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2020 Chappellet Signature Cabernet Sauvignon

The Weekly Partnership Digest

Welcome to the American Collection 2026

In 1976, a few bottles of California wine were poured in Paris.

That was the whole drama at first.

No fireworks. No grand speech. No marching band for the New World. Just a blind tasting, a panel of French judges, and some American bottles that were not expected to cause much trouble.

Then they did.

A California chardonnay was chosen ahead of the great white Burgundies. A California cabernet sauvignon was chosen ahead of the great red Bordeaux.

The result was not just surprising.

It was inconvenient.

Because until then, serious wine had a map.

France sat near the center of it. Europe held the history, the rules, the language, and the confidence. American wine was still young. Ambitious, yes. Improving, certainly. But still trying to be taken seriously.

That day in Paris did not make American wine great overnight.

That is not how wine works.

What it did was open a door.

It proved that the old map was incomplete.

But the more interesting story is what happened after. Because once American wine had the world's attention, it still had to do the harder thing. It had to become itself.

That took a particular kind of nerve.

The nerve to plant pinot noir in cold coastal valleys where fog did half the work. The nerve to keep old zinfandel vines alive when easier crops and easier money were available. The nerve to climb rocky Napa hillsides and believe cabernet sauvignon could carry mountain structure, not just valley richness. The nerve to take Rhône grapes into Santa Barbara and let them speak in a cooler, fresher accent.

That is the entrepreneurial side of American wine.

It was not built by imitation alone.

It was built by farmers, immigrants, families, outsiders, and stubborn people who looked at difficult land and saw possibility.

This collection is not about sending you the wines of 1976. Those bottles belong to history now. This is about what came after.

One bottle carries the clearest thread back to that Paris story: a Napa Chardonnay from Muir-Hanna Vineyard, tied to the historic Hanna/Oak Knoll source that helped shape Chateau Montelena's winning 1973 Chardonnay.

The rest of the collection shows what American wine did once that door opened.

Two coastal pinot noirs shaped by fog, wind, and patience. A Santa Barbara grenache that shows how wide the American wine story has become. An old-vine zinfandel from vines planted in 1926. And a mountain cabernet from one of Napa's great family estates.

Together, they show how far American wine has come.

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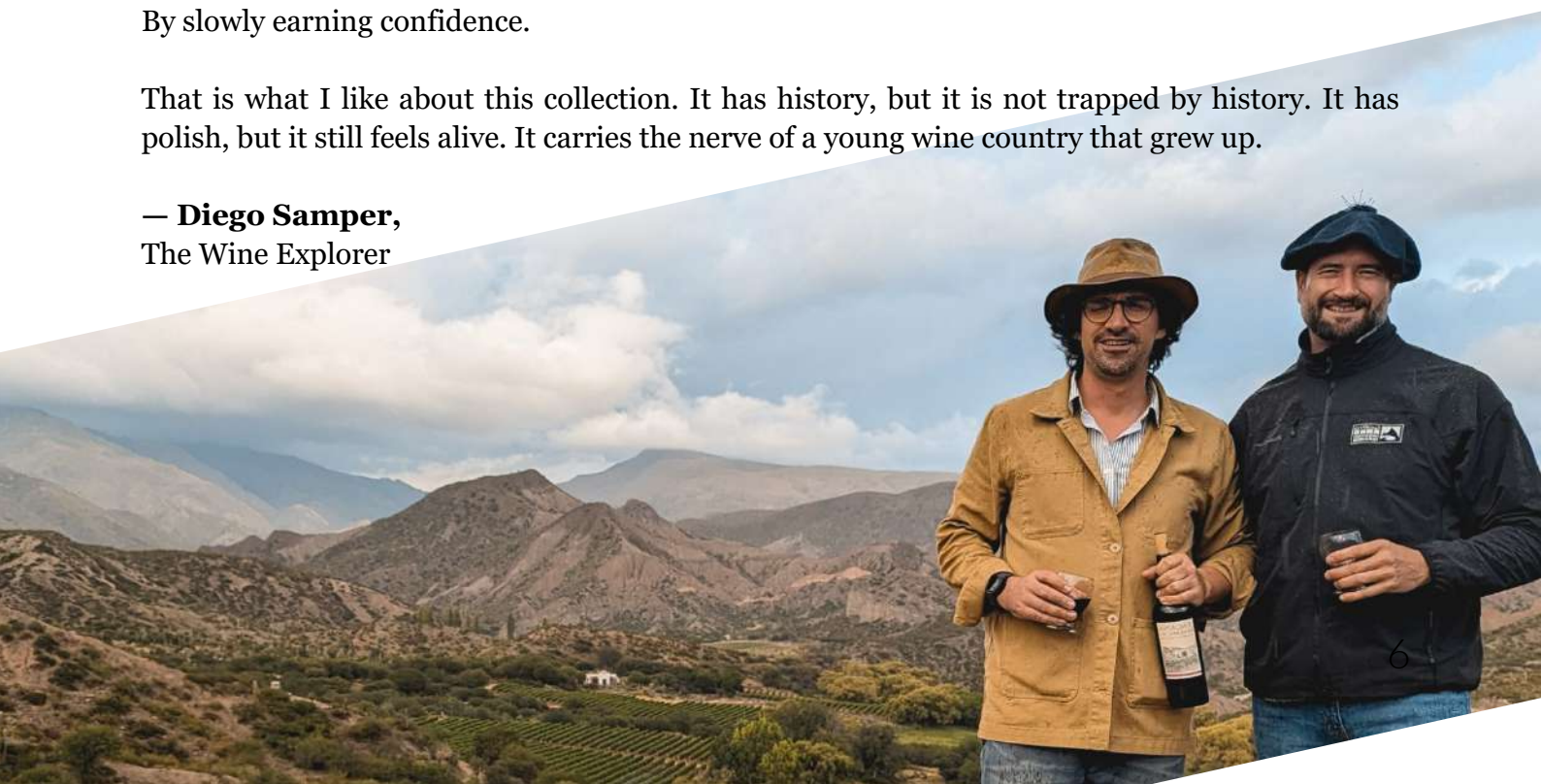
By building.

