



UNCORKED BY THE SEA



Cellar Club July 2024

2021 Blue Rock Baby Blue Cabernet Blend- Alexander Valley, CA

Alexander Valley starts just north of the small, Knights Valley, and is just a few minutes' drive from the Napa town of Calistoga. It is Sonoma County's hottest AVA. But the Russian River, which runs through the valley, creates cooler pockets and its soft, alluvial soil is ideal for grape growing, especially Cabernet Sauvignon. Blue Rock is a historic, private destination in the heart of the Sonoma/Napa wine country. The winery, vineyard, and gardens were established in the 1880s by Italian immigrants. Originally named Villa Maria, the winery did not survive Prohibition. The name originates from the soil studded with blue pebbles, rocks, and boulders of serpentine. The serpentine rock contributes to the unique flavor and aromatic profile of the wines deriving from the vineyard. This wine is a blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Syrah, 1% Cabernet Franc and 1% Malbec. It begins with polished aromas of blackberry, dark currant, pencil shavings, hints of peppercorn, tilled earth, cedar and vanilla bean that sing of an absolutely brilliant young wine. Rich flavors of both black and red fruits, savory spices, hints of black tea and espresso, and just the right touch of toasty oak in the background suggest this beauty will enjoy a long and celebrated evolution.

Pairings: This wine pairs well with beef, lamb, poultry, and game. Bordeaux blend wines also pair well with savory dishes that feature mushrooms, herbs, and spices. Other options include aged cheeses, charcuterie, and dark chocolate desserts.

2022 Blue Rock Baby Blue Blanc- Sonoma County, CA

Sonoma County has something for every wine lover. Physically twice as large as Napa Valley, the region only produces about half the amount of wine but boasts both tremendous quality and variety. Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are important throughout the county in the cooler AVAs of Russian River, Sonoma Coast and Carneros. Sauvignon Blanc has also found a firm footing here. This wine is a blend of 75% Sauvignon Blanc, 18% Semillon and 7% Viognier. Blue Blanc walks a tightrope that delivers the best qualities of Sauvignon Blanc, bright acidity and freshness, yet tempered by the addition of Viognier and Semillon in order to enhance the texture, something that remains elusive to most Sauvignon Blanc bottled on its own. It has pristine aromas of white peach, orange blossom, honeysuckle, and lemongrass, all seamlessly integrated into a fragrant and harmonious whole. The wine reveals a burst of grapefruit, with lychee, tangerine, and rainier cherry, followed by a subtle minerality. However, what distinguishes this wine from other Sauvignon Blancs is its texture; all at once light yet rich in mouthfeel throughout with a lingering and refreshing acidity.

Pairings: A perfect pairing with fresh veggies, fruits, ceviche, oysters, grilled white fish, poultry and anything else light and refreshing. Also try herbed potatoes, fried chicken, and whole baked fish.