

QUIVIRA

VINEYARDS

Intentional wines, naturally.

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A Note from Our Winemaker – Hugh Chappelle

There is so much to share, that is difficult to relay in a “reasonable” length newsletter, but I will try.

In the vineyard, new growth continues at a fast pace, keeping our crew very busy. However, a new weeding implement we’ve invested in is allowing us to better control the growth under the vines with less labor and absolutely no chemicals. This is HUGE for us, as labor continues to be in tight supply and is expected to get even more challenging in the years ahead. Our next exciting venture is grafting! We’re getting set up to graft onto rootstock planted last year which will include more Sauvignon Blanc, both the classic Clone 1 and another newer Bordeaux clone (376), Mourvèdre (2 exciting selections from France!), and small amount Alicante Bouschet for blending with our Zinfandels. Our vineyards are our lifeblood and continuing to refine and improve them is an ongoing mission, and passion.

In the winery right now, it is all about Sauvignon Blanc. Our largest bottling of the year is coming up May 3-6, where all of our 2021 Sauvignon Blancs will be bottled. The production crew is intently working on final preparations for this important bottling and will then have a welcome reprieve until our next bottlings for LaFollette come up mid-summer. A teaser to report here is that a small amount of estate Semillon made the cut for bottling separately, and will be showcased first to you, our club members, in a future release.

For this shipment you’ll notice with Quivira a few new releases alongside several wines that you have seen before, so you can actually taste for yourself how well our wines continue to age. For LaFollette, this is our last offering from the outstanding 2018 vintage. Beginning with the Fall shipment we will once again dive back into previewing the newest releases. Another reason for re-releasing selected wines is to better space out many of our reds, since we won’t have several of your favorites from the 2020 vintage due to the fires, and smoke taint. In any event, it’s a chance to revisit some wines with a bit more bottle age which I’m confident you’ll see has given them even more complexity and nuance.

As you may have noticed with the insert in your shipment, we are trying some new ways to communicate information about our wines in a way that is both convenient and easy, and also respects the environment, thus, balancing our company commitment and vision in that area as well. The most important thing, though, is that you, our most valuable customers, have a great experience.

Once again, we would love your feedback here so please don’t hesitate to reach out and let us know what you think.

Our goal, as always, is to exceed your expectations in every way.

We look forward to seeing you when you next come out and look forward to hearing from you.

Hugh Chappelle, Winemaker

Quivira Vineyards & La Follette Wines