By planting, waiting, failing, adjusting, and trying again.

By slowly earning confidence.

That is what I like about this collection. It has history, but it is not trapped by history. It has polish, but it still feels alive. It carries the nerve of a young wine country that grew up.

— **Diego Samper,**
The Wine Explorer



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Diego Samper, Wine Explorer

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Alma Rosa "North Slope" Pinot Noir 2022

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A Spanish White For Warm Evenings

FEATURED WINE IN THIS EDITION: Verum Las Tinadas Airén de Pie Franco 2022

Crafted from 100% Airén vines planted in 1950, this organic wine comes from ungrafted Pie Franco vines in Castilla, Spain. Aged on lees in clay jars and stainless steel, it reveals mineral depth, red apple, quince, chamomile, fennel, and a savory, salty finish.

Recommended Pairing

Mediterranean dishes, goat cheese salads, smoked fish, anchovies, fish, or shellfish.

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- Serve: 43–46°F

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Argentina
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A restrained Malbec and Cabernet Franc cofermentation from Alto Agrelo, Mendoza. Red fruit, subtle herbs, and a fine linear structure give this wine freshness, balance, and a smoother cadence than the northern wines in the collection.

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A high-altitude Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre blend from Payogasta, shaped by wind, sun, poor soils, and a Burgundian-born winemaker's sense of restraint. Bright red fruit, savory depth, spice, and polished texture define the glass.

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A Quick Note on Wine Tasting

On the next few pages, we've included tasting notes. Here's a quick tip on how to approach them.

What makes a “wine expert” is not just depth of knowledge, which anyone can achieve — but sensitivity to taste and smell. A good taster is not someone who finds the “right” answer. A good taster pays attention. Some people notice a hundred small aromas. Others notice texture, freshness, weight, or the way a wine changes over dinner. Both are valid.

Now, if you don't pick up on the same flavors, does that mean you're doing it wrong?

No. Tasting is subjective. Pronounced flavors on my palate may present themselves as secondary or tertiary notes for you. Remember, wines are always evolving in the bottle. That hint of cherry from a few months ago might present itself differently now. So, if you detect a flavor or aroma you don't see on the tasting sheet, add it. See what your friends say. Better yet, if you have a tasting that differs markedly from what's written here, send us your notes. We'd love to compare them!

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Your American Collection 2026

What's in your shipment?

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Enjoy!

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**Blackbird Muir-Hanna
Vineyard**
Chardonnay 2021

Oak Knoll District,
Napa Valley, California





Blackbird Muir-Hanna Vineyard

Chardonnay 2021

Location: **Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley, California**
Elevation: **~100 feet**
Winemaker: **Aaron Pott**
Varietal: **100% Chardonnay**

This is the historical doorway into the collection.

