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BULLETIN

Preserving the Legacy of Zinfandel & Petite Sirah

**Happy 80th Anniversary to the Biale Family
Growing Zinfandel in Napa Valley since 1937!**

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Biale family vineyards in Napa Valley! Pietro and Cristina Biale, who were both from northern Italy, met and married in San Francisco in 1928 and moved to work in the vineyards of Theodore Gier on Napa Valley's highest point, Mt. Veeder.

In 1937, Pietro and Cristina, with young son Aldo in tow, moved to the valley floor near the town of Napa to put Aldo through school and start their own farm together. They raised prunes, walnuts, chickens, rabbits, fruits and vegetables, and California's mainstay grape in those days—Zinfandel.

This year we saw the passing of the Biale family's more recent beloved matriarch, Aldo's wife, Clementina (1929-2017). With her husband Aldo, working side by side, together they built a rich legacy—not only for their family and all of us associated with Robert Biale Vineyards—but for Napa Valley as a whole.

Thank you, congratulations, and blessings to Bob Biale and the entire Biale family on this significant anniversary in Napa Valley. Here's wishing the Biales continued success and healthy crops for the next 80 years. Bravo Biale!

***"One of the top Zinfandel specialists
in Northern California."***
Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate, Aug. 2016

Vintage 2015

The wines of 2015 are proving to be some of our favorites from over 26 years of winemaking. Intense, flavor-packed, mouth-watering, and elegant, the 2015's capture so much of what we strive for in every vintage. Balance and purity are hallmarks of the Biale style of Zinfandel and why the wines are so well respected world wide by wine aficionados and experts. Our favorite moments, however, are those when we convert skeptics on the spot who have predisposed negative judgements of Zinfandel. "Too jammy", "too ripe", "too alcoholic", "too extreme", they opine. We still get confusion with white Zinfandel—the sweet pink stuff. Well, to those other doubters out there we say, "It's time to check back in with what's going on with Zinfandel lately—you will be very pleasantly surprised." The Biale 2015's are proof of that.

2015 Harvest Conditions

A cool spring, a small crop, a warm harvest, and early ripening were the baseline conditions of 2015. Harvest commenced at Biale on August 19th with Zinfandel coming in from the Russian River. Harvest ended on September 28th with Barbera from Calistoga. In general, some extra sorting by hand was necessary to glean the best grapes but once safely in barrel the wines transformed beautifully!

As for the 2015 Petite Sirahs, this grape proved to us yet again why it was the old reliable stalwart of Napa Valley for a hundred years—a healthy crop that produced hedonistic and stunning Petite Sirahs.

One problem: smaller yields mean fewer bottles—a lot fewer bottles to go around.



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2015 Aldo's Vineyard Zinfandel, Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

This is Biale's foundation wine. This is the estate vineyard designation we started with in 1991. Plush, elegant, evocative, ethereal and downright sexy, Aldo's is a Zinfandel like no other. In fact, Aldo's is the oldest vineyard among the few Zinfandel vines in Napa Valley's cool Oak Knoll District. Oak Knoll is recognized valley-wide for its bright, fresh, zesty and elegant style for all its varietals and Aldo's is classic Oak Knoll style as applied to Zinfandel.

Planted in 1937, the vineyard was acquired by Bob Biale's grandmother, Cristina, through some shrewd Napa land dealing—trading neighboring acreage with a developer who wanted to build houses. Cristina, "Nonna," wanted the vineyard. One can't even imagine such a swap deal these days in world-renowned Napa Valley.

We named the vineyard Aldo's Vineyard in 1991 upon our first release in honor of founding partner Aldo Biale who farmed the vineyard diligently his whole life. We would not be doing what we are doing were it not for Aldo's dedication to tradition and love of Zinfandel. Asked as to why he didn't replant to more lucrative Chardonnay or Cabernet Sauvignon, Aldo was known to say, "My dad planted Zinfandel, I like Zinfandel, and I'm sticking with Zinfandel!"

