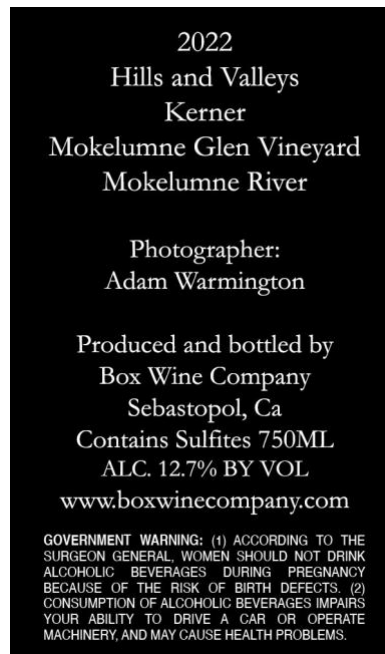


# Box Wine Company

**2022 Hills and Valleys Kerner**, Mokelumne Glen Vineyard, Mokelumne River, Ca  
160 cases produced, \$25 / \$300 case

The wine to us is all about honey suckle, stone fruit, hints of petrol out of the gate, inflection of dried apricot and peaches from the skins fermentation, blood orange zest brings out the mid pallet skin tannins, clove and nutmeg savory notes are the result of the neutral French oak aging for 6 months.

50% De-stemmed and skin fermented, pressed to tank at 8% Brix to finish fermentation. 50% Whole Cluster direct to press, tank settled overnight, barrel fermentation cold 56 degrees. Separate lots were recombined, dirty racking the fluffy lees together in the tank holding the skin fermented portion. Rolled with nitrogen. Primary fermentation was stopped at .02g/L of residual sugar. Cold racked. 12.7% ABV



Label photograph is Ocean Beach, San Francisco, where I grew up bodyboarding, it reflects the north pacific hills and valleys of swell that pounds the Northern California coast in the fall and winter. The Photographer is Emmy award winning production company founder Adam Warmington, Production studios in London and San Francisco: Check out his work. [www.adamwarmington.com](http://www.adamwarmington.com)

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2023 MENSCH ROUSSANNE

**ABOUT THE WINE:**

There is not much Roussanne, one of the Rhône Valley's premier white grapes, grown in California. These grapes are sourced from grower Larry Mettler's vineyard in Lodi. Whole cluster pressed then fermented in neutral oak with native yeast, the wine was bottled after relatively short barrel aging (6 months), which maintains purity of fruit.

**TASTING NOTES:**

Mensch Roussanne serves up a wonderful mineral core framed alongside bright acidity for good structure. With a medium body lifted by lush guava, citrus and jasmine, the Mensch Roussanne is consistently one of our most crowd-pleasing white wines.

**VARIETAL:**  
Roussanne

**APPELLATION:**  
Lodi

**PRODUCTION NOTES:**  
Native Yeast Fermentation;  
Fermentation in Neutral French  
Oak Barrels

**CASES PRODUCED:**  
450

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:**  
\$24



ROUSSANNE

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**BLEND:** 100% CHARDONNAY  
**HARVESTED:** SEPTEMBER 4-17, 2020  
**WINEMAKER:** ERNST STORM  
**CLONES:** WENTE, 4, 76  
**CASES PRODUCED:** 295  
**ALCOHOL:** 13%  
**GENERAL MANAGER:** VILMA MAZAITE  
**PROPRIETORS:** DUNCAN FAMILY



# DONNACHADH

FAMILY VINEYARDS

VINTAGE 2020

## ESTATE CHARDONNAY

SANTA RITA HILLS

### TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Estate Chardonnay matured for 10 months in about 20% new oak and an additional six months in stainless steel. It has deep scents of baked apples, toast, honey and hay with hints of chaparral and cream. The medium-bodied palate offers surprising concentration, exploding with savory apple flavors. It has a satiny texture, bright balancing acidity and a long, flavorful finish. - Erin Brooks, (Wine Advocate, 95 points)

### VINEYARD

Donnachadh is an organically farmed vineyard in the Santa Rita Hills AVA of Santa Barbara County. The property was planted in 2013 and the first vintage was in 2016. Fruit from the topmost hillside block of the vineyard gives the crystalline minerality and tart acidity at the core of the Estate Chardonnay. These vines planted in shallow, rocky soil endure powerful ocean winds and yield grapes that are slow to ripen and concentrated in flavor. Fruit from the vineyard's riverside block rounds out the wine.

