



# Garagiste

## WINE CLUB

[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.

## Vaughn Duffy Wines

Owner/Winemaker: Matt Duffy & Sara Vaughn

Location: Sonoma County, CA

Matt Duffy attended University of California Berkeley and expected to be an English or journalism graduate. Several years after leaving Cal Berkeley, Duffy managed a tasting room at Twisted Oak Winery in the Sierra Foothills AVA. The experience morphed into additional jobs around the winery and Duffy's course of action changed to the pursuit of the almighty grape.

Fast forward to around 2009 and Duffy and his now wife, Sara Vaughn, made the decision to buy one ton of Pinot Noir and turn it into the first release of Vaughn Duffy Wines, a tiny issue of only 150 cases some two years later.

"We have grown steadily," confirmed Matt Duffy. "We will top out at around 2,000 cases this year and we won't get any larger." Duffy said that the couple wants to stay small so that they can focus on every aspect of the business, a novel concept in the ever-expanding establishment that is the modern wine industry.

All Vaughn Duffy wines are produced at the noted Sonoma custom crush facility called Vinify Wine Services in Santa Rosa where Duffy also serves as the company's production manager.

"What really matters is that everything really works well for us," informed Duffy. "We were really surprised when we received some of the scores early on. The fact that people truly enjoyed and bought our wines and the writers and reviewers rated us so high was the icing on the proverbial cake."

Through the successes, Matt Duffy has remained humble and, in his words, "We continue to try and make the best possible wines we can. We buy some extraordinary fruit that has served us nicely in the past and should be great in the future."

Matt Duffy is a self-made and self-trained winemaker and winery owner that could easily be a model for future winemakers without the glitters and accolades of top winemaking schools. Hard work and dedication to his goal sets Matt Duffy and his Vaughn Duffy Wines in a class that many wineries aspire to but only a few actually achieve.

Enjoy this great Garagiste wine!

## Vaughn Duffy 2017 Pinot Noir

450 cases produced

Russian River Valley, California

This beauty is from the Russian River Valley, famous for extraordinary Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays. The key here is tremendous fruit intensity, a necessity for all Burgundian varietals. The 2017 vintage experienced a temperature spike over the Labor Day weekend that influenced the richness and made the wines more fruit forward with higher alcoholic levels than normal. The Pinot Noir is full of black cherry and red plum flavors with toasted spice aromatics that also hint at a fruit and spice combo. Palate-wise, both strawberry and cranberry preserves are discernible along with a long finish. Unfined and unfiltered. 14.5% alcohol.



Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$34.00 / bottle

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