



Garagiste

WINE CLUB

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

Campos Family Vineyards

Owners: Ric and Michelle Campos

Winemaker: Gerardo Espinosa

Location: Contra Costa County, California

A new family winery, vineyard and event destination, Campos Family Vineyards is located on 44 acres in rural Byron, situated in eastern Contra Costa County of Northern California. The winery is owned by a locally involved couple, Ric and Michelle Campos, who jettisoned plans of retiring in hopes of building a property that could bring the community together.

Ric and Michelle first became interested in wine when they were co-owners of a business based in the Santa Rosa area. They would take day trips to Napa Valley, where they became familiar with some of the area's most beautiful and highly regarded wineries and it became a dream of theirs to someday have a small vineyard where they could produce small-lot wines for family and friends.

Ric and Michelle were living in Discovery Bay when Leer Vineyards started up, offering a full-fledged wine experience right in their backyard. The Campos' became regular visitors to the estate, joining the wine club and attending their concerts and events - they absolutely fell in love with the place. When they learned the owners were putting the property and vineyards up for sale, their hearts sank fearing of what would become of the estate they held so near and dear to their hearts. After reevaluating their plans for retirement, Ric and Michelle decided to purchase the property themselves, in hopes of building something truly special for the community. Looking back over the past three years, the Campos' have never been busier in their whole lives, but it has been a continual joy and far better than any retirement could have been.

Campos Family Vineyards opened its doors in 2015, offering a tasting room, an event center, concert venues, a wedding garden, a bocce ball court, a baseball field, and more! The winery hosts family-friendly events year-round, fundraisers, and corporate gatherings, and it even offers a unique Sunday morning worship service each weekend; Campos Family Vineyards has truly become a community resource and a delight for everyone in the Contra Costa County area.

And the wine? Ric and Michelle work with winemaker Gerardo Espinosa to craft their award-winning bottlings for Campos Family Vineyards. The 36-acre estate is planted to Petite Sirah, Barbera, Cabernet Franc, Zinfandel and Mourvedre. Most of the fruit is sold to nearby wineries, but a small amount is reserved for the boutique production of Campos Family Vineyards' wines. Annually, the winery crafts less than 2,000 cases, so these wines are incredibly hard to find outside the winery and tasting room. 2015 was the inaugural release, and it set the bar quite high for the following vintages.

We are proud to introduce Campos Family Vineyards to our Garagiste Wine Club members and hope you enjoy this winning release. Cheers!

Campos 2016 "Gabriel" Estate Barbera

216 cases produced

Contra Costa County, California

Named after Ric and Michelle's grandson Gabriel, the Campos 2016 'Gabriel' Estate Barbera was produced exclusively from their family vineyards in Contra Costa County. Barbera is a red Italian wine grape variety that is known for its deep color, soft tannins, and high levels of acidity. This 2016 bottling offers juicy notes of strawberry, sour cherry, peach, blackberry, and raspberry, soft tannins, and a lingering finish. Try pairing the Campos 2016 'Gabriel' Estate Barbera with dark meats, cheese, sausages and pizza. Aged in oak. Enjoy!

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$29.00 / bottle

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*2 bottle minimum per wine, per order. Shipping and tax (if applicable) not included. Call for details.

