

COMPTON FAMILY WINES®

Jan 2023 Newsletter

Happy New Year! Excitement is in the air as 2023 marks the 20th Anniversary of Compton Wines. We started the winery in our mid 20's with just a little bit of money, a relentless work ethic, and lots of help from family and friends. 20 years, 3 sons, 70+ farm animals, many more gray hairs, and hundreds of thousands of bottles of wine later... we're incredibly proud of what we've built together and still have so much to look forward to.



Way back in 1995 we were amateur winemakers. Matt was working for Oregon State University at Woodhall III Vineyard, learning from researchers, grad students and farm manager, Scott Robbins. Tabitha was working as a horse trainer. We both took courses at OSU and LBCC. Our first labeled wine was bottled in 2003 under our first brand, Sahalie Wine Cellars, then Spindrift Cellars. Finally we rebranded to our family name, Compton Family Wines, at the start of 2020 - and yes, we're sticking with it!

Another milestone of 2020 was our purchase of the Deerhaven Vineyard property, which Matt had been managing for years, and is now our homestead, Compton Family Farms. Compton wines are a reflection of the land where we grow our grapes. Living and working on our farm has allowed us to expand our practice of regenerative agriculture, which is a conservation and rehabilitation approach to farming and food systems. For us this includes minimal handling in the vineyard, dry farming, no synthetics, building ecosystem diversity, and incorporating animals for adaptive grazing, non-lethal predator control, and feeding our family and yours. We are now able to take these successful practices to the other local vineyards we manage. It's hard work that never ends, but the rewards are even greater.

We look forward to sharing this 20th Anniversary year with you and many more to come. Expect a year of celebration, with wonderful new wines, special events and sharing the stories and memories we've made along the way.

We couldn't have done it without all of you! Thank you for being a part of our story and we sincerely hope you enjoy the Compton wines we have selected for you in your winter Wine Club release.

Cheers!
Tabitha and Matthew Compton



COMPTON PICKUP WINE CLUB JAN. 2023

Garden Series
Orange Gewürztraminer, 2021

A unique and refreshing orange wine! Skin-contact fermentation of Old Vine Gewürztraminer grapes from Mary's Peak Vineyard aged in neutral oak brings a lovely peachy color and amazing perfumed fruit bouquet while staying light and bone-dry on the palate. (Included in 6 Mix)



Old Vine Series
Concrete Egg Chardonnay, 2018

Old Vine 108 clone Chardonnay fermented in our Concrete Egg. The concrete allows for a long, cool, slow fermentation while the egg shape creates natural circulation of the wine on the lees - creating a creamy mouthfeel without any oak. Classic, honest, Oregon-style Chardonnay. (Included in 2 and 6 Mix)

Old Vine Series
Dry Riesling, Mary's Peak Vineyard, 2018

Dry, crisp, old vine Riesling from Mary's Peak Vineyard with notes of citrus zest, lime, green apple and sea salt. Limited release with only 23 cases produced. (Included in 6 Mix)

Garden Series
Cabernet Sauvignon, Hoot & Howl Vineyard, 2019

Hoot & Howl Vineyard, located outside of Philomath, Oregon, was one of the few vineyards in the South Willamette area planted to Cabernet in 1987. Matt Compton took over management of it in 2015, and his handiwork is evident in the quality of this full-bodied, deliciously rough-edged wine. (Included in 6 Red)

Garden Series
Cellar Select Pinot Noir, 2019

Matt Compton's blend of his favorite Pinot Noir barrels of the vintage. Each vineyard is fermented and aged separately in French oak barrels, allowing for many possibilities during the blending process. (Included in all clubs)

Old Vine Series
Alpine Cuvée Pinot Noir, 2017

A blend of old-vine pinot noir from two dry-farmed vineyards in Alpine, Oregon: Woodhall III Vineyard, planted in 1976, and Bovine Vineyard, planted in 2008. Soils are Basalt and Red Jory series volcanic soils that typically show redder fruit aromas and flavors and elegant tannins. Alpine Cuvée Pinot Noir is aged 18 months in French oak barrels before blending and bottling. (Included in 2 and 6 Red)

Old Vine Series
Waldport, 2018

Named for the Oregon Coast town of Waldport. Port-style Merlot dessert wine is fortified with Brandy made by our friends at Spiritopia Distilling. Delicious paired with dark chocolate, orange and spiced desserts - or just sipped on its own. (Included in 6 Mix and 6 Red)