Blackbird's Muir-Hanna Vineyard Chardonnay comes from Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, a cooler southern part of Napa that gives chardonnay room to ripen without losing freshness.

The vineyard carries a real thread to American wine history. Muir-Hanna was one of the vineyard sources connected to Chateau Montelena's 1973 Chardonnay, the wine that won the white-wine portion of the 1976 Judgment of Paris. That kind of history can be dangerous for a bottle.

It can make the wine feel like a museum piece before anyone has even pulled the cork. This wine avoids that trap.

Crafted by Aaron Pott as a single-vineyard, one-time bottling, it was barrel fermented with minimal intervention and aged for 20 months in French oak. Only 400 cases were produced.

The result is not a loud, tropical style of California chardonnay. It has richness, but it carries itself with focus and restraint.

Expect white peach, ripe citrus, flowers, polished oak, toasted almond, and a clean mineral line. The texture is concentrated but not heavy, with acidity that keeps the wine moving through a long finish.

Serve cool, but not refrigerator-cold. Around 50 to 55 F is ideal. If it is too cold, the texture will hide.

Open this with roast chicken, seared scallops, lobster, creamy pasta, almond-crusted fish, or aged Gouda. Drink now through 2030. It belongs in this collection because it connects American wine's breakthrough moment to the glass in front of you now.



**Alma Rosa “North
Slope”**
Pinot Noir 2022

Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara
County, California





Alma Rosa ‘North Slope’ *Pinot Noir* 2022

Before Santa Barbara pinot noir was obvious, someone had to believe in the fog.

Location: Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County, California
Elevation: ~850 feet
Winemaker: Samra Morris
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

The Sta. Rita Hills did not become pinot noir country by accident. It took people willing to look at the cool edge of Santa Barbara County and see something that was not yet clear to everyone else.

Richard Sanford was one of those people.

He helped pioneer pinot noir in this part of California, where Pacific fog, afternoon breezes, and a long growing season give the grape time to ripen without losing its nerve.

Alma Rosa’s “North Slope” comes almost entirely from the estate El Jabali Vineyard, a site with well-drained, limestone-rich calcareous soils and steady coastal influence. The vineyard rises to 850 feet, and the wine carries that sense of lift.

The winemaking stays careful. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel and 1-ton bins, followed by 10 months in French oak, with natural malolactic fermentation and lees contact. Enough cellar work to shape the wine.

Not enough to bury the vineyard.

In the glass, expect ripe red fruit, freshly picked flowers, citrus peel, lavender, mint, and a note of oceanic salinity. The tannins are firm but elegant, and the acidity gives the wine its bright coastal line.

Serve slightly cool, around 55 to 60 F. Give it 20 to 30 minutes in a glass or decanter if you have time. The floral and coastal notes will come forward.

Open this with pan-seared wild salmon, tuna, wild mushrooms, truffle pasta, Brie, Camembert, or aged Gruyère. Drink now through 2032.

This bottle shows the American wine revolution at its most graceful.

Not power.

Precision.



Clementine Carter
Sta. Rita Hills
Grenache 2023

Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara
County, California





Clementine Carter *Sta. Rita Hills* *Grenache 2023*

Grenache is not supposed to feel like this.

At least not if your idea of grenache is all warmth, weight, and easy generosity.

Sonja Magdevski's Clementine Carter Sta. Rita Hills Grenache takes the grape into a cooler register.

The fruit comes from three sites: Robert Rae Ranch, Peake Ranch, and Christy & Wise. Different soils. Different exposures. Different kinds of energy. Clay loam, silty sand, and white beach sand all play a part, along with the north, west, and south-facing slopes of the Sta. Rita Hills.

The winemaking is bold, but not heavy-handed.

The wine is made with 100% whole cluster fermentation, wild yeasts, extended skin contact, and neutral French oak. That whole cluster choice matters. It gives the wine texture, aromatic lift, spice, and a little savory grip.

It helps explain why this grenache feels fresh instead of soft.

Expect pomegranate, desert flowers, wild fennel, black tea, spice, and fine tension. The palate is energetic and layered, with a long finish that stays floral and alive.

Serve slightly cool, around 55 to 60 F. Grenache served too warm can feel heavier than it should.

