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DAMN WINE.



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Fall Greetings from the
Texas Hill Country!

The last year and a half has been a journey for all of us, and we at Pedernales Cellars are grateful for your support during this trying time. As we've opened back up, we have looked for those ways in which we have learned and grown during the pandemic. The most visible way that we have developed is the remodeling of the tasting room. The plan to remodel the tasting room was a project that we first launched in 2019 when we flew our cousin and interior designer, Carmen, to Texas from California to draw up what TR 2.0 should look like. Fortuitously, those plans were finalized just as the lockdowns began. For all that was depressing about having to close our doors, it was the perfect opportunity to throw down tarps and man the paint brushes and saws. Individuals from every department pitched in. We thank our entire staff for being willing to completely shift gears to give the tasting room a facelift. Another change has been the reservation system. We had luckily started using Tock in the first part of 2020 as an upgrade to our ability to take reservations on Saturdays and for events. It became a vital tool to keep visitorship under the limits set by the Governor's office during the pandemic. After using it for over a year now, we recognize that it is an even more useful means to offer you the best experience possible. We will continue to take reservations for tastings every day of the week. Though we will always take walk-ins, they will be limited by availability, because we always want to be able you the attention that you deserve as a wine club member. If you arrive without a reservation and there are no more tasting slots, never fear, you can enjoy your complimentary wine club glass on the patio or lawn. And last but certainly not least: the wines! If you are a Winemaker's Choice member, and receive white wines in your shipments, you are up for a treat. We have crafted a new wine named in memory of our winemaker's dog and best friend, Lyla. Lyla passed in 2020, and we elected to craft a Vermentino based blend for her. The fall package is also the release of the next vintage of our family estate wine, Kuhlken Vineyards Reserve, to all members. As it turns out, this will be the last KVR for several years. While we replant Kuhlken Vineyards, we won't be able to source fruit from it. Don't worry, though! We have a new high end wine waiting in the wings to fill the three year hiatus that vines need to establish themselves and deliver fine fruit. Meanwhile, savor the 2018, whose blend leads with Touriga Nacional, a prized Portuguese variety, and rounds out with equal amounts of Mourvèdre, Grenache, and Merlot, all from the quarter century old family vineyard.

Cheers,
Julie Kuhlken, PhD, WSET III
Owner, Pedernales Cellars



Upcoming Events

- Sep 19 Fall Wine Club Pick Up Party
- Sep 26 Fall Wine Club Pick Up Party
- Oct 15 Texas Fine Wine Fall Dinner
- Oct 30 Fall Feast
- Oct 31 Gloggfest - Releasing our seasonal favorite, Stonewall Glogg
- Oct 31 Kuhlken Österberg Collector's Club Release Party
- Nov 18 Winter Wine Club Billing
- Nov 29 Winter Wine Club Shipping
- Dec 5 Winter Wine Club Pick Up Party

Stay up-to-date on our events, both at the winery and in other cities by monitoring your email and watching the event calendar on our website. This Fall we are excited to start participating again in festivals, special events, and more! Don't forget to book a reservation!

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2019 VERMENTINO

Vermentino



For the 2019 Vermentino we experimented with picking the fruit at a lower brix to create a lighter bodied white. The goal was to keep this wine crisp, but to create complexity and mouthfeel with lees stirring. Characteristic aromatics of lemon, lime and pineapple are complemented by white flowers, white pepper, and ginger. Although lighter-bodied you'll find this wine to be nicely balanced on the palate with a long finish.

2019 LYLA

Vermentino - Viognier



This is the first vintage of the Lyla. It was lovingly named after our Winemaker's late dog who was a rescued Shar Pei from the Austin Animal Shelter. One of the shelter staff had humorously noted that Lyla used her "womanly right to be discerning" with new foods and friends. In her spirit, much care was taken to ensure this wine would be as beautiful, unfailing, and complex as she was. Just like Lyla to be shy at first, this wine will open up with layers of lemon, white flowers, and toasted almonds. Medium bodied with flavors reminiscent of lemon curd, lychee, and peaches.

2017 GSM MELANGE

Mourvèdre - Grenache - Carignan - Cinsault - Syrah - Petite Sirah



GSM stands for Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre. However, since 2016 we have been experimenting with the additions of other Rhône varietals to add Texas character on this classic French trio. We have fallen in love with the big berried and juicy notes that both the Carignan and Cinsault contribute to this wine. Always designed with food in mind, the 2017 GSM is medium to medium plus in body with bright acidity and balanced tannin. This complex blend has fruity notes of strawberry, red cherries, kirsch, and blueberries but also floral, leather, cocoa, and smoky notes.

2018 HIGH PLAINS TEMPRANILLO

Tempranillo - Mourvèdre - Syrah



This vintage of our High Plains Tempranillo combines some older vines from Bingham (about 10 years old) and younger Temp from Lahey (about 4 years old). The younger vines give lots of lovely bright fruit and floral aromatics. A little more earth and body come from the older vines and the addition of Mourvèdre and Syrah. This wine is rich with red cherry, cola, leather and cocoa. On the palate cherry prevails with hints of chocolate and dusty leather. This is a medium bodied wine with medium tannins.

Cellar recommendation: Enjoy now through 2025

2018 NEWSEAUX

Cabernet Sauvignon - Merlot - Cabernet Franc - Petit Verdot - Malbec



The name "Newseaux" is a bit of a play on words meant to illustrate that Newsom Vineyard is one of the best vineyards in Texas to source Bordeaux varieties. With an elevation of about 3,800 feet above sea level, Newsom Vineyards sees some of the most dramatic diurnal shifts in the region, and this means we are able to ripen these grapes for longer. The bouquet on the Newseaux is big with juicy fruit, new leather, dried cherry, and green pepper. Full-bodied, you'll find notes of cherry, strawberry, leather and currants with cocoa on a long finish.

Cellar recommendation: Enjoy now through 2025

2018 KUHLEN VINEYARDS RESERVE

Touriga Nacional - Mourvèdre - Grenache - Merlot



The Kuhlken Reserve is a wine we make using only fruit from our estate vineyard in Fredericksburg, Texas. In this vintage, we are pleased to showcase mostly Touriga Nacional. Touriga is a unique Portuguese grape which can be quite intense with dark fruit, floral and mineral notes. We think it's high tannins are nicely balanced by Mourvèdre and fruity Grenache in this blend. The Merlot used here is from 24 year old vines—the first planted at Kuhlken Vineyards! The Kuhlken Vineyards Reserve is a complex wine with notes of cigar box, menthol, plum, black cherry, blackberry, and hints of smoke and vanilla.

Cellar recommendation: Enjoy now through 2025

2013 KUHLEN ÖSTERBERG

Collector's Club

Kuhlken-Österberg is a pioneer wine in the Texas Wine Industry, being the first intentionally released on the allocated wine system utilized by many premier wineries around the world. This wine is not typically included in the Pedernales Cellars wine club packages, instead is fully allocated to our Collector's Club. This membership is separate from the Pedernales Cellars Wine Club however we wanted to share this exceptional wine with our case members as an introduction to this program. Call or email the wine club to learn more about the Kuhlken-Österberg Collector's Club.

The 2013 Kuhlken-Österberg wine is 30% Tinta Amarela, 30% Touriga Nacional, 15% Tempranillo, and 25% Syrah. All fruit used for this wine is from our estate Kuhlken Vineyards, and spent 14 months in New French and American oak barrels. The 2013 Collector's label was inspired by Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*. This classic label reflects that 2013 vintage was very difficult, but the Texas Wine Industry emerged from it even stronger.