



Garagiste SERIES

[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.

Guthrie Family Wines

Owners & Winemakers: Blair and Caroline Guthrie

Location: Sonoma County, CA

Nature, science, creativity, and family. These are the things that Blair and Caroline Guthrie love about making wine. Established in 2013 by this passionate husband and wife duo, Guthrie Family Wines is the epitome of a 'boutique family winery.' Working together, the couple crafts extremely limited quantities of interesting, exciting, and age-worthy wines from select vineyards in Napa Valley and Sonoma County. Their wines are meant to be an expression of the vineyard and vintage - with no two bottlings ever the same and none made by recipe. To Blair and Caroline, wine is art, and the wines they make represent everything they love and believe in: love for wine, family, and this dream they are living everyday in wine country.

Blair and Caroline met while working the 2009 Sonoma Valley harvest at Paul Hobbs' winery. Blair, originally from New Zealand, had a degree in viticulture and enology, and winemaking experience in Australia. Caroline, who was raised in Houston, Texas, was also working toward a career in wine, and had just worked a harvest in Argentina before returning to California to hone her skills under the tutelage of Paul Hobbs. The pair married and immediately started building their presence in the wine industry.

Caroline's father, Michael Stewart, had started Stewart Cellars, another ultra-boutique winery, in 2000 in Napa Valley. The reins were eventually passed down to the second generation, and Caroline and her brother, James Stewart, run the winery today, while Blair Guthrie manages all the winemaking and viticulture operations for the family brand. Blair also currently makes wine for Slingshot Wines and Hollis Wines in Napa Valley. While Caroline and Blair Guthrie are still dedicated to building the family brand, they dreamed of collaborating on their own wine label and ultimately established Guthrie Family Wines.

Guthrie Family Wines is still a small side project, allowing Blair and Caroline to experiment and get their hands dirty, making wines in a decidedly different style than what you find in most traditional wines from Napa Valley and Sonoma. They don't follow trends, but instead let the vineyards and the conditions of a certain vineyard for a give year tell them what to do with the wine. Many of the varietals they work with are Rhône-style, and all of the wines are made in very limited quantities. Overall production for Guthrie Family Wines is just 600 cases each year.

We are delighted to feature this new Garagiste winery to our wine club members and hope you enjoy one of their latest releases. Cheers!



Guthrie 2014 'Archival' Petite Sirah

250 cases produced

Juliana Vineyard, Napa Valley, California

The Guthrie 2014 'Archival' Petite Sirah comes from the Julianna Vineyard in Pope Valley of Napa Valley. This lovely wine has a boldness and soft-spoken charm about it that breaks any varietal stereotype. From the rush of flavor and swagger on the nose and palate, to the tantalizing texture, soft tannin structure and balanced acidity, this bottle is drinking beautifully now and is unusually versatile with food. Expect something different, expect something fun, and expect a new experience with this Guthrie 2014 'Archival' Petite Sirah. Aged 14 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2024.

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.

