



*Untamed*  
WINE ESTATES

# Cru News

September 2023  
Wine Club Newsletter



## Happenings

What's new  
at Untamed?



## Rosé, the Untamed Way

How we make  
Rosé



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gatherings





*Above: Punch down of fermenting Montepulciano*

## Harvest has arrived

We prepare all year for our busiest season: the harvest. As most of you know, at Untamed we make wines for more wineries than just our own brand and we are happy to welcome a few new faces this year. Our Custom Crush clients have started the season with tons of grapes picked throughout the Texas Hill Country and High Plains.

After a fruitful trip (pun intended) to California last month, our Untamed grapes will begin arriving in September and likely extend into December this year.

It's an exciting time in the cellar - a great time to visit and tour our winery. And remember: As a Cru member, you receive a complimentary tour upon request!

## Ask the Winemakers

### *How many tons do we harvest?*

We will process an estimated total of 290 tons of grapes through our facility in 2023, 115 of which are reserved for our Untamed brand.

### *How many bottles is that?*

290 tons = roughly 17,400 cases.

115 tons = approximately 6,000 cases of Untamed wines

### *How many different varietals do we process?*

We plan to process up to 12 different varietals in 2023.



## How we make Rosé

There are several ways to produce a rosé, but Dane is a believer in the French method, known as Saignee. Directly translated, saignee means, "to bleed."

You may be wondering, how does this term relate to grapes?

When we harvest our red grapes, we destem the clusters and gently move the grapes into a tank. When settled, the weight of all those grapes naturally presses juice. The juice then macerates, or remains with the skins of the grapes, for a set period of time, giving the grape must (juice) a red color.

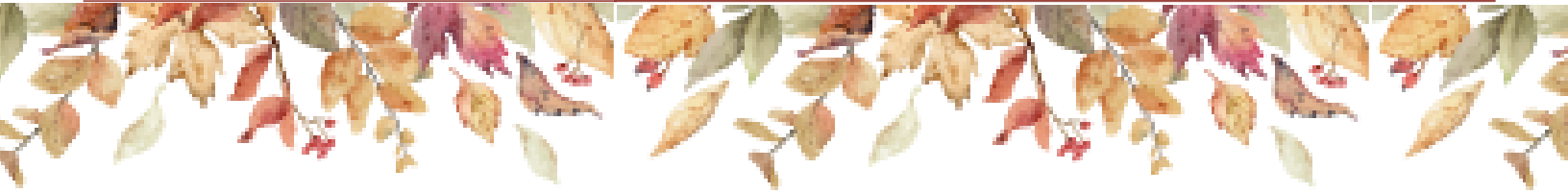
When Dane is satisfied with the color, he extracts a portion of this must and pumps it into barrel to undergo primary fermentation and age for up to six months. The resulting wine in this barrel becomes our future rosé!

An added benefit of performing saignee is that the extraction of juice for rosé concentrates the remaining juice used to produce our red wines.

Now you know the full story!







## Fall Into Something New...

### Cabernet Sauvignon Monterey

Our newest Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested in 2021 in San Benito, located within the greater Monterey American Vitacultural Area (AVA.) Less bold than our Proprietor's Reserve Coombsville Cab, this red wine is sure to satisfy the palates of all Cabernet enthusiasts.

This mouthwatering Cab can be found in the three and six bottle member packages this September.

Let us know your thoughts!



### Petit Verdot Dry Creek Valley

Introducing our **biggest, boldest Bordeaux** addition to our Proprietor's Reserve range. Fleshy tannins, powerful color, and a delicate structure define this red.

Our Petit Verdot is quickly becoming one of our favorite wines heading into the Fall season. Our six bottle members will find this beauty in their September shipment.



