

Notre Vue Estate and Balverne Wines: Background

Coordinates:

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Tasting Room Open: Thursday – Monday, 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. by appointment

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Estate: 710 acres in total; 180 acres planted; 350 acres protected under Sonoma Country Open Space District as a nature preserve in perpetuity; donated in 1998.

Farming: 180 acres are planted to 16 varietals, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Dolcetto, Grenache, Malbec, Merlot, Mourvedre, Muscat, Pinot Noir, Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot, Sangiovese, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, Zinfandel

Current releases:

Balverne:

2021 Rosé of Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, \$24

2021 Sauvignon Blanc, Chalk Hill, \$27

2019 Zinfandel, Russian River Valley, \$30

2019 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, \$35

2021 Muscat, Russian River Valley, \$36

2021 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, \$45

2019 Malbec, Chalk Hill, \$45

2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Chalk Hill, \$48

2019 Petite Sirah, Chalk Hill, \$49

Notre Vue Estate:

Estate Olive Oil, \$28

2021 Rosé of GSM, Chalk Hill, \$29

2021 Chardonnay Musqué, Russian River Valley, \$36

2021 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, \$49

2019 Merlot, Chalk Hill, \$52

2020 Blanc de Noirs, Russian River Valley, \$55

2021 Brut, Russian River Valley, \$55

2019 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, \$55

2021 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, \$55

2019 Cabernet Franc, Chalk Hill, \$59

2018 Proprietor's Red Blend, Sonoma County, \$59

2019 GSM, Chalk Hill, \$69

2020 GSM, Chalk Hill, \$69

2019 Estate Red, Chalk Hill, \$85

Team:

Renée Brown Stein, Proprietor
Alex Holman, Estate Winemaker
Geoffrey Thompson, Estate General Manager
Jared Stein, Assistant Estate General Manager
Rob Lorenz, Director of DTC

Appellations:

The estate spans two world-class growing regions-- the ancient river bed of the Russian River appellation, ideal for Burgundian varietals, and the Chalk Hill appellation, with its ashy volcanic soils suited perfectly for Bordeaux varietals.

History of Notre Vue Estate:

The property was established as Balverne Cellars in 1972 and acquired in 1992 by Bob Stein and Renee Brown-Stein and then re-launched as Notre Vue with the first vintage in 2014. A number of prestigious North Coast wineries buy grapes from the property. Today, Notre Vue Estate is one of relatively few woman-owned wineries in California. Renee Brown-Stein honors her husband's legacy with a range of sustainable and organic vineyard practices, as well as a creative approach to visitor hospitality.

Notre Vue Estate has an impressive history. Grapes were grown on the property as early as 1869 when relatives of General Mariano Vallejo, the founder of the town of Sonoma, determined that the local topography provided excellent conditions for grape growing. The Estate is a certified Sonoma Sustainable vineyard and winery.

Balverne: The Balverne family of wines were established in 1972 at what is today the Notre Vue Estate Winery & Vineyards. It was a well-known wine brand throughout the 1980s, as it was poured at the White House multiple times and was available nationally. The original winemakers of Balverne were Doug Nalle and John Kongsgaard. Notre Vue Estate revived the Balverne brand in 2015 in order to pay homage to the property. Balverne continues the use of the red-tailed hawk on the label, as red-tailed hawks are very important to both the vineyard and the 350-acre nature preserve they get to call home. The Balverne labels now proudly display the "Forever Wild" moniker to tie the history of the property with the Sonoma Country Open Space District.

Wine Tasting Events & Experiences:

Visitors can select from a few options

The Terrace Tasting (\$35), savor a flight of small lot, hand-crafted wines on The Terrace while you enjoy the cool breezes and miles of sweeping views of the Russian River Valley and our Nature Preserve. Charcuterie board available for purchase.

Terrace Lunch (\$60) Relax with beautiful wines and breathtaking views while learning more about Notre Vue and our 710-acre property. Each Lunch includes a locally produced gourmet sandwich (multiple varieties available), a seasonal salad, bag of chips, and a sweet treat.

The Eau de Vie Tasting (Water of Life \$65), Hosted at our Lakeside Pavilions, be ready to sip, relax, and learn some new wine knowledge as these tastings are hosted one-on-one by our wine educators who will guide you on a journey of discovery. During the experience, we will be featuring selected wines from Notre Vue accompanied by an upgraded selection of artisanal cheese and charcuterie. During this experience, we will explain in detail our philosophy on sustainable farming practices and the history of Notre Vue.

Clubs: The winery offers three different club options, which include regular shipments, tastings, special club-only events. Club members have exclusive access to the Estate to enjoy 14 miles of hiking and biking trails set amidst spectacular views of the property's rolling hills of vineyards and views.