

ON THE HOME FRONT 2023

REFLECTING ON 30 YEARS OF WINEMAKING

By Rob Jensen

It is hard to believe that it has already been 30 years since Diana and I started making wine in our Silicon Valley garage in the early 1990s. Our first foray into winemaking was with a kit that included a one gallon can of concentrated Chardonnay juice, some yeast, a five gallon glass fermenter (aka a carboy) and instructions on how to make wine at home. It was horrid.

A lot has happened since that first homemade wine in 1991. Our two amazing children came into our lives. Nick first in 1993, the year we officially started Testarossa, and then Claire joined us in 1996. Right before Claire was born we released our first commercial wine, ironically a Chardonnay from Monterey County.

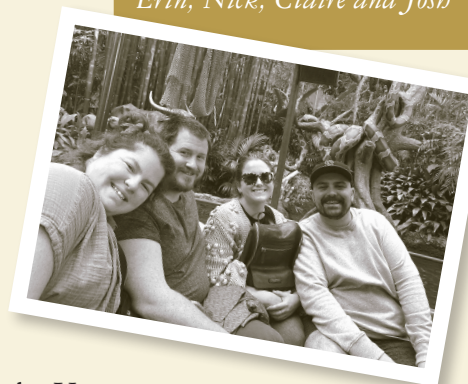
Our wine life and our family life have forever been woven together as one amazing experience. There have been plenty of highs offset by almost as many challenges along the way. We have been humbled to receive hundreds of high-profile awards including Top 100 (or Top 10) Wines of the Year from the likes of Wine Spectator, Wine Enthusiast, Wine & Spirits, and Connoisseurs' Guide, as well as winning Winery of the Year awards from Connoisseurs' Guide (2020) and Restaurant Wine Magazine (2007).

In 1999 Wine Spectator Editor, James Laube, picked Testarossa as one of the Eight Hottest New Wineries in California along with the Flowers, Miner, Patz & Hall, David Arthur, and Alban. That award opened the door to exporting Testarossa wines to nine different countries in the early 2000s.

All has not been awards and sunny skies. Many challenges threatened Testarossa's very existence including 9/11, the dot.com bubble burst, the recession of 2003, the Great Recession of 2008/2009, and of course the Covid-19 Pandemic. Out of each crisis we have found a way to come out stronger, and we are doing it again this time!



The Jensen Family:
Diana and Rob.
Erin, Nick, Claire and Josh



Due to pandemic related closures, we were able to complete a much-needed makeover of our winery entrance and Tasting Room Patio in 2020 and 2021. Our next project is long overdue expansion and remodel of our 1954 "rustic" (non-ADA) restrooms.

On the home front, Nick and Erin, who got married in 2022, bought their first house on the west side of the city of Napa this past December. It is a true fixer-upper which gives Diana and I an excuse to visit, work on the house with them, drink some wine and count how many different shades of green are in their 1960s era kitchen.

Claire continues to be a key contributor at Testarossa working as an accountant in our finance team. She and her boyfriend, Josh, adopted a rescue dog early this year who they named Zero after the Disney character from the movie *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.

Diana has extended her love of cooking into establishing an herb garden at home as well as spending time with her mom who lives in the Willow Glen neighborhood in San Jose.

A huge highlight for Diana and I this past year was a trip to Tuscany to celebrate my 60th birthday. Of course, we visited tons of restaurants and wineries. I rented a road bike and enjoyed riding through the white roads of Chianti Classico region near Siena. We also were able to experience a once in a life-time charity dinner concert with Andrea Bocelli.

From our family, and the entire Testarossa team, we thank you for sharing your passion with us and all the other members of the Jensen Reserve Society! As we love to say, "drink all you want, we'll make more!" Passion in Every Glass!

Rob, Diana, Nick, Erin, Claire, Josh

Niclaire

2015 96 POINTS, CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE

It teases with succulent cherries on the nose and what follows on the palate is a very solid, impeccably balanced wine that lives up to its aromatic promises of purity and depth.

2016 95 POINTS, ANTHONY DIAS BLUE

Bright ruby color; soft plum and berry nose; smooth, lush texture; ripe cherry and berry fruit, meaty and rich with balance and depth; complex and long.