**DARE TO FIND YOUR NEXT BOTTLE...TODAY!**





## **Upcoming Events**

**Visit [UntamedWines.com/Events](https://UntamedWines.com/Events) for tickets  
& additional details**

### **September 1st - Steak Night**

Wish you could join us for dinner? Now is your chance! We're bringing back Steak Night every other Friday night starting September 1st, 6-8 p.m. Steaks will be perfectly prepared to your liking, presented by Chef Brayden Lacey.

### **September 29th - 2021 Premier Cru Dinner**

Join your fellow Untamed Barrel Cru as we present our 2021 members with their respected barrel and wine. Full coursed dinner to accompany the allocation.

### **November - Rock n' Rolling**

Meet the artist of our newest collection of artwork featuring Rock n' Rollers with the likes of Mick Jagger, Janis Joplin, and many more! Rock out with fabulous Untamed wine, food bites, and a special band. More details and date TBD.

### **December 8th - Bubbles & Bowties**

Join us for our annual Bubbles and Bowties event featuring our newest sparkling wine: Chenin Blanc. Think you enjoy the sparklings we have now?  
Just wait until you try our newest!



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# SOUTH AFRICA

TRAVEL WITH THE WINEMAKER  
JANUARY 24- FEBRUARY 3, 2024

WE TRAVELED WITH MEMBERS IN  
JANUARY 2023. IT WAS SO MUCH FUN  
WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN!



## Sight Seeing

See the beauty of South Africa  
through the eyes of a local. Visit  
all of the most iconic places and  
learn of the history of this diverse  
nation.



## Wine Tasting

Visit and taste from the best  
wineries of Stellenbosch and  
Franschhoek.



## Safari

Track the Big 5 and see these  
magnificent animals up close and  
personal.

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# SOUTH AFRICA

## TESTIMONIALS FROM 2023

### A TRIP THAT EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS!

"I have been fortunate to travel extensively throughout my life and consider myself a seasoned traveler. As someone who generally likes to plan and control my travel schedule, it was a new experience to book myself on a completely planned two-week trip with people outside friends and family. Sum it up by saying "WOW, what an experience.

If you know them, then it's not surprising to hear that Mckenzie and Dane were the consummate and gracious hosts but in addition, they orchestrated a wonderful and memorable trip in early 2023 - both from a South African Wine experience to an incredible safari adventure. I would recommend this trip without reservation. A noted serendipitous result of the trip was making new friends - friends that now get together regularly and look forward to future travels together."

To Mckenzie and Dane - Baie Dankie\*

- Tony Trevino, San Antonio, TX

(\* "Thank you very much" in Afrikaans)

"I was blessed to travel with Untamed to visit South Africa in 2023. This was a trip of a lifetime with quality services and top of the line travel. Every detail was looked after and I felt so pampered! I loved getting to know my fellow travelers and we have continued our friendships after the trip. I highly recommend this adventure and would do it again in a heartbeat."

Gina Bresett



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"This was more than a vacation, it was an amazing experience. Our accomadations were top notch and were surrounded by beautiful views in all directions. Everyone we met was so welcoming and kind. I was impressed by the wines and the history behind the wineries. The safari completed the trip and made this a true bucket list experience!"

Eric and Becky Lopez

"To say or trip was a "once in a lifetime" thing would be incorrect... I want to go back! Out trip was very well organized with great communication. Our tour guide, Dion, was the best guide I have ever had! But the besst part was the group we were with! We made forever friends with our fellow travelers, Dane & Mckenzie, even spent time with Dane's family. The safari was spectacular. I will never forget this trip!"

JB and Patty Chimene

"We had a great opportunity to travel to South Africa earlier this year with Dane and Mckenzie. It's been, by far, the best trip we've ever taken. South Africa was absolutely stunning! Filled with great scenery, exquisite wine, and overall great atmosphere. The safari is a must. There is nothing like watching such amazing creatures in their own habitat. The accomodations were top notch. Definitely a once in a lifetime experience. We couldn't recommend this trip enough."

Dane and Daniela Thomas

