



# 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.

## Hughes Family Vineyards

Owners: Keith & Cherie Hughes

Winemaker: Rolando Herrera

Location: Sonoma County, CA

Keith and Cherie Hughes shared a vision of owning property in California wine country where they could one day manage their own vineyards and grow high quality wine grapes. This dream came true in 2001 when the Hughes bought a home and two organic vineyards in Sonoma County, located 850 feet above sea level and just above the storied town of Glen Ellen. The property was located at the intersection of three separate appellations: Bennett Valley, Sonoma Mountain, and Sonoma Valley, and proved to be an ideal site for growing grapes that boast the best attributes of hillside, coastal and valley vineyards. The properties were planted to Syrah and Zinfandel, and it wasn't long before the plan of producing wine grapes evolved into crafting superb wines that reflected their unique piece of land.

Before coming to the Sonoma Valley, Keith and Cherie lived in Dallas, Texas, where they pursued individual careers; Keith in the investment business and Cherie as a clinical psychologist for children, adolescents, and their families. Cherie was also a consultant to schools, developing a school violence prevention program. While both were successful, the Hughes longed to build a business together and decided that growing wine grapes was their ultimate dream job.

After managing their premium Sonoma Valley vineyards (Wild Turkey Vineyard and Savannah Vineyard) for a couple of years, the Hughes teamed up with acclaimed winemaker Rolando Herrera to start producing small batches of estate wine. Rolando Herrera boasts one of the most respected winemaker resumes in California, working with some of the most exciting wineries in the state over his 20+ year career. His experience includes ten years at Stag's Leap Wine Cellars (the last seven years as Cellar Master), serving as Assistant Winemaker for Chateau Potelle, Winemaker for Vine Cliff Winery, and Director of Winemaking at Paul Hobbs Consulting. Herrera is also the owner of Mi Sueno Winery, which has been honored on multiple occasions with wines served at the White House. Herrera's artistry and passion for winemaking produces

superior wines and Keith and Cherie are enormously pleased to have him on the Hughes Family Vineyards team.

Hughes Family Vineyards saw the light of day in 2003 with an inaugural release of just over 100 cases of Zinfandel. The winery has grown very slowly over the years, and currently produces just under 700 cases annually.

It would seem that Keith and Cherie Hughes have found the ideal pursuit for their energies. They work together and produce truly exceptional wines that continue to garner prestigious awards and international critical acclaim. It is our pleasure to present this latest release from Hughes Family Vineyards to our Garagiste Wine Club members.

## Hughes 2014 Signature Reserve Zinfandel

276 cases produced

Wild Turkey Vineyard, Sonoma Valley, California

The Hughes 2014 Signature Reserve Zinfandel comes from the certified organic Wild Turkey Vineyard in the Sonoma Valley appellation. Rich, dark ruby-red in color, this Zinfandel offers aromas of dried fig, cherry, raspberry, earth and espresso. On the palate, this wine is rich and supple with luscious flavors of red fruits, pepper and smoke. Mouth-watering with beautifully integrated tannins, sweet oak, balanced acidity, and a lingering finish, the Hughes 2014 Signature Reserve Zinfandel is a wonderfully complex yet classic wine. Aged 20 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2024.

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$36.00 / bottle

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