



Diamond Plus!

BACIO DIVINO CELLARS 2018 RED BLEND

Napa Valley



By even the sophisticated standards of Napa Valley, Claus Janzen is a most unique asset to the valley's wine community. Born in Germany, Claus and his family moved to Canada in his infancy. Claus attended school in Canada and immediately after college moved to Switzerland where he worked in a number of high caliber hotels. During his stint as a hotelier, Claus became interested in wines, and in particular, the great Burgundies and Rhônes of France.

After moving back to Canada, he eventually received the equivalent of a master's degree in business and then entered the family real estate business in Winnipeg. The city asserted itself as a perfect setting for Janzen's continuing interest in wines and great food. His experience in Europe and his natural palate made him a serious oenophile and eventually the top wine taster throughout all of Canada.

During this time, Janzen continued his periodic visits back to Europe and to his favorite wine regions in France. He became particularly enamored with developments in Southeastern France where a close friend had produced the first Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah blend that was to astound wine critics everywhere and have an important affect on Claus Janzen's upcoming wine career.

Sometime in the late 1980's, Janzen and his family first visited Napa Valley, which reminded them of the bucolic French countryside and the decision was soon made to move to Napa. Not long after, Janzen was introduced to Caymus Vineyards' owner, Chuck Wagner, and a marvelous friendship quickly ensued. It was Chuck who first established Janzen in the wine industry, offering him a position launching Caymus' international marketing reputation, a position Janzen held for eleven years. It was also Chuck who supported Janzen's decision to finally start a winery of his own.

In 1993, Janzen released his first offering from Bacio Divino Cellars - a unique blend of Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petite Sirah, taking inspiration from what he had seen in France. Each year following, the blend has differed, but it is always based on Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese. The name of the winery, Bacio Divino, is literally 'Divine Kiss' in Italian; a synonym for the experience the blend of grapes has on the palate of anyone tasting the wine.

Over the years, Claus Janzen has seen incredible success with his Bacio Divino brand, which is now accompanied by a handful of sister brands (Janzen, Lucie, Pazzo, and Vagabond) that are each fantastic in their own right. For Bacio Divino, Janzen sources fruit from his estate vineyard in Henry Canyon, in addition to several other growers dispersed throughout Napa Valley.

Today, Janzen and his wife Diane celebrate nearly thirty years of Bacio Divino Cellars with continued critical accolades and marvelous ratings by the wine community. Cheers!

Accolades and Tasting Notes

94 Points - *Wine Enthusiast magazine*

A blend of 97% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Sangiovese, the Bacio Divino 2018 Red Blend is the result of a fantastic vintage in Napa Valley. On the nose, generous aromas of plums and cassis emerge, with hints of sweet oak that elegantly underlie the rich dark fruits. Lush and full bodied on the palate, the acidity is supple and the fine tannins should allow for long term cellaring potential. Aged 28 months in oak. Enjoy!



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