Open this with tri-tip, grilled vegetables, pizza, smash burgers, lamb chops, filet, or grilled chicken.

Decant 20 to 30 minutes. Drink now through 2032.

This is the experimental nerve of the collection. A Rhône grape in pinot country, made with enough confidence to feel completely at home.

Location: Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County, California
Elevation: ~600–1,000 feet
Winemaker: Sonja Magdevski
Varietal: 100% Grenache

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**Banshee Trenton
Vineyard**
Pinot Noir 2022

Russian River Valley,
Sonoma County, California





Banshee Trenton Vineyard

Pinot Noir 2022

Russian River pinot noir often begins with fog.

Location: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County, California
Vineyard Site: Low rolling hills south of the Russian River
Winemaker: Jake Lachowitzer
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Morning fog. Evening fog. The kind that slows everything down and lets pinot noir become itself without rushing.

Banshee's Trenton Vineyard Pinot Noir comes from low rolling hills just south of the Russian River, northwest of Santa Rosa, where coastal influence helps preserve acidity and supports slow, even ripening.

This is also the newer California story.

Banshee was built around the idea that serious California wine did not need to feel precious or distant. It could be well made, vineyard-driven, and still approachable at the table.

That spirit fits this bottle.

The wine is built from multiple vineyard blocks and classic clones, including Pommard, Swan, Mt. Eden, and Dijon. Associate Winemaker Jake Lachowitzer favors a site-focused, minimal-intervention approach, letting the fruit carry the shape of the vintage.

This is small-production California, not the broad, anonymous version. Only 305 cases were produced.

Expect raspberry bramble, bright red strawberry, vanilla, baking spice, sarsaparilla, and pomegranate. The texture is lighter and delicate, but the structure is present. The finish is dry, balanced, and elegant, with freshness and subtle spice.

Serve around 55 to 60 F. Do not over-decant. This wine is about freshness, perfume, and vineyard detail.

Open this with roast duck, grilled salmon, mushroom risotto, pork tenderloin, or aged Gouda. Decant 20 minutes if you want, but a good Burgundy glass may be enough. Drink now through 2032.

This bottle belongs here because it shows the quieter side of American confidence: small scale, vineyard detail, and restraint.



Seghesio Saini *Zinfandel 2021*

Dry Creek Valley,
Sonoma County, California





Seghesio Saini *Zinfandel* 2021

This one is about continuity.

Seghesio Saini Farms Zinfandel comes from old vineyard blocks in Dry Creek Valley planted in 1926 and farmed by fourth-generation members of the Saini family.

Location: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, California
Vineyard site: Dry Creek bench
Winemaker: Andy Robinson
Varietal: 100% Zinfandel

The Seghesio and Saini families have worked together across four generations, which gives this bottle the kind of continuity that cannot be manufactured quickly.

Old vines are not magic on their own.

They need care.

They need someone to keep farming them when the yields are lower and the work is less convenient. That is part of what you taste here.

The vineyard sits on the Dry Creek bench, with gravelly red clay loam and excellent drainage.

The soils naturally stress the vines, encouraging concentration, structure, and depth in the fruit.

The wine is aged 15 months in oak, including 11% new French oak, with the rest in neutral French and American oak plus puncheons.

Expect cherry cola, blackberry pie, raspberry, spice, dark chocolate, star anise, and ripe berry.

The palate is intense and deeply structured, with dense fruit and a rich, lingering finish.

Serve slightly cool, around 56 to 60 F. Zinfandel can lose its shape when served too warm.

Open this with grilled steaks, spicy lamb kebobs, aged Gouda, or pasta with meaty tomato ragu.

