



## **WINERY:**

Brutocao Family Vineyards is a fourth generation family owned and operated winery crafting award winning wines in southern Mendocino County. The property has been in the family since 1943 and is made up of four ranches, which allow Brutocao to produce 100% estate wines. From the first vintage in 1980, through this current vintage, it is the quality of the vineyards that shines through every bottle. Hoss Milone, a 4th generation winemaker from Mendocino County, joined the team in 2009. With his local roots and 18 years of experience at Ferrari Carano, Hoss brings another dimension to our line of Brutocao Family wines.



### **FAMILY:**

In 1910, the Brutocao family (pronounced brew' tuh coe) brought with them a love for wine when the emigrated from Treviso, Italy, a small town near Venice. Brutocao Family Vineyards is a tale of two families who combined their passion and expertise to establish one of Mendocino County's most notable wineries. Third generation brothers, Stave David and Laprage the appreciation with fourth generation family involved in sales.

Steve, David, and Len run the operation, with fourth generation family involved in sales and marketing roles.

## **VINEYARDS:**

Hopland Ranches - Bliss Vineyard, Feliz Vineyard, and Contento Vineyard

These three vineyards grow in the Sanel Valley (Mendocino AVA), a growing area surrounding the town of Hopland, on the Russian River. This valley is 6 miles long and, at most, 2 miles wide. Many of its vineyards grow on the Russian River plain where the gravelly soils and well draining vineyards produce outstanding characteristics.

## Anderson Valley, Philo Ranch - Slow Lope'n Vineyard

This Pinot Noir vineyard lies in the heart of the Anderson Valley, an AVA that ranks among the top Pinot regions in the world. Slow Lope'n (which translates to "happy vineyard") comes from a local language called "Boontling", created so "brightlighters", or city folk, would not know what the locals in Boonville were saying.

## **VARIETALS:**

- Sauvignon Blanc
- Chardonnay
- Pinot Noir
- Zinfandel
- Merlot
- Cabernet Sauvignon
- Primitivo
- Sangiovese
- Barbera
- Dolcetto











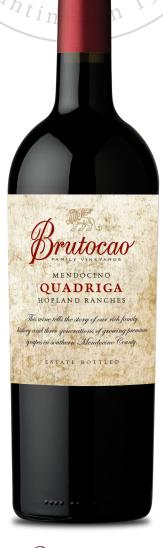
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## **VINEYARD:**

Brutocao's Feliz Vineyard is one of three ranches in our hometown of Hopland. Its clay and volcanic ash soil, along with the level of sun exposure, makes our Feliz ranch the perfect home to Sauvignon Blanc vines.

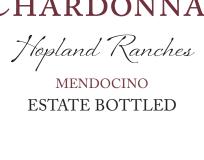
#### FERMENTATION & AGING:

Picked at night, pressed, cold fermented high 50's, 12-day fermentation, double-racked, and aged in stainless steel.

#### **WINEMAKER NOTES:**

With cold fermentation, we elevate tropical aromas followed with a hint of lemon. This wine greets you with a very fruit forward, crisp entry with a full, balanced mouth feel in the middle, finishing with citrus flavors and a touch of acid.

# Chardonnay





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## **VINEYARD:**

Our 100% barrel fermented Chardonnay arises from a chorus of our classic Chardonnay blocks from our Bliss Ranch and a new planting of Chardonnay from our Feliz Ranch

#### FERMENTATION & AGING:

Lots hand-picked, early morning, clean fruit. 40% whole cluster pressed and 100% barrel fermented in mix of new and neutral French oak. After ML inoculation, barrel fermented lots were sur-lie aged and stirred every 2 weeks for 8 months.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES:

With aromas of tropical fruits, this wine gives way to crème brûlée flavors from the barrel fermentation. Additionally, it has rich fruit flavors and a dense mouth feel which is held intact with a citrus overtone, crispness, and long finish.



# PINOT NOIR

Slow Lope'n Vineyard

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#### **VINEYARD:**

Pinot Noir grapes, coming from our Slow Lope'n Vineyard, are grown in Anderson Valley. Within our 10.5 acres, we have 5 Pinot Noir clones: 113,115,777, Swan, Pommard. Each of these clones produce grapes with different characteristics, allowing for ballance and complexity.

#### FERMENTATION & AGING:

Morning loads, hand picked into small macro bins, destemmed with 50% remaining as whole berries. Cold soak or 3 days prior to fermentation. In temperature controlled tanks, pumped over from 4 to 2 times a day. Individual lots remained on the skins for average of 14-21 days. Pressed to tank, ML inoculated, settled for 24-72 hours, racked to barrel. 100% French Oak, 40% new oak, 18 months in barrel.

#### **WINEMAKER NOTES:**

Cola, cherries, and Christmas spice (nutmeg, cinnamon, and cloves) welcome you with wave after wave of aromas. The complexity of our Pinot is a more Burgundian style with softer undertones of fruit and oak. It has a long, silky finish with hints of spiced fruit.







