



Platinum Wine Club

90+ Rated, Ultra Premium, Collectable Wines from California's Best Winemakers.

Christeni Vineyards | Napa Valley

A fortuitous meeting arranged by a mutual friend in the restaurant industry proved to be the start of a long-term wine business relationship in Northern California. Winemaker Adam Comartin, 38, met restaurant owner Molly Adams, 46, the CEO of Hero Adams Restaurant Group more than six years ago and the pair became close friends. The Adams Group includes the highly successful Opa! Greek cuisine-based restaurants as well as Willard Hicks Restaurants and Mo's Restaurant (all located in Northern California) that have also proven quite successful. All Christeni Vineyards selections are available at these restaurants.

A mutual love for food and wine pairings eventually led to a business relationship between Adam Comartin and Molly Adams and the tendering of this month's Platinum Wine Club selection from Christeni Vineyards.

"Molly has a serious devotion as to which wine should be paired with certain foods and how that pairing should affect the restaurant patron's enjoyment of the meal," explained Comartin, the co-owner (along with Adams) of Christeni Vineyards. "We work hard at producing certain wines we feel bring out particular taste aspects of individual dishes," added the winemaker. "As the dining public becomes more aware of food taste sensations, these pairings tend to take on additional importance."

For the record, Christeni Vineyards relates to an old family name on the Adams side of the partnership. The striking purple and silver label is also the handiwork of Molly Adams.

The sourcing of grapes and the winemaking is left entirely to Adam Comartin.

"We have a number of core vineyards to draw from each year," explained the highly successful University of California Davis graduate in winemaking who was formerly associated (in the role of assistant winemaker) with the well-respected Testarossa Winery in Los Gatos.

What about the sources for your wines? "We always select reliable growers from different locales and terrains in California for our core fruit. The Cabernet you are featuring is from two core vineyards, one in the Pope Valley AVA and the other in the much sought after Coombsville AVA. The fruit for this wine turned out marvelously and the resultant wine we

were able to produce proved highly successful."

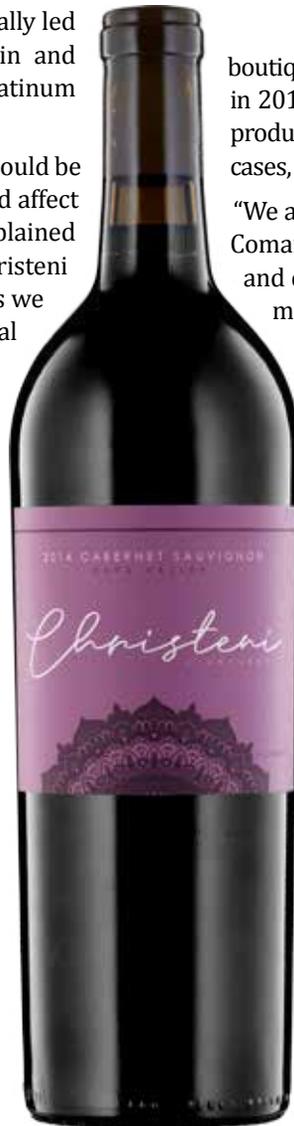
Surprised at the number of high ratings and awards Christeni Vineyards has garnered? "Not really," replied Comartin. "When you start with superior fruit for high profile wines, the fact that they score well or are heavily recognized for their quality is all part of the business. It is always nice to hear or receive a 90+ score, as it tends to set a standard for all your wines. We have been fortunate to receive a number of 90+ ratings in the past for Christeni Vineyards' wines and I hope to continue getting them in the future."

Christeni Vineyards is a relative newcomer to the boutique winery category. It's first release of but 75 cases came in 2015 and was followed in subsequent years by other small productions. This year, the company will produce around 1,000 cases, or 200 cases of each of the wines in its portfolio.

"We are quite happy with where we are at this point," Adam Comartin continued. "At this level, we can control our quality and direction. When we started out, it was our intention to meet our needs and have enough wine left over to offer to the general public. When you are making high profile wines, it isn't always necessary to grow the brand beyond its borders. As I said before, we are happy with our present level of production and expect to remain there for the foreseeable future."

Small boutiques such as Christeni Vineyards fill a most important role in the wine industry. They consistently provide excellent alternatives to brands that routinely sell out and are rarely available to the wine drinking public. If these smallish wineries are well conceived and their sources of fruit dependable, there is no reason they cannot last for many decades. Such is the case with Christeni Vineyards and the successful ladder it has climbed during its rather brief existence of just over a half decade.