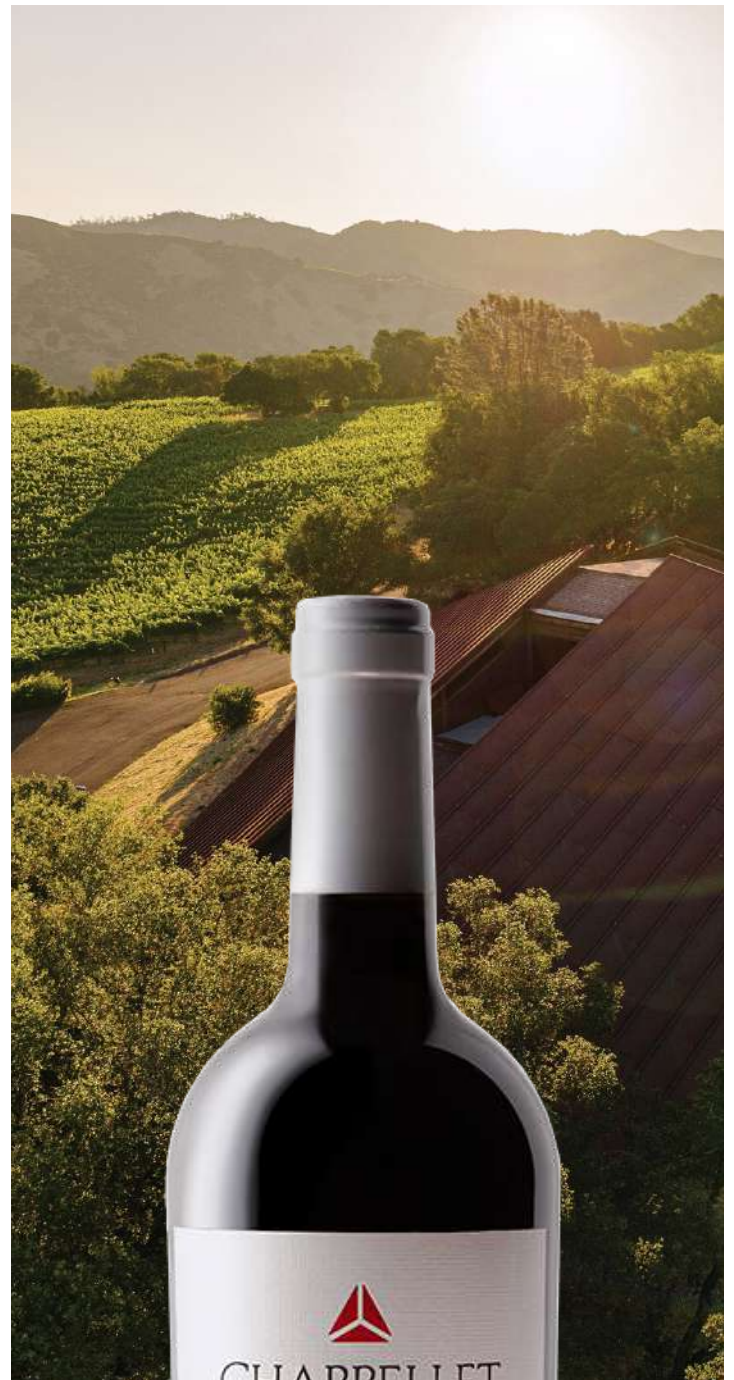
Decant 30 minutes. Drink now through 2032.

This is the old-vine chapter of the collection. A reminder that American wine was built not only by new ideas, but by families who stayed.



Chappellet Signature *Cabernet Sauvignon* 2020

Napa Valley,
California





Chappellet Signature

Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

If the collection has a mountain ending, this is it. Chappellet's Signature Cabernet Sauvignon is the flagship wine of a family-owned Napa Valley estate founded in 1967 on the rugged slopes of Pritchard Hill. The vineyards range from 800 to 1,800 feet, rooted in dry, rocky volcanic soils with excellent drainage and ample sun.

Location: Napa Valley, California
Elevation: 800–1,800 feet
Winemaker: Phillip Corallo-Titus
Varietal: ~93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot

This is a different kind of American nerve.

Not the experimental edge of a new grape in a cool valley. Not the patience of old zinfandel vines. This is the long commitment of a family estate that climbed the hillside and stayed there.

Small clusters, concentrated berries, and careful crop thinning give the wine depth and structure. It is aged 22 months in French oak, 60% new, adding polish without erasing the mountain character.

Expect black cherry, dark plum, roasted coffee, bittersweet chocolate, clove, fresh herbs, baking spices, boysenberry, cassis, violet, anise, cinnamon, and sweet oak. It is dark and concentrated, but the brightness and firm structure keep it from feeling heavy.

Serve around 60 to 65 F. This is the bottle to decant seriously. One hour is not excessive.

Open this with classic grilled or roasted meats, lamb, venison, mushroom dishes, or aged cheese.

Drink now through 2040.

This is the final statement in the collection: American cabernet sauvignon with roots, altitude, family ambition, and enough structure to age with confidence.

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