Planted as a field blend on sandy clay soil above a healthy water table, this is remarkable farmland. Landmarked by a rusty old yellow wind machine towering above the old healthy vines, crazy low yields, and slow ripening make for some enthralling mid-palate flavors and a resonant finish. Field-blended "mixed blacks" varieties such as Abouriou, Carignane, Petite Sirah, Refosco, Grand noir, Tempranillo, and others add complexity and character to the blend. The sublime nature and extraordinarily uncommon elegance of Aldo's make it a cult favorite and icon of the Zinfandel category. The new 2015 will not disappoint.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The Oak Knoll District winegrowing region is prevalent in this wine with its dark color, ripe aromatics and juicy acidity. The nose is full of vibrant strawberries, dried flowers, peach pith, crème fresh and spiced gumdrops. The entry is soft and weighty and gives way to supple, round tannins. The lovely finish is the signature of this elegant, surprisingly feminine, and remarkably balanced Zinfandel that is immediately drinkable and worthy of 5 to 7 more years of cellar time. **Only 332 cases produced.**



2015 Grande Vineyard Zinfandel, Napa Valley

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If you believe that there are vortexes or portals to the past, we can prove you right – and pop a bottle of amazing Zinfandel to boot! (a pour-tal?) Case in point, enter into the realm of the Rossi family's farm and Grande Vineyard in Napa. Old farm gate, storybook cottage, weathered barn, flatbed wagon, fruit trees, flower beds, chickens, and four acres of old head-trained Zinfandel vines. Timeless. And then there's Dorothy herself: fit, spry, charming, and helping her son, Tony, with the same vineyard her father planted the year she was born—1920. Do the math. If you time it right, there is a smell of warm cookies wafting from the kitchen.

Hail Dorothy!

Drinking the wine from this rare patch of old Napa is transformational—a genuine slice of what Napa wine was like before all the hullabaloo about Cabernet. Witness the layers of pure berry fruit, nosy spices, juicy flavors, and satisfying texture—good ol' fashioned Zinfandel with the legendary brambly character so typical of this grape when you get it just right. People who dismiss Zinfandel just simply haven't had wine from this anachronistic, legendary vineyard. Grande is a throwback to another era indeed.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Layers of aromatics including red plum, strawberry, graham cracker, peach, dried herbs, currants, and white pepper. Soft entry with medium weight that is fresh and supple. Building tannin, with flavors of blackberry, quince and spiced cake. This wine has a long finish showing great aging potential—improving easily 5-10 years in a cool cellar.



"Biale is among those noble wineries leading the charge in California to preserve and advance our classic American heritage varieties - Zinfandel and Petite Sirah."

Christopher Sawyer, Wine Journalist/Sommelier

Meet Biale Winemaker, Trestler "Tres" Goetting

We appreciate Tres Goetting because he not only is skilled, talented, and a leading figure in our wine category, but like us, Tres is a rare Napa original. He grew up in the neighborhoods of Napa, with musician parents, attended Napa schools, worked as a teenager in a local cellar, then off he went to excel in Forest Sciences at Humboldt State University. Yearning to make wine again, Tres returned to Napa Valley where he performed many roles in winemaking for various wineries, most recently Ladera and as winemaker for Krupp Brothers. At Biale since 2013, Tres has tackled the supreme challenge of shaping and crafting wines from quirky and rare old vineyards that ooze with character. Every harvest has its particular challenges; and working with 30-plus vineyards and vineyard blocks adds much more to the mix. Tres works closely with our vineyard guru, Bob Biale. The rave reviews and honors from the various publication and competitions bear out Tres's diligence, focus, and consistency. A rising star winemaker to watch, Tres is also a proud husband and new father, and imprinted with musical DNA—the bassist for respected Napa Valley bands, Silverado Pickups, Noema and a new trio he is forming. Check out Napa's local listings!





2015 Monte Rosso Zinfandel, Moon Mountain, Sonoma County (PRE-SOLD)

The Granddaddy of them all. Monte Rosso. There is no doubt anymore that this is one of California's, if not the world's, greatest old vine vineyards. Planted originally in the 1860's, then replanted in 1885 after phylloxera, Monte Rosso sits majestically on a volcanic ridge above Sonoma's Valley of the Moon.

