



Here are the details on this box of deliciousness, listed in suggested tasting order!
The total tab for this shipment is **\$168.80**, before any applicable tax & shipping.

2024 BARBERA D'OAKLEY®



The 123-year-old Planchon Vineyard in Oakley (where the Sacramento River meets SF Bay) is the source of this interesting "Italianate blend." The wine's name is a play on the famous "Barbera d'Asti" blend with Dolcetto, though in this case a Bordeaux variety (Merlot) adds structure and elegance to the straightforward black cherry and blackberry fruit of the Barbera grape, and the VERY Old Vine Zin chimes in with its own bright raspberry and spice notes.

No ratings/awards yet—brand new release!

76% Barbera, 12% Merlot, 12% Zinfandel

100% Planchon Vineyard, Contra Costa County

7 months in barrel – 88% 2-yr-old Hungarian and 12% older American

Case Production: 175 cases

Aging potential: 7-10 years

Price: **\$32.00 / \$25.60 Club**

Carol's Tasting Notes: Vibrant nose of tart black cherry and blackberry, with a kiss of green herbs and earth, black peppery spice and vanilla oak. Mouth shows some nice cherry and pomegranate fruit, and mouthfeel is silky smooth, almost dangerous in how easy it is to drink. This wine would be delicious with tomato-sauced pastas, harder cheeses, and vegetarian dishes like stuffed portabello mushroom caps! Buon appetito!

2022 OAKLEY ZIN



Century vines planted in 1902 in the old head-trained, bush-vine style are the source of this marvelous gem of a wine!

These gnarly old head-trained vines are growing on their own deep roots in alluvial sand with no irrigation, in a warm inland corner of the "back bay" of SF Bay—the same source as the Barbera d'Oakley above. They produce fruit with immense character and round, spicy, caramel flavors.

No ratings/awards yet—brand new release!

90% OV Zinfandel, 5% Barbera, 4% Carignane, and 1% of a few mystery grapes-- Petite Sirah, Merlot, Rose of Peru?

96% Planchon Vineyard, Contra Costa County

15 months in older American oak barrels—old vines need older oak to let their beauty shine!

Case Production: 209 cases

Aging potential: 15-20 years

Price: **\$32.00 / \$25.60 Club**

Carol's Tasting Notes: Beautiful nose of walnut, brambleberry cobbler and crème brûlée. Milk chocolate, touch of caramel and cedar from the oak, bit of dusty earth. Almost Cabernet-like in its profile, from the tiny kiss of green herbs to nicely structured tannins. