

PALMINA



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Overview

Palmina is a California celebration of the rich, wonderful lifestyle and attitude toward food, wine, friends and family that exists in Italy. Although crafting wine is Palmina's primary focus, the wines are one part of the equation that is Palmina. Palmina is a passion project of husband and wife team, Chrystal and Steve Clifton. Keeping their production small allows them to continue their strong commitment and zeal for creating high quality Italian varietals from Santa Barbara County, California.

Just as in Italy, Palmina's focus is to craft wines expressly made to complement and enhance food. Their belief parallels that of their colleagues in Italy in that the regional foods of the area should always complement the flavors found in their regional wines, and vice versa. Both Steve and Chrystal believe that their wines should simply be an extension of the plate; a glass of wine to be enjoyed with food and friends.

Wine Ambassadors

As with many Italian arts, the wines of Northern Italy are deceptively simple, but with centuries of knowledge contributing to the ultimately complex product. Steve and Chrystal are passionate about Italy and are very active in bridging and exchanging wine knowledge and philosophy with both traditional and modern wine-makers in the region. Their visits to Italy are frequent as they focus on learning both viticulture techniques for growing the best grapes and winemaking practices to create an adapted method to use in Santa Barbara County. Their efforts are recognized by the Italian wine community as evidenced by their invitation to represent California at the International Nebbiolo Symposium held annually in Italy.

Winemaking

The Clifton's are using old world methods with new world attitude to produce wines of distinction. A great deal of their efforts are placed in the vineyard, where they are closely involved with all development and growing aspects of many Santa Barbara County vineyards producing Italian varietals. Purists at heart, the wines produced by the Clifton's are unique. White wines are vinified in stainless steel, allowing the wines to show their incredible perfumes and aromas, while maintaining a lean mineral palate that complements food. Red wines are barrel aged in mostly aged oak barrels to allow the wines to demonstrate their beautiful flavor nuances and achieve a texture that is balanced in both fruit and acid.

Palmina wine traits

- True Italian wines, made the Italian way from the incredible grapes of Santa Barbara County, California
- Wines that are an extension of the plate – not only food-friendly, but an essential ingredient in a meal
- A full range of Italian varietal wines, ranging from the delicate Pinot Grigio to the full-bodied and robust Nebbiolo
- Handcrafted, small lot releases