Many of the original old vine blocks from the 1880's still exist, and since 1995 we have been one of the fortunate wineries to be able to produce a Monte Rosso Zinfandel from this historic site.

The entire vineyard and native stone gravity winery were purchased by Louis M. Martini a few years after Prohibition ended in 1938. It became a prime source for Martini wines, much of which was labeled in earlier days simply as California Mountain red wine. The 1500+ ft. elevation, red volcanic soil, and exposure combine for a near "perfect storm" of growing conditions for grapes. Nose-deep in character, rich in varietal expression, rigid of backbone, and displaying a powerful sense of the site, savoring a glass of Monte Rosso becomes a special moment for wine lovers.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Full of exotic and red fruit aromatics as well as cinnamon, wild iris, pomegranate, toasted oats, mixed dried fruits, blueberry, and ginger bread. A lively entry with good weight enhances the minerality and the zesty, natural acidity of this wine. Mountain tannins assure us of this wine's graceful aging potential.



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2015 Pagani Ranch Zinfandel, Sonoma County

We are proud and honored to produce a classic Biale Zinfandel from one of the great historic vineyards in Sonoma Valley—and an American vineyard landmark in general—Pagani Ranch. When you take the scenic drive up Highway 12 toward Kenwood you can see Pagani to the west with its huge, awesome, head-trained vines that resemble elephant legs, and an iconic white farmhouse and barn built by Felice Pagani in 1906.

Felice Pagani, an immigrant from Fenegro, Italy, near the Swiss border came to America in 1883, and in 1885 began taking care of two neighboring vineyards in Sonoma Valley that were planted mainly to Zinfandel around the same time: Monte Rosso and the Judge Cook Vineyard.

Felice was soon able to purchase 25 acres of Judge Cook's vineyard, then sixteen years later another 30-acre vineyard adjoining his property. Ever since, the ranch (which is planted also to Petite Sirah, Alicante, Lenoir, and Grand noir) has been the source of numerous legendary Zinfandels. The Pagani Ranch today is operated by Felice's granddaughter, Norma Pagani Amantite, and her son, Dino Amantite, who take tremendous pride in their family's legacy. They work together daily to perpetuate their acclaimed Zinfandel vineyards.

This 2015 version of Biale Pagani Ranch Zinfandel is a very small bottling from the old vines that displays the unique character of the gravelly loam site and the complex influences of the added mixed varieties that were so prized by our forefather winemakers. We old vines specialists are beginning to fully appreciate the flavor and structure dynamics and pure magic of those old "field blends".

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Blackberry, blueberry, ripe plum, apricot, fig, baking spices, cola, graham cracker, and toasted vanilla oak. An integrated package of fat tannins and pleasing taut acidity. This is a big structured Zinfandel to watch develop over months and years to come. **Only 267 cases produced.**



2015 Rockpile Rocky Ridge Vineyard, Rockpile, Sonoma County

The Rockpile Appellation in Sonoma County has risen quickly in recent years as a top source of California Zinfandel. Going back generations to the sheep-raising days of Sonoma County, this remote region is now populated by elite winemakers who are sourcing prime grapes from this rugged mountaintop terrain. Shallow soils, fractured underlying schist, sunny exposure, and cooling breezes off the Pacific and Lake Sonoma make for some excellent conditions for maturing Zinfandel perfectly. For many growers, including the fifth generation Mauritsons, it's a lot a trouble—but worth it when you taste it. Sort of an old world meets new world experience of dark fruit, elegance, firm structure and overall excellent balance.



Winemaker's Tasting Notes: This wine explodes out of the glass with aromas of plum, pomegranate, red licorice and strawberries & cream. It has high tone motifs of spices and flowers with an elegant entry and a backbone of bold fruit framed with toasted vanilla oak. **Only 405 cases produced.**

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Harvest Tours are back!

Take a deep dive into the Biale harvest and winemaking action, taste grapes, juice, and peer into the press! The tour is followed with a tasting and discussion of new wines.

- Each tour will conclude with a tasting of select Biale wines
- Tour dates: September 8, 15, 22, 29
- Start time: 9:30am (tour is approximately 2 hours)
- Price: Non Club- \$65. Complimentary for Black Chicken Society Members (2 per membership)

SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED.

