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*Spring greetings from the
Texas Hill Country!*

PEDERNALES CELLARS

The wildflowers have been dotting the Hill Country since late March, popping out slightly later than usual due to the February polar vortex event. Luckily during those winter storms – it snowed three times in the Hill Country – the vines seem to have been completely dormant. Without sap and water in the buds, they were able to huddle relatively well through the cold temperatures. The snow also helped because it acts as an insulator. The other big event in Kuhlken Vineyards this spring is the on-going replanting project. Grenache, Mourvèdre, Tempranillo, and Touriga Nacional have all been planted over the last month.

In the Tasting Room we have welcomed a new Tasting Room Manager, Cathy Martell. And we are thrilled to have our Wine Club Manager, Keri Emerson, back from maternity leave after having her first child, a daughter. We are getting lots of questions from you as to when we will be able to return to more normal operations in the tasting room and wine club. With the vaccination drive still underway, we are monitoring the vaccination rate, test positivity rates, as well as the spread of variants in order to determine how and when we will change our operations. For the foreseeable future it will be necessary to make a reservation to do a complimentary tasting. You are always welcome to come, grab a glass or buy a bottle, and sit on the lawn. We are hopeful that by the time the September wine club party comes around, we can return to an event that more nearly resembles what we did pre-COVID.

In this package, you are up for a special treat. You are getting the newest vintage of the Tempranillo Reserve, the 2018, a very solid vintage within our Tempranillo program. If you are a Winemaker's Choice member, you are also getting the new release of the 2019 Viognier Reserve. If you are a Reds member, then you have the 2017 Block Two, a blend of Touriga Nacional and Tempranillo, sourced entirely from Kuhlken Vineyards.

I hope you and your family are enjoying the return to travel and can make it out and visit us soon!

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

SUMMER 2021

Try Our Favorite Summer Pairings

Viognier & Oysters
Rosé & Pineapple Salsa
Mourvèdre & Black Bean Burgers
Tempranillo & Pork Chops

What are your favorite summer wine pairings? Snap a photo, post the recipe and tag us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter!



Visit Us for Events & Tastings
Don't Forget to Book a Reservation!

During the on-going roll-out of the vaccine, we will continue the same health and safety policies that we have been using since we reopened in the fall. This means if you are interested in visiting us for an event or tasting, we are still requiring reservations and face masks for all members and guests. Visit us online to book your reservation on our TOCK page. More information is available on our FAQ page, or call our tasting room at 830-644-2037.



2019 VIOGNIER RESERVE

Viognier

This vintage of Reserve Viognier was designed for complexity over time. It was aged both in tank and barrel and received weekly lees stirrings which have contributed to wonderful mouthfeel and toasty notes. This wine is highly aromatic with notes of pear, juicy peaches, caramel, lime leaves, and honeysuckle all before the glass reaches your nose. The mouthfeel is velvety yet acidity has been preserved, as this wine did not go through malolactic fermentation.

2018 DRY ROSÉ

Cinsault - Mourvèdre - Carignan



This wine was created with both the saignee method and direct press methods. No effort was spared and on two harvests our winemaking team was pulling juice from beautiful bins of Carignan into the wee hours of the morning. Separating the must from the skins not even a full hour after harvest, allowed for the least bit of extraction and a lighter bodied, more mineral driven component to this wine. This full-bodied wine is fruity and bright on the nose with notes of candied watermelon, guava, red delicious apples, and strawberries. On the palate, notes of cherry and strawberry carry through with a crisp acidity.

2018 MOURVÈDRE

Mourvèdre - Petit Verdot



This is our second varietal Mourvèdre. We have found this grape to be really fun and versatile to work with -good as Rose, good as a light bodied red, nice as a fuller bodied red. It's happy in new oak, neutral oak, French or American and is generally really easy going. This vintage is quite aromatic with notes of black cherry liquor, game, blackberry jam, and fennel. It has a medium plus body with a velvety mouthfeel and cherry and leather notes. It is rich with dark fruit and light tannins.

Cellar recommendation: Enjoy now through 2024

2017 TEXAS BLOCK TWO

Tempranillo - Touriga Nacional



This wine is a Portuguese-style blend, comprised of Touriga Nacional and Tempranillo, which is known as Tinto Fino in Portugal. This wine is all Kuhlken Estate fruit. Aging was completed in a combination of American oak, including new barrels, second use and neutral. On the nose you'll find the Block Two has notes of cherry, raspberry, blackberry, with bramble, tar and earth notes as well. On the palate you'll find this wine to be medium in body with kirsch, cherries, spice and vanilla.

Cellar recommendation: Enjoy now through 2025

ALL WINES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH OUR ONLINE STORE.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT WAS INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKAGE? CHECK OUT OUR WINE CLUB FAQ ON THE WEBSITE!

2018 TEMPRANILLO RESERVE

Tempranillo - Touriga Nacional - Graciano

This blend is quite traditional. We have blended our best Tempranillo lots with other classic, high quality blenders Touriga Nacional and Graciano. While Tempranillo is and big berried and juicy, both Touriga and Graciano are smaller clustered varieties that pack a punch. Adding them to this Tempranillo helped to bolster the tannins and structure. The 2018 Tempranillo Reserve offers a elegance on the nose and palate. It is slightly smokey, with black currant, black cherry, and vanilla notes from oak aging. It is fuller bodied with refined tannins and balanced black fruit and earth.

Cellar recommendation: Enjoy now through 2028

2017 FAMILY RESERVE

Dolcetto - Teroldego - Touriga Nacional

The Family Reserve is a blend we have been creating for years to highlight some of our favorite lots from some of our favorite growers. In its nature, the blend is nontraditional and this year is led by Italian varieties with Dolcetto making up the majority of the blend. The 2017 Family Reserve is a blend with lots of complexity. You'll find notes of cassis, violets, bramble, black cherry, cedar, and black liquorice. On the palate you'll find a full bodied wine with black cherry and black raspberry notes followed by leather, currants, and dried herbs.

Cellar recommendation: Enjoy now through 2028

2016 LAHEY VINEYARDS GRACIANO

Signature Series

Though Graciano may be familiar to wine drinkers experienced in Rioja wines, the grape has until recently been a rare find in Texas. This block is coming from Lahey Vineyards in the Texas High Plains where it is just coming into maturity. This block has been carefully hand harvested the last two years running and it is this special care that has helped earn it a place in our Signature Series. With this varietal Graciano you'll get complex and intense notes of leather, white flowers and violets, strawberry jam, black pepper, tobacco, and a hint of menthol. The palate is full with gooseberries, cranberries, red cherries, and strawberry jam as well as pepper and dried oregano. The finish is long, as is the aging potential with this wine.

Cellar recommendation: Enjoy now through 2023

