

Brutocao

FAMILY VINEYARDS

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FOUR GENERATIONS

ESTATE WINES
from
MENDOCINO, CALIFORNIA

A TALE OF TWO FAMILIES

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. In 1910, the Brutocao family (pronounced brew' tah coe) brought with them a love for wine when they emigrated from Treviso, Italy, a small town near Venice. Len Brutocao met Martha Bliss while in school at the University of California, Berkeley. Martha's father, Irv, had been farming in Mendocino since 1943. After Len and Martha married, the families joined forces and continued to sell their grapes to well-known Sonoma and Napa wineries for many years before starting to make their own wine in 1980. They selected the Lion from St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice as their symbol of family tradition and quality. The heart of that quality is in their land: over 400 acres of planted vineyards in southern Mendocino County and 11 acres of Pinot Noir in Anderson Valley.



PHILOSOPHY

At Brutocao Family Vineyards, winemaking is vineyard-driven. All vineyard work and winemaking techniques are aimed at bringing out the unique character and true spirit of each individual varietal. The resulting wines stimulate the senses, warm the heart and evoke a feeling of well-being. Brutocao's Director of Vineyard operations, Len Brutocao Jr., and his team follow the code of sustainable winegrowing practices using the least invasive grape growing methods to farm their land.



Warm days and cool nights mean Brutocao Family Vineyards have climatic conditions that enable the production of robust reds and fresh whites. The diversity of vineyards allows winemaking to evolve and adapt techniques not only from vintage to vintage but also block by block, a practice that is ultimately critical to the complexity and differentiation of each wine.



WINEMAKING ARTISTRY

Each of the Brutocao Family Vineyards wines are influenced by a diverse range of elements that begin in the vineyards. Estate-farming is the key to crafting wines with a strong sense of quality. The winemaking team, led by David Brutocao and winemaker Hoss Milone, strives to optimize quality in both the vineyard and in the cellar. This involves reducing vineyard yields in favor of quality, rigorously selecting grapes, and adopting winemaking techniques that best express the varietal character.

Brutocao's winemaking philosophy is straightforward — working in tandem with the vineyard is paramount to the quality of the wine. Choices made in the vineyard, from pruning through harvest, will determine the ultimate character of the wine. Their philosophy calls for minimal intervention across all stages of the winemaking process and results in wines that are powerful, concentrated and that express the true character of each variety and the terroir from which it came.

Most wines are lightly filtered and the oak is a subtle component so as not to overpower the fruit. Ultimately, the Brutocaos are farmers. Each growing season brings different results and the wines are unique from year to year. The winemaking goal is to express the vintage as manifested in the grape and later hand-crafted into the wine.

PORTFOLIO OF WINES

The Brutocao Family Vineyards portfolio is comprised of three specific tiers, including the Classic Collection, the Italian Series, and the highly-esteemed Reserve Selection. The wines are the best possible representation of the vineyards in which they were grown and reflect a hierarchical expression that begins with varietal then hones in on regional, vineyard and even individual block characteristics. Under the leadership of Steve Brutocao, they strive for wines with a connection to the place in which they were grown and an appreciation of the authentic.

Brutocao Family Vineyards produces over 30 unique wines, including: Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Primitivo, Zinfandel, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Zinfandel Port. Brutocao is well known for quality across this diverse portfolio and is especially noted for its proprietary blends: “Quadriga” – Sangiovese, Primitivo, Barbera, Dolcetto and “Torrent” – Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah.

Brutocao Family Vineyards history and tradition combined with a reputation for innovation have made it one of the most distinctive and sought-after brands in California. With such a diverse portfolio of wines and an homage to Italian lifestyle, all Brutocao wines are intended to be enjoyed with good food and in the company of family and friends. Start with a glass of crisp Sauvignon Blanc under the grape arbor. Pair the Quadriga with a favorite pasta or Torrent with a juicy steak and finish with a heartwarming port and chocolate by the fire. Salute!



CLASSIC COLLECTION

In literature, the classics are time-honored favorites, bestowed with a timeless vocabulary. The same holds true with the Brutocao Classic Collection. Each of these wines exemplifies the intrinsic character that made it famous—refreshing whites, robust reds and layer-upon-layer of complexity. (Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, & Torrent)



ITALIAN SERIES

The Brutocao Italian Series is the heart of the family's portfolio. It is their legacy drawn from their ancestral heritage. It is meant to pair with the foods you love best and to share with your friends. Raise a glass in true Brutocao style. (Barbera, Sangiovese, Quadriga, Primitivo, & Uber Tuscan)



RESERVE SELECTION

The Brutocao Reserve Selection showcases wines that their winemaker has deemed distinctive by vintage, vineyard and even by barrel. These wines are an expression of true varietal character and are very limited in number. (Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Coro Mendocino, & Cabernet Sauvignon)





Sauvignon Blanc, Feliz Vineyard Estate Bottled (750ml)

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



Chardonnay, Bliss Vineyard Estate Bottled (750ml)

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, Anderson Valley Estate Bottled (750ml)

Cherries, cola, and Christmas spice welcome you with wave after wave of aromas. The complexity of this Pinot offers a more Burgundian style with softer undertones of fruit and oak. It has a long, silky finish with hints of nutmeg, cinnamon, and cloves.



Primitivo, Contento Vineyard Estate Bottled (750ml)

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



Torrent, Hopland Ranches Estate Bottled (750ml)

This proprietary red blend begins with aromas of plum, red licorice, and dark fruit. A silky mouth feel, a deluge of chocolate and coffee, and a trickle of tobacco flavors in the middle lead into an outpouring of blackberry for a long, smooth finish.



Cabernet Sauvignon, Contento Vineyard Estate Bottled (750ml)

Plums and other dark fruit dominate the aromas, surrounded by dark chocolate and spice. The fruit in the nose is the fruit in the taste. The tannins gently wrap around the 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.



Zinfandel, Bliss Vineyard Estate Bottled (750ml)

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



Quadriga, Hopland Ranches Estate Bottled (750ml)

A blend of four varietals. In the nose, the Dolcetto brings floral notes of dried rose petals and violets. The Barbera adds an essence of blueberry. Primitivo lends raspberry and other red fruits plus the "Zin-like" mouth feel. Sangiovese produces strawberry fruit and ties it all together. Each varietal will show various spices and react differently with many food pairings.

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