



2018 Thomas Collection

96 points

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is the pinnacle bottling of Baldacci Family Vineyards. It was aged 22 months in 100% new French oak, bottled in August of 2020. It blends Baldacci's finest estate-grown vines from their estate-owned 11.7ha Winery Ranch in the Stags Leap District of Napa Valley. From its deep ruby-coloured core comes a super-attractive, stylish, and polished red teeming with luxurious French tobacco-cedarwood aromas and emerging blackberry, creme de cassis, and high-toned sagebrush. Muscular, robust tannins, which are nicely integrated, frame what is otherwise a very elegant wine. As those chewy, powerful, almost sappy tannins resolve, a host of more red and blackberry fruits coalesce and find nuance with rich, earthy undertones, conifer, a dash of white pepper, and a hint of charcuterie. Certainly a cellar-centrepiece wine; it's firing on all cylinders now and should be enjoyed right now and for the next 8-10 years. Created by Michael Baldacci, named in honour of his father, Thomas Baldacci.

- Jonathan Cristaldi



2021 Proprietary Red Blend

93 points

A blend of 30% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 15% Malbec, and 8% Petit Verdot aged 20 months in 100% French oak barrels. The Merlot shines through on the nose and palate in its fleshy, juicy, spiced-up damson plum character, complemented by alluringly fragrant lilac floral notes. Stylish with polished tannins, an excellent concentration of fruit and spice, and a perfumed intensity throughout.



2021 Fraternity Red Blend

93 points

A blend of 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Petit Verdot, and 9% Syrah, with trace amounts of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Aged 16 months in 100% French oak. This is a wine I can't stop nosing for its fresh and fragrant, sweet and spicy Hyacinth notes complemented by clove, sweet herbs and toasty cedar wood. Medium to full-bodied, showing the vintage's black fruit intensity, framed by fine-grained tannins and layered with more lilac and violet florals, giving lift, energy, and drive through the dry, fruity finish of black cherry and spiced plum notes. Much more fruit-forward and less savoury than the 2021 vintage and an absolute delight in contrast.



2022 Elizabeth Pinot Noir

93 points

From an 8ha estate vineyard called Honey B Vineyard in Carneros Napa Valley, this Pinot Noir was aged for 11 months in 55% new French oak barrels and named in honour of Winemaker Michael Baldacci's grandmother, Elizabeth "Betty" Baldacci. It's a dark-fruited, juicy, and delectable 2022 Pinot Noir, layered with grippy black tea tannins, dark raspberry and brown-sugar-spiced cherry compote, with toffee, new wood cedar, and a tangy finish marked by crushed cocoa nib notes. It's super appealing, with a spicy verve and freshness about it.



2022 Los Carneros Chardonnay

91 points

From an 8ha estate vineyard called Honey B Vineyard in Carneros Napa Valley, this Chardonnay was fermented and settled for 10 months in 20% new French oak. On the medium-bodied palate, green apple skin, lime blossoms, and lemon oil give way to ginger and poached pear. Good concentration and warming spice notes are balanced by zesty acidity in this easygoing white.