

Cheers to 30 Years!

While there are many wonderful traditions around wine, both making and consuming, the annual blessing of the grapes at the start of harvest is one of the most meaningful here at Artesa. Thirty years ago, Father John Brinkle blessed the first inaugural harvest at Artesa. Today it is no longer a religious ceremony, but rather a celebratory occasion that kicks off harvest as we bring the first fruit into the winery. While not every winery continues the tradition, for us it is a way of honoring the past, showing thankfulness and asking a blessing for a safe harvest with all the manual work that goes into producing a vintage.

For our 30th vintage, Ana conducted the blessing and we celebrated with newest member of our sparkling wine family: 2013 La Jefa Late Disgorged Brut. For such a special occasion, toasting with a glass of La Jefa seemed fitting not only for our 30th vintage but also as 2013 was Ana's first harvest here at Artesa.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Artesa 30th Anniversary White Party where we launched La Jefa for coming and making it such a special occasion! For those of you who were unable to join us, we'll be offering a special sparkling flight in the Salon going forward where you can taste all four of our sparkling wines: Grand Reserve Brut, Grand Reserve Brut Rose, Grand Reserve Barrica and La Jefa Late Disgorged. We hope to see you soon!



Included in this month's shipment White and Mixed Shipment is our newly released 2020 Albariño. In homage to our Spanish heritage, we produce several Iberian varietals of which Albariño continues to be a fan favorite – as we often sell out before rolling to the next vintage. To meet the demand, in 2020 we replanted "Block 1" (named so, as it is our most westerly block) to the Gallegos Albariño clone which we anticipate harvesting in 2024. Our 2020 Albariño continues the tradition that began in 2018 with a percentage of the wine's cooperage done in concrete tanks which offers a distinct character to the wine, different than oak barrels and stainless-steel tanks, as they are porous which limits the oxygen impact to the wine while imparting minerality and intense, focused fruit appeal. The 2020 Albariño showcases why Napa Valley is an excellent growing region for this unique variety. The wine wines with aromas of white flowers and Meyer lemon, that integrate with apricot and lilac notes. A smooth and defined entry on the palate highlights the distinct minerality imparted from the concrete tank fermentation, and lingering notes of tangerine and honeysuckle will leave your palate calling for another sip. Great summer sipping during these last dog days of summer.



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VARIETAL
100% Albariño
CASES PRODUCED
500
CELLAR THROUGH
2024

RETAIL	CLÁSICO	TRADICIÓN	CHARTER	White Selection
\$32.00	\$25.60	\$24.00	\$22.40	Mixed Selection

2018 Pinnacle, North Coast

This wine offers intense aromas of black cherry, boysenberry and plum, with a hint of mocha and vanilla bean. On the palate, we get ripe dark fruit flavors, aided by supple tannins and a well balanced acidity. This unique profile grants the wine a smooth texture and lengthy, elegant finish.

VARIETAL
25% Cabernet Sauvignon
21% Grenache
19% Merlot
10% Petite Verdot
9% Cabernet Franc
CASES PRODUCED
600
CELLAR THROUGH
2028

RETAIL	CLÁSICO	TRADICIÓN	CHARTER	Red Selection
\$60.00	\$48.00	\$45.00	\$42.00	Mixed Selection

2018 Merlot, Limited Release, Napa Valley

This unique Napa Valley Merlot demonstrates concentrated aromas of cherry, boysenberry and cassis, layered with hints of mocha and vanilla. Similar flavors delight the palate, enhanced by firm structure and concentration. The tannins are silky and gracious, granting the wine a delightful texture.

VARIETAL
100% Merlot
CASES PRODUCED
250
CELLAR THROUGH
2028

RETAIL	CLÁSICO	TRADICIÓN	CHARTER	Red Selection
\$50.00	\$40.00	\$37.50	\$35.00	Mixed Selection

2018 Cask Reserva Especial, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Before blending Cask Reserva Especial our winemaker selects individual barrels from our top Cabernet Sauvignon lots of the vintage, in search of the perfect representation of this iconic varietal. This unique wine delights the with its deep, dark color, complex aromas, and opulent flavors of blackberry, black currant, and mocha.

VARIETAL
97% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Petite Verdot
CASES PRODUCED
600
CELLAR THROUGH
2030

RETAIL	CLÁSICO	TRADICIÓN	CHARTER	Red Selection
\$120.00	\$96.00	\$90.00	\$84.00	

2018 Chardonnay, Limited Release Los Carneros, Napa Valley

Our Limited Release Chardonnay captures both the essence of the vintage and of the Los Carneros AVA. This wine offers delicate aromas of citrus, jasmine blossom, and nectarine, with a slight hint of honeysuckle and vanilla bean. The citrus and stonefruit flavors are complemented by a bright acidity. It is a beautifully balanced and well-integrated Chardonnay with superb structure and bright acidity.

VARIETAL
100% Chardonnay
CASES PRODUCED
600
CELLAR THROUGH
2028

RETAIL	CLÁSICO	TRADICIÓN	CHARTER	White Selection
\$48.00	\$38.40	\$36.00	\$33.60	

2018 Chardonnay, Estate Vineyard, Los Carneros, Napa Valley

This Chardonnay represents the essence of Artesa's Estate Vineyard in Los Carneros, Napa Valley. Showing a true sense of place, this wine elegantly opens with citrus notes of Meyer lemon, delicately wrapped in white blossom and lemongrass rounding out the mid-palate. The wine finishes with crisp acidity and hints of Honeycrisp apple, stone fruit, and vanilla bean.

VARIETAL
100% Chardonnay
CASES PRODUCED
1950
CELLAR THROUGH
2028

RETAIL	CLÁSICO	TRADICIÓN	CHARTER	White Selection
\$38.00	\$30.40	\$28.50	\$26.60	

2018 Merlot, DeLouise Vineyard, Oak Knoll, Napa Valley

This Merlot presents an incredible aromatic intensity, with exquisite aromas of blueberry, black cherry, plum and a hint of mocha and dried violets. On the palate it concentrated flavors of raspberry, black cherry and fig. Structured and elegant tannins add depth to the wine, while adding incredible weight and structure, for a lengthy finish.

VARIETAL
100% Merlot
CASES PRODUCED
250
CELLAR THROUGH
2028

RETAIL	CLÁSICO	TRADICIÓN	CHARTER	Single Vineyard
\$80.00	\$64.00	\$60.00	\$56.00	

2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, Morisoli-Borges Vineyard, Rutherford, Napa Valley

The fruit from this pedigreed Rutherford vineyard results in a complex wine that is aged in French oak barrels for 22 months. On the palate the wine is beautifully layered with hints of bright cherry, blueberry, and and lavender, enhanced by the distinctive dusty character of the Rutherford AVA. The bright layers of fruit are beautifully integrated with the characteristic Rutherford cocoa-powder, silky tannins, granting this Cabernet a long finish, with incredible depth.

VARIETAL
82% Cabernet Sauvignon
18% Petite Verdot
CASES PRODUCED
350
CELLAR THROUGH
2030

RETAIL	CLÁSICO	TRADICIÓN	CHARTER	Single Vineyard
\$120.00	\$96.00	\$90.00	\$84.00	