



CHAPPELLET

The Chappellet Winemaking Philosophy

When Donn and Molly Chappellet founded Chappellet Vineyard in 1967, their goal was to create world-class wines with the depth, complexity and character of the finest first growth Bordeaux. Unlike the other great emerging Napa Valley wineries of the day, Chappellet chose a different path from its contemporaries, looking beyond the valley floor towards the steep, rugged hillsides of Pritchard Hill. There, the Chappellets established a renowned vineyard program with an emphasis on cultivating California's finest hillside Cabernet Sauvignon.

Since the very first vintage, Chappellet's wines have been handcrafted to embody the rugged terroir and intensity of fruit that has made Pritchard Hill famous. Recognized for their signature mix of grandeur, power and purity, these sought-after bottlings are the end result of a winemaking process that begins in the vineyard. To honor and maintain the natural diversity of Pritchard Hill, the Chappellet team cultivates the estate as 34 individual vineyard blocks, each highlighting various soil types, elevations, exposures and grades. This mosaic of micro-vineyards features a wealth of varietals, clones and rootstocks, and has benefited from extensive experimentation and refinement over the years. Because Chappellet's experienced team knows each block intimately, they are able to approach the winemaking with a greater degree of intuitiveness and artistry.

This artistry manifests itself in many ways. In the winery, renowned winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus—who has been guiding Chappellet's winemaking program for more than a quarter century—gently ferments and ages most blocks individually to maintain their distinctive character throughout the winemaking process. To further ensure individuality, different lots benefit from an array of maceration and fermentation practices of varying lengths and temperatures. Adding even more depth and complexity, Phillip has established an extensive barrel program utilizing the very best barrels from a number of different elite French coopers and forests.

With roots deep in the land, and a belief in constantly working to enhance the quality and expressive character of Pritchard Hill's exceptional fruit, Chappellet has earned a reputation for crafting benchmark wines defined by their strength, finesse and age-worthiness. In addition to its sought-after mountain-grown Cabernet Sauvignons, the Chappellet portfolio also includes excellent Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and the highly regarded Mountain Cuvée Bordeaux blend.