### WINEMAKING

Grapes were picked by hand at perfect ripeness for crisp acidity and intense fruit flavors. At the winery, whole cluster grapes were pressed after light foot treading while still cool. This wine underwent natural fermentation for 11 months in French oak barrels with 20% new oak, and a further 5 months of aging in stainless steel tanks on the lees.

### VINTAGE

2020 saw lower than average rainfall in the winter, leading to lower yields which in turn developed more concentration in the wines. A heat wave around harvest pushed ripeness sooner than normal, resulting in wines that are slightly rounder than previous vintages, but still with plenty of poise and elegance. 2020 will be remembered for its challenges, but the grapes from the Sta. Rita Hills continued to shine.

### NAME

Donnachadh is a 4th century Scottish Gaelic name ancestral to the modern surname Duncan. The clan motto, *disce pati*, means "learn to endure" and *uva* means "grape." Pronunciation is DON-nuh-kuh.

*disce pati uva*

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## 2023 ROSÉ

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*Beautifully aromatic,  
dry, clean, and  
refreshing – it's  
summer in a glass!*

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**Appellation:**  
Central Coast

**Bottling Data:**  
pH: 3.36  
Total Acidity: 0.62g/100mL  
Alcohol: 13.5% by volume

### Philosophy

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The 2023 JUSTIN Rosé is a dry, aromatic, refreshing wine that reminds us that while Rosé is great on a hot summer day, it is also a versatile wine worth reaching for all year long. A Rosé of mostly syrah that is whole-cluster-pressed and fermented like a white wine, it shows a beautiful salmon color in the glass with bright red fruit, crisp apple, and subtle herbal notes. It's a perfect match for a wide variety of pairings or just on its own. This is a wine that is meant to be enjoyed at the table, poolside, beachside, or outside, but especially with someone by your side!

### Vintage Notes

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2023 started off with more rain than the Central Coast has seen in a long time. Late winter storms created delays in accessing many vineyards for pre-budbreak work, yet the rain had a positive impact by saturating the soil. Moist subsoils and moderate temperatures really extended the growing season. The mild summer and early fall allowed the berries to size up with very little, if any, dehydration. There were initially some concerns over ripening with the cool conditions, but while harvest ran about three weeks behind, some warm weekends in September helped to push everything along, allowing vineyard blocks to mature at their own pace. The mild weather all year helped the grapes maintain exceptional amounts of natural acidity, which resulted in an exceptionally balanced vintage.

### Vinification

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**Fermentation:** Whole-cluster-pressed and fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks. No malolactic fermentation.

### Tasting Notes by Jason Santos, JUSTIN Winery Sommelier

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**Appearance:** Bright and clear with a pale copper color, silver highlights, and moderate tears in the glass.

**Aroma:** Very aromatic with ripe red apple and notes of green apple and pear, with violet and white flower notes, dried herbs, and an attractive, slightly peppery note.

**Palate:** Medium-bodied and dry with a very attractive mix of ripe red and green apple, red berry fruit, and melon on entry and subtle chamomile and floral notes appearing on the midpalate. The clean finish features fresh fruit, floral/herbal notes, and a mineral texture. The 2023 Rosé is an extremely versatile and refreshing wine that is great year-round on its own or paired with just about any type of food. It is equally delicious with grilled shrimp tacos, a blackened chicken Caesar salad, grilled salmon, or a full holiday meal. You will always want to have a few lightly chilled bottles on hand... JUST IN case.

## 2022 CALERA CENTRAL COAST PINOT NOIR

### Key Accolades

v21 91 Pts., *Wine & Spirits*. v21 91 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*.

### Tasting Notes

This beautifully vibrant Pinot Noir draws you in with alluring aromas of ripe blackberry, cedar and nutmeg. On the supple and energetic palate, flavors of black cherry, cola and vanilla glide across silky tannins to a long, focused finish.

