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Shafer 2017 Relentless Retail - \$110

Shafer Vineyards was founded by John and Bett Shafer. As an executive at a publishing firm in Chicago, John was researching that the wine industry was on an upward trajectory. The Shafers' purchased a 209 acre property in the Stags Leap palisades (which we can see from our vineyard in Yountville). Now, Doug Shafer and winemaker Elias Fernandez have taken Shafer Vineyards to be among the great wineries in Napa Valley. Relentless was named to honor winemaker Elias and his relentless pursuit of quality.

Winery Notes: The elegant 2017 offers a wealth of aromas and flavors-black plum, herbs, grilled game, vanilla, leather, herbs, river stone, and spice. The richness, balance, and vibrancy of the wine is mouth filling and soul-satisfying on every level with rip, silky tannins that offer the promise of greater pleasures with years of cellaring—Elias Fernandez

Winemaker: Elias Fernandez
Composition: 86% Syrah, 14% Petite Sirah

Castalia 2019 Rochioli Pinot Noir Retail - \$69

Proprietor and winemaker Terry Bering started making homemade wine from his carport in 1983. Terry was introduced to world class pinot noir producer Tom Rochioli, and in a short time became Rochioli's cellar master.

Castalia is only one of three wineries that are allowed to use the famed vineyard Rochioli on their wine label. Terry has been able to produce extraordinary pinot noir vintage after vintage due to the consistent fruit of the Rochioli vineyard. The special hillside vineyard block produces small yields and concentrated fruit.

Wine maker Notes:

The 2019 Vintage, harvested in late August, had closer to normal yields with a long growing season without any heat spikes until the wine was in fermenters, giving it deeper darker tones of cherry, mushroom and earth than the 2018. As with all my pinots, the 2019 has a long lingering finish that leaves you craving more. I have always said that you don't have to finish the bottle because the wine tastes better the next day. I have tried the wine after 3 days and it was still drinking well. With a PH of 3.5 it should age for at least ten years and won't hit its prime for 4 to 7 years so the longer you wait to drink it the better it will be.—Terry Bering

Winemaker: Terry Bering
Vineyard: Rochioli
Production: 200 cases

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