmosphere. We refreshed the space—inside and out—with cool green and neutral tones inspired by our wine label. Plush leather club chairs offer the perfect spot to sip wine, unwind with friends, or enjoy a game from our thoughtfully stocked game shelf.

We want every guest to feel at home, making the experience truly their own. To add a personal touch, we curated artwork featuring family photos—both new and old—honoring Rich Parducci's family and their four-generation winemaking legacy.

Our Scenic Patio & Garden

While the tasting room has been refreshed, our beloved outdoor patio remains a favorite. With its spacious firepit, shaded seating, and vibrant garden—including stunning hydrangeas—it's a beautiful setting to relax. Whether you're tossing a round of cornhole under the sun or gathering by the fire on a crisp evening, the patio offers something special for every season.

Events & Gatherings at McNab Ridge

Since the remodel, we've hosted several unforgettable events—from McNab Ridge pickup parties to craft fairs, exclusive tastings, and our ever-popular Second Saturdays. Did you know our tasting room is available for private events? We've welcomed birthday celebrations, bridal and baby showers, thank-you dinners, retirement parties, and intimate gatherings. One of our most memorable events included a blind tasting for 30 guests, each seated with five wine glasses before them for an immersive experience.

Planning an Event? Let's Make It Memorable

If you're looking for the perfect venue, let our event manager Serena help bring your vision to life. Whether it's a milestone celebration or a casual get-together, we're here to create an unforgettable experience tailored just for you.

Dear McNab Ridge Winery Club Members,

Thank you for your loyalty and dedication to McNab Ridge Winery. We hope you enjoyed our Spring Newsletter! As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited to welcome you throughout all seasons.

Yes, our wines are spectacular—but it's you, our valued customers and dear friends, who truly make McNab Ridge Winery special.

Your continued support creates a place where friends gather, memories are made, and special moments are shared. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,
McNab Ridge Winery



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