

# Dave's Club April 2023

## Spring Newsletter & Tasting Notes by Jesse & Catalina

### 2020/2021 Pinot Noir

Although Dry Creek Valley is the premiere growing region for Zinfandel, we have been able to cultivate this popular Burgundian varietal... just because Dave was told it could not be done. We have one of only two Pinot vineyards in all Dry Creek Valley. Pinot is prevalent in our neighboring region, Russian River Valley, because it is much cooler there, with more of an ocean influence. Ours is lighter in style than many of our other reds, but we think it is perfect for springtime and many of the lighter foods we're thinking about lately.

The aroma of both the 2020 and 2021 is typically Pinot, but with more depth & spice. You get tart cherries right off the bat, and a slight vanilla aromatic. The mouthfeel is nice, not too light and it's really smooth. The bright fruit notes are carried through with a great acid base.

Pair with: Salmon cakes dolloped with dill crème fraiche

### 2020 Dave's Cuvée

Dave's Cuvée is the epitome of our waste not, want not mentality here- we let the second crop grapes completely ripen, and we harvest them all together to create a pretty damn fine wine. When you open the bottle, you're welcomed by an almost savory nose - it smells a little like freshly popped popcorn. It's a little tart at first, then the fruit hits you and it's got a little bit of a bite you wouldn't expect. That little bit of a tart aspect starts you salivating, making you want another sip! This Claret style wine is super versatile and could easily be your house wine for drinking any night of the week.

Pair with: A Ballpark sausage & peppers sub sandwich -or- Philly cheesesteak

### 2020 Terre Mélange

Deeper and darker in color with Syrah being the primary grape in this vintage's Rhone style blend, the TM has spice! It's almost meaty, with Umami notes and a leathery-like finish. We thought the initial smell was reminiscent of a freshly oiled baseball glove, but with that Dry Creek Valley fruit you would expect. This wine has character and it is one you can open up and slowly sip on, or save for a special occasion as it would age beautifully.

Pair with: Falafel tacos spread generously with chipotle tzatziki



## Spring Wine Releases

### 2022 Muscat Blanc

\$30/\$18 members

### 2022 Sauvignon Blanc

\$28/\$16.80 members

### 2021 Sparkling Pinot

\$36/\$21.60 members

### 2022 Late Harvest Viognier

\$32/\$19.20 members

### Did you miss Barrel Tasting??

We have you covered. Last Chance for 2022 Dave's Cuvée Futures!

[Order 12-pk Special](#)

**\$144**

Bottling July of 2023

**2020 Block 6 Zin** Silver Award Winner - 2022 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

For those who do not know, Block 6 is the new name for our RaiZin, a fan favorite here because of the bright, juicy Zin paired with more tannic Petite Sirah. B6 is grown right next to Block 4 (Fun Fact: there is no Block 5) But the wines are quite different. Block 6 comes from our youngest Zinfandel vines, which are quite vigorous, yielding at times approx. 3lb bunches of grapes. It takes time for the internal berries to fully ripen, which leaves the outer berries in the sun longer, creating raisins. Hence the OG name, RaiZin. The 2020 that you are receiving is dark and enchanting and it smells sweet & spicy with a luxurious mouthfeel. The incredible depth of flavors here includes bittersweet chocolate and Bing cherries. The touch of tannin mid palate makes it an excellent candidate for meatier foods, especially BBQ, and great with anything chocolate.

Pair with: Flourless chocolate cake with a dark cherry compote

**2019 Aca Modot**

With a beautiful garnet color, the 2019 Aca Modot is a touch lighter than its successor, the 2020. There is a potent blast of cedary spice on the nose when you crack it open and it smells a little musty, and full of fruit. There is a slight earthiness which is balanced out by zippy tannins. With the addition of Sagrantino, an Italian varietal which is not a usual component of this terraceous Bordeaux-style wine, we think this could be something you drink now through 2028.

Pair with: A fried green tomato BLT on a soft pretzel bun

**2020 Aca Modot**

With an almost rose petal aroma, this instantly smells like a high-end Bordeaux that you would be on a wait list for. The Cabernet Sauvignon announces itself in the nose. The wine is dark and rich and coats the entire mouth with unified tannins that dissolve into a refined, lingering finish. 2020 was an interesting vintage for us, being in the throws of a drought year. Our grapes were very ripe upon harvesting them, which in turn, makes for a higher alcohol wine. This Aca Modot is coming in at 15.7% alcohol, but it is so smooth and supple you would never know.

Pair with: A black pepper crusted ribeye steak & a Hasselback baked potato



12-PACK SPECIAL  
2020  
**BLOCK 6**  
ZINFANDEL  
Order \$192 / Case

## Spotlight on Aca Modot

The Dry Creek Valley Area is one of the traditional homes of the Pomo Indians. Today, the Mahikaune Pomo dialect is still in use in the US, and 100-200 Pomos can trace their ancestry to the prehistoric residents of the valley. Some can trace their heritage directly back to the ancient village site of Aca Modot which was about two miles downstream from the Warm Springs Dam Project area- exactly where our vineyard is located. The Aca Modot village has been documented as existing on our property on a slight knoll just above the Dry Creek tributary and is the highest spot in the immediate vicinity of the valley floor. The soil there is very porous and black from campfires that were once prevalent at that location. This well-drained rich soil produces some of the most concentrated fruit in the vineyard.