### Production & Technical Data

SRP: \$32

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

#### APPELLATION

Central Coast

#### AGING & OAK

10 months | 100% French oak | 10% new, 90% neutral

#### INAUGURAL VINTAGE

2000

#### ALCOHOL

14.5%

#### pH

3.71

#### TA

5.9 g/L

#### FORMATS AVAILABLE

750 mL

#### UPC

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## 2023 MENSCH ZINFANDEL

### **ABOUT THE WINE:**

We continue to source this wine from Larry Mettler's vineyard in Lodi, a region famous for its old vine Zinfandel. This year, we picked the Zinfandel with a small amount of Petite Sirah—also from Mettler. As a result, the wine was co-fermented with about 20% Petite Sirah, which gives Mensch improved structure. The wine was barrel-fermented in French oak using native yeast; then bottled after a relatively short barrel aging (9 months), which maintains purity of fruit.

### **TASTING NOTES:**

The wine is fruit forward, soft textured, and graced with an array of raspberry and spice flavors. Tannins are firm, however, and give the wine additional muscle.

**VARIETAL:**  
Zinfandel

**APPELLATION:**  
Lodi

**PRODUCTION NOTES:**  
Native Yeast Fermentation;  
Native ML

**CASES PRODUCED:**  
450

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:**  
\$24

ZINFANDEL

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## 2021 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Classic Cabernet  
Sauvignon at its best

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Varietal Composition:  
Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation:  
Paso Robles

**Bottling Data:**  
pH: 3.63

Total Acidity: 0.62g/100mL  
Alcohol: 15.5% by volume

### Philosophy

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The 2021 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the best Paso Robles Cabernets available. Crafted from the same quality fruit as our flagship ISOSCELES blend, and made of 100% cabernet sauvignon, this wine is a Cabernet lover's dream. This wine is bold and complex with ripe black fruit, sweet spice, and that classic Cabernet mix of savory and herbal characteristics. Its structural texture keeps this wine balanced and fresh from its beginning through its very long, complex finish. It's delicious on release, but don't hesitate to let it age for a few years, or even a decade, to see how it evolves... that is, if you can wait.

### Vintage Notes

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2021 started with a cool, dry winter with alternating warm and cold spells through the spring with budbreak occurring in late March and early April, only a bit later than usual. The alternating hot and cold weather trended a bit warmer than normal through the beginning of June. The cooler temperatures and wind during these cold periods affected fruit set and caused mild shatter (the failure of some flowers to form berries within the clusters) naturally reducing our yields slightly. July was warm, and veraison began later in the month and into the first week of August. August came in hot and ended a little cooler than usual, slowing the ripening process and allowing for more balance within the vineyards. As September stayed warm and allowed the fruit to fully mature and ripen, Scott Shirley surveyed the vineyards and chose to pick when the fruit was at its peak for flavor and body. Some scattered early frosts affected just a few blocks in mid-October but we carefully surveyed each parcel and picked when the grapes showed ideal ripeness and maturity, balancing both ripe fruit and fresh acidity. Overall, the 2021 harvest ended about two weeks earlier than usual.

### Vinification

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**Fermentation:** Stainless steel closed-top tanks with UV43 yeast and twice-daily mixing

**Maturation:** Barrel-aged for 21 months in French oak (50% new)

### Tasting Notes by Jason Santos - JUSTIN Winery Sommelier

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**Appearance:** Bright with a deep ruby/purple core that lightens to ruby at the rim, with medium-staining, thick, and persistent tearing.

**Aroma:** Very fragrant with rich black currant, black cherry, violet, and black raspberry notes followed by barrel spice, cigar box, smoke, and toasted oak aromas.

**Palate:** Full-bodied but beautifully balanced with ripe black cherry, black currant, and toasted oak on the entry, followed by a rich and full midpalate with velvety but firm tannins and notes of sweet tobacco, cedar, espresso, and black pepper. The finish is very long and layered with sustained black fruit, toasted oak, nutmeg, cinnamon, vanilla, coffee, and licorice root. The 2021 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a nuanced wine with layers of complex flavors and a firm tannin structure, pairing well with rich meats like beef ribeye grilled over charcoal. To accompany the pepper notes in the wine, be sure to liberally season the meat with ground black pepper after cooking.