

**PLUS!**

Gold Series Selection

**Donati Family Vineyard****2005 Claret**Paicines

A second generation Italian-American, Ron Donati inherited an appreciation for good wine from his father and grandfather, who often poured him glasses at the family dinner table growing up. His ancestors also taught him the value of hard work combined with an adventuresome spirit, and it is this Donati family philosophy that gave him the foundation he needed to succeed first as a CPA, then as an entrepreneur, and now as the co-owner of the Donati Family Vineyard. In 1997, Ron and his son Matt, who had an interest in farming, started looking at potential vineyard land and ultimately decided on an old vineyard in Paicines, a small growing region on California's Central Coast. A few short, hardworking years later, the Donati Family Vineyard was established and the father-son duo teamed up with veteran winemaker Dan Kleck, who has been producing premium wines across the United States for the past 28 years. With an array of Gold Medals, Critics Awards, and stunning acclaimed reviews, the Donati Family Vineyard is the premier example of how careful viticultural research along with entrepreneurial spirit has led to the establishment of an exciting, and successful, new wine brand in one of the Central Coast's most undiscovered regions.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

The Donati Family Vineyard 2005 Claret is a sophisticated, Bordeaux-style blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petite Verdot. Sourced from the winery's youngest vineyards, the vines produce fruit that offer up-front flavors with modest complexity and forward fruitiness. This well structured, Estate-grown Claret won an exceptional **Best of Class – Gold Medal** from the *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*. A blend that's unique to each vintage, the 2005 Claret's significant feature is the presence of Syrah, adding further color and flavor to the mix. The resulting wine shows ripe red fruit on the nose, with dark fruit, chocolate and dusty notes on the palate. Well-integrated tannins give the wine an easy-drinking style that will satisfy now, and continue to improve in the bottle for several years to come. Try pairing the Donati Family Vineyard 2005 Claret with herb roasted lamb steaks, bacon wrapped filet mignon, and braised pot roasts. 43% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Syrah, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec, 2% Petite Verdot. Enjoy now until 2015.

REORDERS

2005 Claret

Winery Direct: \$22.00/bottle

**Gold Medal Wine Club's PLUS! price:****Half-Case - \$18.50 /bottle (\$111.00)****Full-Case - \$17.00 /bottle (\$204.00)**

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