RSVP to: Wineclub@biale.com, or call the winery at 707-257-7555 to reserve your spot.

2015 Royal Punishers Petite Sirah, Rutherford, Napa Valley

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A star is re-born! Back in the 1880's, when the French botanist Francois Durif arranged the marriage of Syrah and Peloursin, little did he realize that their quiet and modest child would cross an ocean and a continent and grow up to be a star in California. Tall, dark, handsome, rugged—and bankable, Petite Sirah became the “go to” guy for producers statewide: Until 1970, P.S. (or Petite as we like to call it) was the dominant grape in Napa Valley.

Then, in the 70's Petite Sirah went into hiding as Americans became infatuated with its more glamorous French relatives. Today, American tastes are evolving, and Petite Sirah is reemerging as an A-list star. Showing maturity, experience and polish, Petite Sirahs are gaining newfound respect for black and blue fruit, prowess, and staying power. The one they've been looking for has been here all along!



*"Is anyone else making multiple
Pets, especially at this level?
Not that I know of."*

Steve Heimoff, Jan. 2017

2015 Gaudi Carli Vineyard Barbera, Calistoga, Napa Valley



Take my advice, stop reading and get on the phone right now and give us a call (707.257.7555) to see if there are any bottles left of this wine. That's ok, I'll wait.

If you have not been successful, you are not alone. There is huge interest in this small quantity of wine—the oldest and one of the few Barbera vineyards in Napa Valley.

Planted by Italian immigrant Gaudi Carli in 1925, the Calistoga vineyard is the last remaining parcel of the extensive vineyards that Gaudi used to farm—with horses.

Today, Carli's grandson, Steve Torrigino, looks after the thick-trunked, bushy old vines that were planted back when Calistoga still resembled an old west town. Steve's parents, Aldo and Marie Torrigino, get credit for preserving this, their home vineyard, their whole lives. Barbera, is a classic and honored grape of Northern Italy in the Piemonte region. In our opinion, Barbera is perhaps **the most underrated and overlooked grape in California**. Dark in color, expressive in aroma, mouth-filling yet refreshing, the Carli Barbera is a rare treat for wine lovers- and winemakers.

Winemakers notes: The 2015 shows rich black currant and Bing cherry flavors, with underlying notes of earthy mushroom, potato skin, minerals, and sage. On the palate, this Barbera is elegant, polished, firm and balanced, and highlighted by the classic Barbera mouthwatering acidity. All these features make this a wonderful wine and food experience in the context of a meal—where each bite and sip is new again. One can never get tired of drinking good Barbera such as this. Drink now or hold up to 5-7 years. **Only 52 cases produced!**



2014 Like Father Like Son Petite Sirah and Syrah, Napa Valley

Thanks to recent DNA research by Carole Meredith of U.C. Davis, we now know that the father of Petite Sirah is Syrah.

In this wine, 2014 Like Father Like Son, we have captured the essence of what makes Napa Valley a great wine region. This wine displays the textural beauty of a **classic Napa Valley red wine**: firm but ripe tannins, a broad center palate, a long finish, fresh acidity, and the athletic finesse to pull it all together in an integrated and balanced package.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The fruit synergy of Syrah (the father) and Petite Sirah (the son) offers an olfactory weaving of berry compote, blueberries, black currants, charcuterie, black olive, dried citrus, clove, and graham cracker. The well-mannered structure and deep character of this wine are well-suited to immediate enjoyment or longer term aging for the next 10-15 years.



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Another Milestone Biale Cellar Veterans Jerry Davis, and Steve Capovilla are retiring.

We are going to miss you, Jerry and Steve! Jerry Davis has been an integral member of our production crew basically since we started out back in the 1990's.

Helping us out in our makeshift, start-up cellar, Jerry has brought to Biale his wisdom and expertise having worked for larger cellars in his Christian Brothers and Heublein days. Calm, efficient, safe, organized, and careful. Jerry can operate a press or a forklift like a grand piano. Best of all, Jerry has brought good spirits, great humor, and teamwork to the workplace table every single day.

