



CLUB 70
2nd Quarter 2014 - June

Buoncrisiani 2009 O.P.C. Retail - \$55

O.P.C. is Buoncrisiani's Napa Valley proprietary red blend. In the quest to create a wine uniquely theirs, the Buoncrisiani brothers discovered the synergy of marrying Napa Cabernet Sauvignon with Syrah, while also folding in further complexity of texture and flavor with Napa Malbec and Merlot blenders. Grapes are sourced from some of Napa's most prestigious vineyards including Hyde, Stagecoach, Hossfeld, and Bennett. Just like the winemaking fathers before them, with "Ol' Pa's Cuvée", Matt, Jay, Aaron and Nate continue the family tradition of handcrafting blends that help accentuate the enjoyment of life.

To ensure the highest standard of quality, the vineyards are managed by growers who adhere to strict viticultural philosophy and the wines are crafted with their very own hands. The components of O.P.C. were harvested and fermented separately in small batches, then carefully blended in several phases during the second year of barrel aging. This 2009 O.P.C. was aged in French oak barrels for 21 months and bottled in July of 2011.

Composition: 40% Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Syrah 16% Merlot 14% Malbec

Goldeneye 2011 Gowan Creek Estate Pinot Noir Retail - \$85

The 2011 growing season was the coldest in the 15-year history of Goldeneye. Benefiting from the experience as cool-climate winegrowers, proper adjustments were made to compensate for the weather, with extra leaf pulling and vineyard-floor cultivation. The long, temperate season allowed for extended hang-time, and the majority of the grapes were harvested before the rains. The resulting wines are bright and elegant with slightly lower alcohols, lovely aromatics, natural acidity and pure fruit flavors.

This is both a blockbuster Pinot Noir and a wine that will reward patience. The effusive bouquet offers alluring dark fruits, a myriad of spices and hints of French oak. The palate features the signature elements of this pedigreed vineyard: deep, dark Santa Rosa plum, black currant, dark chocolate, cinnamon and pennyroyal. As it opens up, every sip gains nuance and complexity, revealing layers of sandalwood, cedar, and Tahitian vanilla bean. Though ripe and sweet, the substantial tannins will reward cellaring.

These are two of our favorite wines in the shop. Enjoy!

- Bert