



Gold Plus!

PORTERHOUSE WINERY
2015 PINOT NOIR

Napa Valley



One usually refers to a porterhouse as an exceptionally fine cut of steak. That allusion is certainly the correct reference point to this month's *Gold Plus! Wine Club* selection, the Porterhouse 2015 Pinot Noir from Porterhouse Winery.

"Both my grandfather and great grandfather (William Comartin Jr. and Sr.) were butchers in Lodi, California," owner Adam Comartin recently recalled. "When I was young, I always hung around them and they told me that the finest steaks were always the porterhouses, so I wanted to honor them with the name of our winery."

Adam Comartin first fell in love with wine while backpacking through Europe as a teenager. When he returned home to California, he earned a degree in Viticulture and Enology from UC Davis. He and his wife Jennifer also ventured to Australia where they lived in the city of Adelaide outside the Barossa Valley for some time. It was here that Adam was introduced to the Grenache varietal and he made a decision to one day make the finest Grenache in the entire world.

When the couple returned to California in 2004, Adam began a 10-year assistant winemaker career with Silicon Valley's Testarossa Winery, and with the Grenache varietal in the back of his mind, he discovered California's premier sites for the varietal. While at Testarossa, Adam honed his artistic side of winemaking and made valuable relationships with vineyard owners in Santa Barbara and along the Central Coast.

"While I was working at Testarossa in 2006, I actually started making small amounts of wine under the aegis of Comartin Cellars," explained Adam Comartin. "One of our most successful wines was our Porterhouse Reserve Blend. It became a hit with the drinking public and we decided to give it a name of its own."

The first release of Porterhouse Winery came in 2017, a smallish 684 cases of three exceptional wines. "The style of these wines, full-bodied, rich and tasteful, really resonated with everyone who tasted them," informed Comartin. "It was my specific intention to produce wines that would stand up to their namesake cut of meat and the incredible flavors it produced. They were intended as dinner wines from the inception."

Porterhouse Winery sources its grapes from top quality farmers with a variety of contracts. "We start with a one-year trial with the fruit and if it meets our specifications and needs, we generally wind up with 3-year contracts or longer," he went on.

Porterhouse Winery is a prime example of its owners' ability to realize a segment of its wine portfolio could be capable of individual status and the ability to grow itself into a top-caliber brand. We salute Adam and Jennifer Comartin for their insight in bringing Porterhouse Winery into the limelight of California's heralded wine community. We know you will enjoy this month's top-rated selection. Cheers!

Accolades and Tasting Notes

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This rich and full-bodied Pinot Noir offers sweet aromas of cherry, raspberry pie, spice, cinnamon, dried herbs and sage. The palate is smooth and velvety yet vibrant with multiple layers of texture and flavors of cranberry sauce, raspberry jelly, orange peel, earth and cinnamon. It leads into a long finish of vanilla and soft oak tones. Aged in oak. 100% Pinot Noir. Enjoy!



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