Steve Capovilla has been a longtime stalwart in the Biale cellar as well officially joining the team in 2006. Steve's mechanical skills and prior experience in production at other wineries, such as Beringer, added stability and reliability to the cellar crew—especially during harvest crunch time. Steve's special interest and guidance in the Biale port project brought a fun dimension to our production.

We have been fortunate to have had this good-natured and skilled duo and we have all enjoyed working with them immensely over the years. We wish them and their wives the best as they enjoy some well-earned rest and relaxation. Here's to you, Jerry and Steve! Well done gentlemen, and thank you for your dedicated contribution to the Biale mission!



2014 Palisades Petite Sirah, Calistoga, Napa Valley

Domenico Barberis sure knew great potential when he saw it. The young immigrant was from the same village in Italy, Murialdo, as Bob Biale's grandmother—Nonna Christina Biale. Barberis came to Calistoga in 1902 and soon thereafter was able to start a vineyard and ranch as well as his large family on a scenic property on Horns Creek.

This eastern side of Calistoga features the spectacular geological formation named the Palisades. These dramatic west-facing cliffs are composed of igneous rock and were formed from volcanic

upheaval millennia ago. The geological formation stretches for over two miles and reaches elevations at over 3000 ft. It's no wonder the farmland below is perfectly suited to wine grapes. An active creek bed, stones, gravel, and well-drained soil, not to mention extended sunlight, are ideal conditions for ripening grapes for red wines. The Palisades Vineyard owners are Felicia and Steve Woytak who take great pride as stewards of this historic landmark. The results in a wine glass are as dramatic as the setting. **Only 204 cases produced.**

2015 Black Chicken Zinfandel, Napa Valley

The Black Chicken Legend and Old Napa's
Zin Underground.

*Aldo Biale delivered eggs and produce around old Napa,
and those with a password could order Zin, too!*

The 1940's were hard times everywhere. Aldo Biale was born to Italian immigrants in Napa on October 24th, 1929, the day historians say the stock market began to crash and the American economy virtually collapsed. Back in the 1930's and 40's during the Great Depression, economic times were perilous. Millions of Americans were unemployed. Especially challenged were farmers whose crops had become devalued. In California, grape growers and wineries had the double whammy of Prohibition and The Great Depression. Napa Valley vineyards survived mainly due to the shipping of grapes to the east coast for home winemaking. After Prohibition's repeal in 1933, things started looking up a little for the wine industry. But farming grapes was a difficult proposition in those days. Across Napa Valley, prunes, walnuts, and eggs provided as good a value proposition as wine grapes. Hard to imagine, these days!

Tragedy strikes

Aldo's Italian-born father, Pietro Biale, worked for years at the once-thriving Gier Ranch in Napa that was shut down during Prohibition. In 1937, Pietro and his Italian-born bride, Cristina, had saved enough to start their own small farm and vineyard in Napa where they raised Aldo and grew walnuts, prunes, chickens, eggs, and Zinfandel. Tragically, in 1942—when Aldo was just 13—Pietro died in an accident at his second job at a rock quarry in Napa. Suddenly Aldo, who was an only child, had to become the man of the house and assume the responsibilities of running the farm with his mother, in addition to attending school.

Orders on the “party line”

The family phone in those days was a party line—the old shared-line system where neighbors on the same road could actually listen in on each other—a primitive social network of sorts. Most of the orders for eggs, chickens, fruit, and nuts were called in to the Biales' home in advance for delivery on Fridays. Enterprising teenager Aldo, seeing an opportunity to make a few extra dollars, offered to sell and deliver jugs of the family's homemade Zinfandel to trustworthy friends—along with the other farm products. In order to keep this clandestine system a secret, Aldo had his customers refer to his wine as a “Black Chicken” on the phone so in the case a neighbor might be listening in, they would not be privy to the transaction involving (gasp!) an illicit alcoholic beverage. Years later, after Aldo married his Italian-born life partner, Clementina, she got into a bit of an imbroglio when she, the uninitiated order-taker, told a customer who had just requested a black chicken that “we don't have any black chickens — only the white ones. But you want a white one anyway, they lay more eggs.” Aldo eventually smoothed it over with the customer, and explained it all to Clementina who said the man was very upset. Wine delivered. No harm, no foul. (Yes, pun intended.)

