

ARROYO, SECO



MONTEREY, CA

MUIRWOOD

Presenting Muirwood Vineyard Designate Wines



*And into
the forest I go,
to lose*

*my mind
& find my soul.*
JOHN MUIR

OUR LEGACY

GRAPE GROWING PIONEERS The Zaninovich family has deep farming roots spanning nearly a century. In the early 1970's, captivated by the raw beauty and exceptional potential of the undiscovered Arroyo Seco wine region, we established some of the area's first vineyards. Since then, the area has emerged as one of California's most celebrated and breathtaking wine growing regions. Now, under the leadership of fourth generation Andrew Zaninovich, Muirwood wines celebrate our family's tradition of grape growing and the pursuit of excellence.

LOVE OF THE LAND Inspired by the legacy of John Muir, who sought to preserve the wilderness for future generations, we take a long-term perspective. With four generations of California farming in harmony with nature, we believe in nurturing the land so that it may bear fruit for generations to come.

OUR VINEYARDS

Located southeast of Monterey Bay in the valley adjacent to the Arroyo Seco Creek, we are lucky to enjoy a unique combination of growing conditions and soils which create superb richness and complexity of flavor. Starting in 1971 with Suter Vineyard, our home ranch, then with Zanetta Vineyard in 1988, and with Wiley Ranch Vineyard in 1998, we established vineyards in different growing areas of the Arroyo Seco AVA. Each vineyard, down to individual blocks, possesses distinctive microclimates and soils. Through decades of trial and error, we identified which vineyard locations produce the most exceptional grapes year after year. These locations are the source of grapes for our Vineyard Designate Wines.



ZANETTA VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Richly textured, complex Burgundian-style chardonnay from a vineyard with alluvial soils and cool climate conditions.



WILEY RANCH VINEYARD VAQUERO BLOCK CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Intensely rich and concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon from a sunny, rocky, sloped block of the Wiley Ranch Vineyard

WINES CRAFTED WITH CARE FROM MONTEREY COUNTY'S RENOWNED ARROYO SECO VINEYARDS

OUR WINES

ATTENTION TO DETAIL Our approach is grounded in the belief that the best wines come from the best grapes. This translates into attention to detail at every step of the grape growing and winemaking process; from the inspection of soil profiles and climate conditions, to determining which root stocks and clonal varieties are best suited to the growing site, to the selection and blending of individual lots.

VINEYARD DESIGNATE WINES While we blend grapes from across our different vineyards for our balanced and flavorful Arroyo Seco wines (white label), we draw grapes only from the most distinctive vineyard blocks for our Vineyard Designate wines (black label). We separately vinify, age, and blend individual block lots to showcase each vineyard site's special characteristics.



Andrew Zaninovich, fourth generation farmer & vintner. Under his guidance, Muirwood wines are produced with great care & commitment to quality.

Andrew Zaninovich

ZANETTA VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

A richly textured, complex Burgundian-style wine from our vineyard with the coolest climate conditions and rocky, alluvial soils.

WINEMAKING Malolactic Fermentation in French Oak for toastiness, Aging Sur lie adds creamy silkiness.

WINE STYLE Burgundian-style acidity and complexity

FLAVOR PROFILE Crisp tropical and citrus flavors, richness on palate, mineral notes, long finish

FOOD PAIRING Dungeness Crab, Herb Roasted Salmon, Sole Meunière



WILEY RANCH VINEYARD VAQUERO BLOCK CABERNET SAUVIGNON

A richly structured, dark-fruited wine from the sunniest, rocky, sloped block of the Wiley Ranch Vineyard.

WINEMAKING American oak aging, barrel selection and blending of individual lots.

WINE STYLE Intense, firm, rich

FLAVOR PROFILE Concentrated black berry fruit flavors, mocha, tobacco and spice notes, integrated tannins

FOOD PAIRING Filet Mignon with Red Wine Reduction, Black Truffle Risotto, Thyme-Roasted Leg of Lamb



OUR TEAM



HOME GROWN

Vice President of Vineyard Operations Roger Moitoso owes his in-depth knowledge of the area's growing conditions and soils to decades of experience. His close collaboration with our Winemaking Team ensures that each wine expresses the vineyard's special character. Caring for our vineyards means sustainable viticultural practices, which Roger believes produces better grapes. An avid outdoorsman, Roger uses his expert grilling skills to produce delicious meal for our guests and staff on the antique barbeque grill located on Wiley Ranch's Vaquero Block.



GLOBETROTTER

Director of Winemaking Christophe "Cris" Legrandjacques was born in Champagne, raised in Africa, and trained as a winemaker in Burgundy and Bordeaux. Desiring to branch out, he moved to the U.S. to make wine first in Washington and then California. Drawing from life experience on three continents, Cris takes a fresh approach to Muirwood wines. Cris is a certified yoga instructor and enjoys hiking, skiing the Sierras and making artisanal chocolates in his spare time.



SCHOLAR

First Generation Californian Winemaker José Ramirez took a sharp detour on his plan to study medicine when he found his true calling during a college harvest internships. With a vineyard-driven approach to winemaking, José is engaged in all aspects of winemaking, from vineyards to cellar. He's also engaged in advanced studies through the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET). In his time away from the cellar, Jose likes to hike along the Monterey Coast or hit the gym for an Olympic-stye weightlifting session.