



The Wine Press

Medal Winning Wines from California's Best Family-Owned Wineries.

SILVIA CELLARS
NORTH COAST, CALIFORNIA



Silvia Cellars

Celebrating a long tradition of family winemaking, Antonio Silvia carries on his Italian family's legacy with an artisan winery on California's North Coast.



Established by Antonio and Julie Silvia in 2015 in the heart of Sonoma Valley, Silvia Cellars carries on Antonio's Italian wine producing family heritage hailing from the island of Sicily. It is the Silvia family's hope to capture the best of California's wine growing appellations and craft approachable, full-bodied, well-balanced wines in the traditional Sicilian winemaking style, as naturally and organically as possible.

Growing up in Sicily, Antonio cherishes his memories of helping out on his family's vineyard, and he was particularly inspired by his Nonno (grandfather) who had a deep passion for vendemmia (harvesting) of the vines and crafting small amounts of wine to be enjoyed at the family dinner table. The Silvia family vineyard dates back to 1865 and has amazingly supplied wine to five generations of the Silvia family.

When Antonio moved to California and began visiting wine country in Napa and Sonoma Counties, his passion for wine was reignited and he decided to carry on his grandfather's legacy by starting his own winery with the same values of family and hard work. Silvia Cellars was ultimately born.

Antonio and his wife Julie, a Texas native, enjoy seeking out the best vineyard locations possible for Silvia Cellars, focusing on those that practice sustainably and organically throughout California's top wine producing regions. The family currently sources fruit from premium sites in Sonoma County, Mendocino County, Dry Creek Valley, Suisun Valley, Napa Valley, Amador County, and Paso Robles, from growers who are renowned for their expertise and consistency. Plus, at each location, vineyard practices are carried out under the guidance and instruction of Antonio and Julie to ensure that quality standards are maintained from start to finish. It is easy to see that the Silvias take great pride and joy in their winery endeavor while upholding their promise of excellence and delivering premium quality wines.

Silvia Cellars offers a range of small-lot wines, priding themselves on finding the best varietal and region/vineyard combination, including Old Vine Zinfandel from Dry Creek Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley, Pinot Noir from Mendocino County, Chardonnay from Sonoma, and a Red Blend from Suisun Valley (just east of Napa Valley). These wines are award-winning and made in extremely limited quantities, meaning they are nearly impossible to find outside the winery and tasting room.

Silvia Cellars wines are currently available for tasting at Wine Gallery in San Carlos, an intimate tasting room lounge featuring a unique range of wine producers and complementing gourmet food selections.

We hope you enjoy these special selections from Silvia Cellars. Salute!

Antonio Silvia, Winemaker

A fifth generation winemaker, Antonio Silvia is happily upholding his family's Italian winemaking tradition by crafting fantastic, small-lot bottlings from California's top wine producing regions. It is his desire to feature the best varietals from the best California appellations, by seeking out premium growers who practice sustainable or organic winegrowing practices. His wines for Silvia Cellars are made to be approachable, full-bodied, and well balanced, and also offered at affordable prices that are attainable for all, not just a few.

So far, Antonio Silvia's efforts have certainly paid off as several of his wines are being recognized both locally and internationally with prestigious medals and 90+ ratings. We are happy to introduce Antonio Silvia and his new namesake winery to our Gold Wine Club members. Enjoy!



Featured Gold Club Wines



Silvia 2019 Chardonnay, North Coast

448 Cases Produced

A blend of fruit from Mendocino County and Sonoma County appellations within the North Coast of California, the Silvia 2019 Chardonnay is well balanced and refreshing with subtle complexities in the aromas and flavors. Antonio Silvia utilized his signature Sicilian style with this wine, blending Chardonnay that was fermented in stainless steel tanks with Chardonnay that was fermented in neutral oak. The oak provides hints of vanilla and enhances the mouthfeel, while the stainless steel preserves the naturally vibrant fruit flavors. This wine offers flavors of tangerine and lemon with a lush mid-palate that blends into a long vanilla bean-accented finish. Aged 3 months in oak. 100% Chardonnay. Enjoy!