We produced our first fully legal Black Chicken in 1999 from the same family vineyard in Napa's cool Oak Knoll District. Ever since, it has received not only one wonderful accolade after another, but quite a few chuckles. Serious Zinfandel with a Napa Valley folk story! Black Chicken has become a true Zinfandel classic and a benchmark for the Zinfandel category. Today, the 2015 Vintage is as rare and beautiful a rendition of this historic varietal as ever, brimming with spices, snappy red and dark fruit—cherries, blackberry, licorice, pepper notes, subtle toasted oak, and a decadent and silky mouth feel. This newly bottled 2015 “Chicken” is thrilling to drink now and will fatten up further over the next 4-5 years.



Photo Credit: Suzanne Karp

2015 Nonna's Vineyard Sangiovese, Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

This wine of strength and noble character is appropriately named in honor of “Nonna” Cristina Biale (1896–1999).

Nonna was an immigrant from Liguria and matriarch of the Biale family. Through sheer hard work and smarts as a single mother, Nonna preserved the Biale family farm with her young son Aldo after the untimely passing of her husband Pietro. Today, the family home and vineyards, now surrounded by the neighborhoods of Napa, stand as a legacy of Nonna's spirit of determination.

This scant one-acre vineyard is located across the creek from the Black Chicken Vineyard on the Biale family ranch, and in 1993 was a pleasantly surprising addition to the home vineyard of the Zinfandel-devoted Aldo Biale.

With its vibrance, deep flavors, fresh acidity and elegance, there isn't a wine we enjoy more with food. Because of its finesse, it adapts with basically everything—especially the Italian classics; and this Nonna's makes you want to keep coming back for more!

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: This 2015 cool-climate Sangioveses show intense notes of blackberry liqueur, strawberry cobbler, black cherry pit, vanilla, chamomile tea, rose hip, iris, spicy cinnamon, bay leaf, pencil dust, turmeric, lithe muscle, full mid palate, fresh, concentrated. Approachable now and excellent long term potential...easily 5-7 years.
Only 150 cases produced.



Why Robert Biale Vineyards is important By Randy Caparoso, Editor-at-Large, The SOMM Journal

I think everyone needs to be reminded of the significance of Robert Biale Vineyards every once in a while. To me, it is not so much that they made Zinfandel respectable—at a time, during the early 1990s, when many so-called “serious” wine connoisseurs could give a damn about the grape—but rather, the fact that they helped save Napa Valley grown Zinfandel from what could have been sure, ignominious extinction, had Aldo and Bob Biale done the easy thing and simply tore up the vines and replanted with Cabernet Sauvignon

Here's my second thought: At a time when Zinfandel was being revived—again, during the 1990s—as a gigantic “monster” wine, chock-full of jammy fruitiness, Robert Biale stuck to expressions of heritage vineyards that never imposed a winemaker's conceit, or gave into fashionably sweet tastes. To the Biale family, “true” Zinfandel tasted of individual vineyards, the work of farmers, and characteristics of grapes shaped by place, not artifice.

In other words, Robert Biale Vineyards helped “save” Napa Valley Zinfandel by sticking to a balanced expressions of vineyards. It wasn't just lip service either (how many Zinfandel specialists produce single vineyard bottlings that all taste the same?). You have to work harder to achieve distinctions; especially with a grape like Zinfandel, prone to raising and the temptation to simply “fix” problems in wineries with water, acidification, enzymes and any number of other additives.

From the beginning, we (those of us in the trade who are Zinfandel aficionados) could always depend upon Robert Biale to deliver authentic single-vineyard wines with sensory qualities we could actually delineate. We always knew that Bob Biale himself considered four or five passes through vineyards to be a norm; and that Zinfandel should taste like fresh, zesty fruit, not barrels or alcohol. Someone had to stick to what's right, and thank the Zinfandel gods for the Biales!

