



# SARACINA

MENDOCINO COUNTY, UNITED STATES



Saracina is located along the Upper Russian River in northern California's wine country. The 400-acre ranch which includes a winery and sustainably farmed vineyards, is also home to a 140-year-old olive orchards, vegetable gardens, bee hives, and all manner of bird and wild animal life. The handcrafted, limited-production Saracina wines reflect a conscious sense of this beautiful place in

Mendocino County. Founded by husband and wife team John Fetzer and Patty Rock in 2001, Saracina has always been defined by a strong sense of family. In 2018, Marc Taub took on stewardship of Saracina, upholding the spirit of family ownership that has defined this iconic Mendocino County winery since inception.



MARC D. TAUB, PROPRIETOR  
ALEX MACGREGOR, WINEMAKER

- Saracina is Certified California Sustainable ("CSWA") located just north of Hopland in Mendocino County.
- Mendocino is one of the most unique and challenging terroirs in California.
- The ranch covers 400 acres with olive groves, organic vegetable garden, bee habitats, chickens, alpacas, and Mendocino's only wine caves. 40 acres are currently under vine with current expansion to 150 acres.
- Alex McGregor has been the wine maker since 2001 and continues to bring forth the elegant, balanced Saracina style.
- Founded in 2001 by John Fetzer and Patty Rock on the original Sundial ranch vineyard site. Saracina was purchased in 2018 by Marc Taub.

- Sauvignon Blanc
- Unoaked Chardonnay
- Rosé of Grenache
- Zinfandel Mendocino County
- Pinot Noir Anderson Valley
- Soul of Mendocino Red Blend



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## SARACINA SAUVIGNON BLANC *Mendocino County*

- 100% Sauvignon Blanc
- This is made from the Lolonis and Chevalier Vineyards, both Certified Organic. The dry-farmed Lolonis vineyard has some of the oldest Sauvignon Blanc vines in the country, planted in 1942 on Yokayo series (alluvial loam) soils. The clonal material hails from the finest chateau in Sauternes. The Chevalier Vineyard has alluvial soils planted on a bench with a small component of the aromatic Sauvignon Musque.
- Hand-picked, whole-cluster pressed, and barrel fermented with native yeast in neutral French oak barrels. No malolactic fermentation, and the juice remained on the lees just prior to bottling
- Aromas of quince, white nectarine, evergreen and fresh cut grass notes. Clean and invigorating, with flinty minerality. A wine with depth and concentration



## SARACINA UNOAKED CHARDONNAY *Mendocino County*

- 100% Chardonnay
- The grapes come entirely from the Saracina ranch. The vines are 40 years old, clone 4, and are planted on soils influenced by the Russian River
- The older vine blocks that comprised the original Sundial Chardonnay are ideally suited for the modern Saracina version of that classic.
- Whole cluster pressed, cool-tank fermented; The wine remained on primary lees for less than three months prior to blending to retain the pure expression of fruit
- Fresh and pronounced ripe yellow nectarine and pear notes without the heavy influence of malolactic fermentation or oak
- This is a pure expression of Chardonnay, a ray of sunshine that carries itself admirably without weight



## SARACINA ROSÉ OF GRENACHE *Mendocino County*

- 100% Grenache
- This Rose was sourced from the Lakeview Vineyard just two miles south of the Saracina Estate
- Vines are grown along the Russian River in classic gravel and alluvial soil; Grapes are picked by hand, harvested intentionally for the Rosé program
- After destemming, the whole berries are transferred directly to press for a two-hour soak, then pressed gently to tank; The settled juice ferments to dryness in small stainless barrels and tanks
- Light red berry notes, clean and crisp with a sustained lively finish; A lovely springtime freshness that is eminently drinkable



## SARACINA ZINFANDEL MENDOCINO COUNTY *Mendocino County*

- 94% Zinfandel, 6% Petite Sirah
- Grapes were sourced from five separate head pruned vineyards in the Ukiah and Redwood Valleys, including a dash of Petite Sirah from Niemi for added complexity
- All vineyards were harvested by hand
- Free-run juice was drained directly into Taransaud barrels, 15% of which were new
- Highly concentrated, deep on black raspberry and black plum fruit with sweet soil, spice and mineral notes
- The palate is balanced and supple with a layered richness and enough tannin to ensure even more sophistication in years to come



## SARACINA PINOT NOIR ANDERSON VALLEY *Mendocino County*

- 100% Pinot Noir
- Saracina is located along the Upper Russian River in northern California's wine country.
- In the deep end of the Anderson Valley, at an elevation of 200 feet, lies Valley Foothills, situated looking down at the Navarro River on a west facing slope
- The clone is Jackson, known for perfume and elegance.
- Grapes are hand-harvested, with almost 100% whole berries
- The lasting impression is one of delicacy and elegance. It has an ethereal, perfumed nose of sweet raspberry and cherry
- The tannins are light on their feet, and ample acidity keeps it nery, balanced and penetrating



## SARACINA SOUL OF MENDOCINO RED BLEND *Mendocino County*

- Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Grenache & Carignane
- Formerly "Old Soul" Red - a Saracina favorite since 2002; its new name, "Soul of Mendocino," marks an exciting new chapter for this ever-evolving field blend
- The wine is aged in both French and American four-year-seasoned oak for 18 months; 15% new oak
- Redolent with aromas of black plum and savory herb, which follow on to a dense, bramble-berry palate edged with subtle spice
- The opulent fruit characters are beautifully balanced by velvety tannins and a streak of lively acidity
- Equally brilliant on a Wednesday night at the counter with a perfect BLT as it would be on a Saturday evening alongside an elevated mixed grill and roasted root vegetables.