2017 95 POINTS, CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE

Impeccably crafted wine that shows an uncanny union of power and grace. It hits all the right marks from focus and feel to its amazing finishing length.

2018 95 POINTS, ANTHONY DIAS BLUE

Deep ruby color; juicy cherry with racy acidity and excellent structure; silky and crisp with tart cherry and tangy fruit; long and stylish.

2019 95 POINTS, ANTONIO GALLONI'S VINOUS

Expressive, highly perfumed nose. Silky, sweet and energetic on the palate, offering spice-laced cherry-cola, Chambord and floral pastille flavors and a suave floral nuance. In a powerful yet elegant style, showing impressive energy and smooth, rounded tannins on the strikingly long, floral and spice-driven finish.

2020 96 POINTS, PINOTFILE

Flawless, with a very sleek mouthfeel and spot-on integration. This is the winemaker's best effort and it shows.



Diana's

2015 94 POINTS, ROBERT PARKER

Wonderfully gregarious nose of guava, pineapple, ripe peaches and pink grapefruit plus supporting notions of spice box, candied ginger and toasted nuts, it is tightly wound in the mouth, offering glimpses at tropical and savory layers, finishing long and vibrant.

2016 95 POINTS, ANTHONY DIAS BLUE

Golden color; smooth and rich, juicy and elegant; toasty, ripe and lovely; balanced and racy, subtle and long.

2017 95 POINTS, CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE

Fruity, beautifully proportioned and decked out with especially lovely oak, and all of its many parts combine in an uncommonly seamless whole. From its complexity and richness to its impeccable balance, will age gracefully for years.

2018 95 POINTS, CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE

Year in and year out, Testarossa's Diana's Chardonnay has proven to be among the cream of the crop and gets the nod as our favorite Chardonnay of the year.

2019 95 POINTS, CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE

As genuinely sophisticated as it is so wonderfully rich, from its balance and persistence to its marvelous layering and compelling complexity, it is a wine that collectors of the state's very finest Chardonnays will not want to miss. Bravo... once again!

2020 95 POINTS, CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE

A remarkable wine that is far more than a sum of its parts. The most compellingly complex and polished of them all.



2021

Niclaire

Beautiful aromas of sage, wild thyme, cherry, cola, pomegranate, and custard start off this Pinot Noir blend of our best barrels. With time, notes of blackberry jam, boysenberry, jasmine, and anise give way to a pleasure-packed aroma profile. Upon taste, the characters focus towards creamy oak, boysenberry, and blackberry jam. Precise tannins and dense concentration, along with modest acidity provides the perfect balance in the palate. This wine finishes with intricacies, persistence, and beauty. It is a sublime experience.



2021 NICLAIRE PINOT NOIR

BARREL	VINEYARD (CLONE)	COOPER	TYPE
21276	Brosseau (Mount Eden)	François Frères	TG Medium Toast + 2-y
21388	Doctor's (113)	Taransaud	T5 Tr Medium Toast 5-y
21174	Doctor's (113)	Remond	AM Toast Long 2-y
21358	Doctor's (Calera)	Remond	Tr Medium Toast Long 2-y
21344	Doctor's (Calera)	Cadus	AM Toast 2-y
21170	Doctor's (Calera)	François Frères	VTG Medium Toast 4-y
19155	Doctor's (Calera)	François Frères	VTG Medium Toast
19146	Doctor's (Calera)	François Frères	VTG Medium Toast 4-y
19343	Doctor's (Calera)	François Frères	VSG Medium Toast
21122	Doctor's (Calera)	François Frères	TG Medium Toast + 2-y
19068	Fogstone (Jardini)	François Frères	Noble Grain Medium + Toast
21234	Fogstone (Jardini)	François Frères	JG Medium Toast + 2-y
19216	Fogstone (667)	Billon	JG Medium Toast 3-y
21246	Garys' (Pisoni)	François Frères	VVSG Medium Toast 3-y
21291	Garys' (Pisoni)	François Frères	TG Medium Toast 2-y
21377	Garys' (Pisoni)	Seguin Moreau	IB Medium Long Toast 2-y
19413	Garys' (Pisoni)	Mercury	Light and Fruity Toast
21229	La Rinconada (Pommard 4)	François Frères	TG Medium Toast 2-y
21290	La Rinconada (Pommard 4)	François Frères	TG Medium Toast 3-y
21322	Pisoni (Pisoni)	Louis Latour	CoF Medium Toast 2-y
21387	Rosella's (667)	Seguin Moreau	IB Medium Long Toast 2-y
19148	Rosella's (667)	François Frères	TG Medium Toast 4-y
20207	Rosemary's (667)	Seguin Moreau	PM Long Toast 3-y
21392	Sanford & Benedict (667)	François Frères	VSG Medium Toast + 2-y
21189	Sanford & Benedict (Archery Summit)	Remond	Tr Medium Toast Long 2-y
21004	Sierra Mar (Pisoni)	Remond	AM Toast Long 3-y