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Fall 2017 Offering

	Non-Member Price	Society Price
2015 Aldo's Vineyard Zinfandel	80	72
2015 Grande Vineyards Zinfandel	52	47
2015 Monte Rosso Vineyard Zinfandel	62	56
2015 Pagani Ranch Zinfandel	52	47
2015 Rockpile Zinfandel	50	45
2015 Palisades Vineyard Petite Sirah	55	50
2015 Royal Punishers Petite Sirah	45	41
2014 Like Father Like Son Red Wine	48	44
2015 Gaudi Carli Barbera	Wine Club Exclusive. Please Inquire.	
2015 Nonna's Sangiovese	Wine Club Exclusive. Please Inquire.	

Also Available	Non-Member Price	Society Price
2016 Rosato	30	27
2015 Black Chicken Zinfandel	48	43
2015 Falleri Vineyard Zinfandel	Wine Club Exclusive. Please Inquire.	
2015 Limerick Lane Zinfandel	Wine Club Exclusive. Please Inquire.	
2015 Old Kraft Vineyard Zinfandel	52	47
2015 Stagecoach Vineyard Zinfandel	55	50
2015 Valsecchi Vineyard Zinfandel	Wine Club Exclusive. Please Inquire.	
2015 Varozza Vineyard Zinfandel	50	45

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Upcoming Events

August 27

Members Only Shipment Pick-Up Party

Time: 1-4pm – Reservations Required

September 8, 15, 22, 29

Harvest Tours!

Price: Club – FREE | Non Club – \$65

Time: Tours begin at 9:30am

Reservations Required

September 9

Paella & Petite Sirah Al Fresco Dinner @ Robert Biale Vineyards

Time: 7pm

Price: Club – \$100 | Non Club – \$125

Reservations Required

October 7

Fall Wines Celebration @ Robert Biale Vineyards

Time: 1-4pm

Price: Club – \$30 | Non Club – \$45

5+ year members – FREE

Reservations Required

October 29

Members Only Shipment Pick-Up Party

Time: 1-4pm – Reservations Required

November 11

Cellar Treasures Holiday Dinner @ Robert Biale Vineyards

Time: 6:30pm – Reservations Required

Price: Club – \$135 | Non Club – \$155

Reservations Required



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Are you a Black Chicken?

Members receive a bottle of Black Chicken Zinfandel in every shipment as well as a selection of our single-vineyard zinfandels, Petite Sirahs, and proprietary Red Wines.

Ensure access to bottles of Biale's new vintage releases—even tailor your shipments as you prefer. Visit www.biale.com for a full list of Black Chicken Society Club levels, complete list of wonderful benefits and how to join!

Black Chicken Society Benefits

- 10% savings on wine purchases, including club shipments
- 20% savings on all reorders of club shipment wines (while supplies last) within 60 days of billing
- Complimentary standard tasting for 4 at the winery (up to 4 times per year)
- Reserved seating for tastings at the winery with prior reservation
- Members-Only After Hours wine pick-up receptions
- Visit Biale.com for our full list of Membership benefits!



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Thank you, thank you, thank you!

On behalf of the entire team at Biale, we express our sincere gratitude for your involvement, support, and friendship toward making the Biale winery feel like one big extended family. We are aware that there are a lot of wines out there, but your appreciation of our niche of traditional American varietals and historic vineyards inspires us to move forward. Count on every single bottle of Biale to be a great shared memory for your family and friends. Here's to appreciating our many gifts and may you have a healthy and splendid Fall season full of great meals and happy times!

Dave, Bob - and the entire Biale crew

Biale Douro River Cruise is "Operation Oporto" in the History Books!

100 Biale devotees and the Biale owners and staff had an experience of a lifetime in November, 2016, when we filled the Uniworld river ship Queen Isabella for an unforgettable week-long cruise on Portugal's spectacular and historic Douro River. The trip began with a stay and tours in Lisbon, then off we went for a custom-designed week of cruising, sipping, dining, and exploring the wine country of the Douro River Valley. The tour concluded in the great Port capital city of Oporto. Incredible! For a glimpse of the experience, www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkazCwTFkX4

Stay tuned for the next Biale travel adventure! Where would you like to explore?

