

# BALLENTINE

## NAPA VALLEY

*Spring 2025*



*Winemaker Bruce Devlin & Fourth Generation Frank Ballentine*

## 120 YEARS

Happy 2025. In 2025, we celebrate our 120th anniversary of farming in Napa Valley. It brings us immense joy to have four generations of our family working the same land. Today, our winery makes 15 different wines for you from 3 vineyards in Calistoga and St. Helena. As small family wineries become fewer and fewer, we feel honored to uphold our family legacy and create exceptional wines for you.

## BUDBREAK

After a long rainy season, Napa has received over 15 inches of rain in 2025 so far. With budbreak happening later than normal, our vineyard team has been working to sucker the vines. According to Winemaker Bruce Devlin, getting our team out early to sucker is important as the first few weeks are critical to getting the vines energy to focus on the healthy growth leading to quality grapes this fall. This is one of many times our team will touch the vines before the grapes are ready.



*Chenin Blanc budbreak, Betty's Vineyard, St. Helena, Napa Valley*



## EVENTS

This year, we hope you are able to make it to our events, either on the road or at the winery.

*May 4, 2025 | 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event*

*August 9, 2025 | Lobster Dinner in the Vineyards*

Get your tickets by visiting our events page.





*Pocai Vineyard, Calistoga, Napa Valley*

# CABERNET FRANC

The 2022 Pocai Vineyard Cabernet Franc is a bold and expressive wine that captures the essence of our Calistoga estate. Bursting with ripe strawberry and raspberry on the nose, it's layered with perfumed notes of violets, cassis, and a hint of tobacco, giving it a rich aromatic complexity. On the palate, this wine is concentrated and silky, revealing a beautiful tension between lush fruit and savory spice. Clove and black peppercorn weave through the mid-palate, while a subtle spiciness adds depth and structure. The finish is long and vibrant, with lingering floral and earthy tones that speak to the unique terroir of Pocai Vineyard. Balanced and full of character, this Cabernet Franc is a true expression of our commitment to crafting wines of authenticity, complexity, and place.

# MALBEC

Fig Tree Vineyard has a well-earned reputation for producing full-bodied, lush wines, and the 2022 Malbec is a striking reflection of that legacy. This medium-bodied wine opens with a rich, dark fruit bouquet—blackberry, red plum, and blueberries rise from the glass in juicy, jammy waves. On the palate, those vibrant notes are joined by layers of bright Bing cherry and strawberry, adding lift and energy. Deep undertones of mocha, vanilla, and tobacco lend warmth and complexity, while subtle hints of cedar and oak provide structure and finesse. Focused and powerful, yet undeniably elegant, this Malbec is full on the mid-palate and opens beautifully with a few hours of air or a gentle decant. Enjoy now, or cellar with confidence—this wine will continue to evolve gracefully over the next 5-7 years.



*Fig Tree Vineyard, St. Helena, Napa Valley*

# VISIT US



Our winery is located on our St. Helena estate off of Highway 29. Guests enjoy an intimate tasting experience while sitting on our terrace while overlooking Betty's Vineyard. These wines are not widely available and we welcome all wine lovers.

Members can refer their friends to our winery for a complimentary tasting. Reach out to our team to schedule on behalf of your friend.