It is a great pleasure to introduce our Platinum members to this artistic gem of a winery and its excellent 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley. We know you will enjoy this lovely, well-balanced example of Napa Valley winemaking with your next hearty dining experience or whenever you decide the bottle has fulfilled its proper aging requirements. To your health and enjoyment!



Christeni | 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

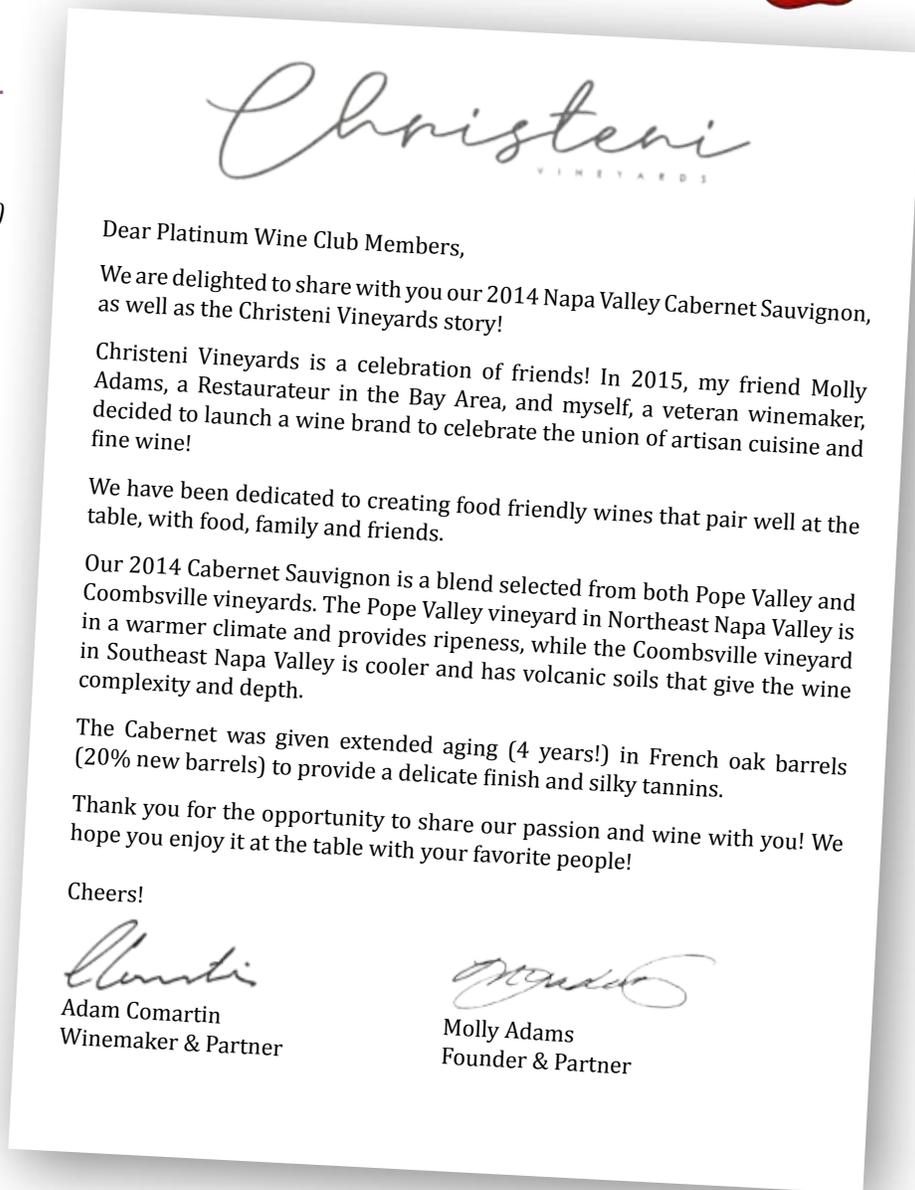


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— *Tastings.com*
(Beverage Testing Institute)

200 cases produced

A divinely rich, beautifully balanced wine, the Christeni 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is sure to leave a lasting impression. Black-garnet in color, this Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas and flavors of mocha, chocolate-covered raspberries, hazelnuts, Earl Gray tea, and toffee. The palate is full-bodied, round, lively and dry with soft yet well-structured tannins that lead into a peppery, intricate, long finish that shows touches of mixed peppercorns, dill, and cherry relish, with a nice balance of oak nuances. The Christeni 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is excellent now, but it will also reward those who choose to cellar it for years to come. Aged 48 months in oak. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy!



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Featured Wine:**

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Howell Mountain,
Napa Valley**

92 Points - *Wine & Spirits magazine*
788 Cases Produced



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