26 BARRELS, 69% NEW FRENCH OAK, BOTTLED ON APRIL 6, 2023

2021 DIANA'S CHARDONNAY

BARREL	VINEYARD (CLONE)	COOPER	TYPE
21265	Brosseau (Wente)	Billon	Citeaux Medium Toast 3-y
19203	Fogstone (15)	Billon	Citeaux Medium Toast 3 2-y
21255	Fogstone (15)	François Frères	VSG Medium Toast 2-y
19185	Fogstone (15)	Billon	VF Medium Toast 3-y
21373	Fogstone (76)	François Frères	VSG Medium Toast + 2-y
21289	Fogstone (76)	François Frères	VSG Medium Toast + 3-y
21040	Fogstone (Hudson)	Remond	VF Medium Toast Long 2-y
21361	Fogstone (95)	Remond	VF Medium Toast Long 2-y
18481	La Rinconada (Wente)	Remond	VF Medium Toast Long 2-y
19171	La Rinconada (Wente)	François Frères	Tight Grain Medium + 2-y
14218	La Rinconada (Wente)	François Frères	Tight Grain Medium + 2-y
21257	La Rinconada (15)	François Frères	VSG Medium Toast 2-y
21037	Rincon (4)	Remond	VF Medium Toast Long 2-y
21001	Rosella's (76)	Remond	VF Medium Toast Long 2-y
21357	Rosemary's (96)	François Frères	TG Medium Toast 3-y
21287	Sanford & Benedict (Wente)	François Frères	TG Medium Toast 3-y
21133	Sanford & Benedict (Sanford)	François Frères	VSG Medium + Toast 3-y
19127	Sanford & Benedict (Sanford)	François Frères	VSG Medium + Toast 2-y
21148	Sanford & Benedict (Sanford)	François Frères	TG Medium Toast 2-y
21158	Soberanes (Wente)	François Frères	TG Medium Toast + 2-y

20 BARRELS, 70% NEW FRENCH OAK, BOTTLED ON APRIL 4, 2023

Tight Grain (TG), Very Special Grain (VSG), Very Tight Grain (VTG), Citeaux Forest (CF), Allier Forest (AF), Vosges Forest (VF), Icone Blanc (IB), Center of France (CoF), Allier Medium (AM), Tronçais (Tr), Premium Medium (PM), Jupilles Grain (JG)

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JENSEN RESERVE SOCIETY

Our utmost thanks to you, members of the Jensen Reserve Society, for your continued loyalty and patronage over the years. You are what makes Testarossa so special by being part of the club named after our family.

One thing that has never changed is our undying effort to make the best wine possible. Our Diana's Chardonnay and Niclaire Pinot Noir have always been our highest achievement in winemaking and this year is no exception. Director of Winemaking Bill Brosseau and his team do not disappoint and we are very proud to offer you our 2021 vintage.

We look forward to seeing you here at the winery and sharing this special wine with you, our Testarossa family.

Rob & Diana Jensen
Founders and Proprietors



The name Niclaire comes from the joining of our two children's names, Nick, born the same year we founded Testarossa and Claire, two-and-a-half years his junior.

The Diana's Chardonnay, named after the family matriarch and winery co-founder, followed six years later. This Chardonnay is the perfect pair to our Niclaire Pinot Noir and both wines have received consistently outstanding reviews since their first release in 1997.