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#### **VINEYARD:**

We use hand picked selections from each of our Hopland Ranches (Bliss, Feliz, and Contento Vineyards) to produce our family blend.

#### FERMENTATION & AGING:

Select fractions of our 4 Italian varietals: Sangiovese, Primitivo, Dolcetto and Barbera, were blended to produce our proprietary blend 'Quadriga'. All varietals went through a 3 day cold soak and were kept on the skins for 14-21 days. 100% French oak, 25% new oak, 18 months in barrel.

#### **WINEMAKER NOTES:**

In the nose, Dolcetto brings floral notes of violets, dried rose petals, and a soft sweetness to the entry. The Barbera gives a blueberry note and a great acid backbone in the mouth. Our Primitivo lends raspberry and other red fruits plus the "Zinfandel-like" mouth feel, while our Sangiovese produces strawberry fruit and is the glue that holds it all together. Each varietal will show different spices and react differently with many different foods, making this wine our most food friendly.







Contento Vineyard

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#### **VINEYARD:**

Our "Contento" Vineyard is home to our Primitivo vines. The rolling hills throughout this vineyard allow these vines to deliver some of our favorite fruit, giving our Primitivo its depth and complexity.

#### FERMENTATION & AGING:

Morning loads, destemmed with 50% remaining as whole berries. Cold soak for 3 days prior to fermentation. In temperature controlled tanks, pumped over from 4 to 2 times a day. Individual lots remained on the skins for average of 14-21 days. Pressed to tank, ML inoculated, settled for 24-72 hours, racked to barrels. 100% French oak, 40% new oak, 18 months in barrel.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES:

Raspberries and red fruit with subtle hints of white pepper and spice dominate the nose. Rich fruit and a mouth-watering mid palate is followed by vanilla toasted oak and a long finish of spiced fruit.





Bliss Vineyard

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#### **VINEYARD:**

This Zinfandel comes from blocks on our Bliss Vineyard. We use a combination of VSP (vertical shoot positioning) trellis system and head trained vines to blend new world and old world. This is a true Mendocino Zin!

## FERMENTATION & AGING:

Morning loads, destemmed with 50% remaining as whole berries. Cold soak for 3 days prior to fermentation. In temperature controlled tanks, pumped over from 4 to 2 times a day. Individual lots remained on the skins for average of 14-21 days. Pressed to tank, ML inoculated, settled for 24-72 hours, racked to barrels. 75% American, 25% French oak, 40% new oak, 18 months in barrel.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES:

Blackberries, vanilla, and pepper (white, red, or black, depending on the growing season) come through in the nose. Spice followed by a berry cobbler, a rich mid palate flows into a vanilla, dark fruit and spiced, long finish.



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#### **VINEYARD:**

Our "Contento" Vineyard is home to Cabernet Sauvignon vines. The rolling hills throughout this vineyard allow these vines to deliver some of our favorite fruit, giving our Cab its depth and complexity.

#### FERMENTATION & AGING:

Morning loads, destemmed with 50% remaining as whole berries. Cold soak for 3 days prior to fermentation. In temperature controlled tanks, pumped over from 4 to 2 times a day. Individual lots remained on the skins for average of 14-21 days. Pressed to tank, ML inoculated, settled for 24-72 hours, racked to barrels. 50% French and 50% American oak, 40% new oak, 18 months in barrel.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES:

Plums and other dark fruit dominate the aromas, which are surrounded by dark chocolate and spice. The fruit you witness in the nose is the fruit you taste as the tannins gently wrap around your mouth, uplifting everything in the mid palate with hints of tobacco and spice. This wine has a long, inviting finish that makes you want another taste.





# TORRENT

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#### **VINEYARD:**

This wine is all about the soil! Each varietal's vineyard site was chosen for their unique drainage due to proximity to creeks with heavy gravel soils (Syrah & Merlot) or Rock Hilltop Red soil (Cab).

#### FERMENTATION & AGING:

Morning loads, destemmed with 50% remaining as whole berries. Cold soak for 3 days prior to fermentation. In temperature controlled tanks, pumped over from 4 to 2 times a day. Individual lots remained on the skins for average of 14-21 days. Pressed to tank, ML inoculated, settled for 24-72 hours, racked to barrels. barrels. French Oak, American Oak, and our winemaker's propietary blended barrel mix. 40% new oak, 18 months in barrel.

#### **WINEMAKER NOTES:**

The unique terroir of our vineyards combined with selected clone varieties allows us to craft our Estate blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah. Torrent opens with aromas of plums, red licorice, and dark fruit. This wine has a silky mouth feel with lots of chocolate, coffee, and slight tobacco flavors in the mid palate, and a long blackberry finish.