93 POINTS + GOLD MEDAL - Las Vegas Global Wine Awards



Food Pairing:

SALMON AL CARTOCCIO

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Silvia 2016 Red 'Three Barrels Blend,' North Coast

1,190 Cases Produced

The elegant 2016 'Three Barrels Blend' represents the third vintage of Silvia Cellars. A blend of 60% Syrah from Sonoma County and Mendocino County, 20% Zinfandel from Dry Creek Valley, and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon from Suisun Valley, this wine is approachable yet full-bodied and well balanced with rich fruit flavors. Nuances of cherries, toasty oak, candied orange peel and roasted coffee beans intermix and harmonize beautifully on the palate before leading into a long and lasting finish. As was done with the Chardonnay, this wine is a mix of barrel fermented fruit and stainless steel fermented fruit, resulting in a unique wine with excellent flavor development, structure, and tannin balance. Aged in oak. Enjoy!

GOLD MEDAL SPECIAL SELECTION



Food Pairing:

BUCATINI O TAGLIATELLE
ALL' AMATRICIANA

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HOW WE CHOOSE OUR WINES:

Gold Medal Wine Club showcases exceptional wines from only the best small wineries of California. Featured wines include those which have earned medals in the top wine-industry competitions or have been highly rated by a respected national wine publication (see goldmedalwineclub.com/resources/wine-ratings). On occasion, we feature wines which are newly released by the winery and which medals and reviews are forthcoming. Each and every selection is a superb wine made in small quantities and with very limited distribution. There are over 4,000 wineries in California producing thousands of different wines. Only wines fitting the above criteria are considered in choosing the featured selections each month.

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**This month's Gold Plus!
Featured Wine:**

**Whitehall Lane 2018
'Rassi' Cabernet Sauvignon,
Sonoma Valley**

88 Points

- Wine Enthusiast magazine





Wine Winyard: Test Your Wine IQ



1. What is the most widely planted grape varietal in Sicily?

Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, is the birthplace of Antonio Silvia, the owner of this month's featured winery - Silvia Cellars. Sicilians have been making wine since 4000 BC and just as in Italy, the Sicilian wine regions have clung tightly to their historical grapes. While international varieties are still prominent players here, it is the indigenous grapes that offer the most character and history. There are three key red grapes found planted throughout Sicily: Nero d'Avola, Frappato, and Nerello Mascalese. Nero d'Avola is the most widely planted and celebrated red grape, offering deep color and flavors of dark brambly fruit and spice. For white wines, Carraratto is the most widely planted grape in Sicily, making soft, dry wines. While in the past, Sicily turned into a bulk wine center, today the island is turning out some of the most exciting labels in Italy.

2. How many wine appellations are in Italy?

Over 400! This number includes 74 of the highest quality Denominazione d'Origine Controllata e Garantita regions and 334 Denominazione d'Origine Controllata, the second highest level of quality. This is more than any other country in Europe, which testifies to the great variety and uniqueness of the many Italian wine regions.

3. How many different wine grape varieties are planted in Italy?

There are currently over 2,000 grape varieties cultivated in Italy, of which 440 are registered for commercial wine production (this makes Italy home to a quarter of the world's native grapes!). Many of these varieties are indigenous, ancient and endemic grapes that have been grown for centuries and were brought by the Greeks, Spanish, Etruscans and other prehistoric peoples who landed on Italian soil - and yes, many of these grapes cannot be found anywhere else in the world. Italy thus has one of the widest ranges of grape varieties in the world.

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SILVIA CELLARS	Winery Retail Price		Gold Medal Membership Rewards Pricing*		
			2+ btls.	6+ btls.	12+ btls.
2019 Chardonnay, North Coast of California	\$25.00/btl.	2-Bottle Members:	\$18.00	\$16.33	\$15.50
		4-Bottle Members:	\$18.00	\$15.50	\$14.25
2016 Red 'Three Barrels Blend,' North Coast of California	\$28.00/btl.	2-Bottle Members:	\$22.00	\$20.33	\$19.50
		4-Bottle Members:	\$22.00	\$19.50	\$18.25

*Effective per bottle prices after Membership Rewards discount is applied at checkout.

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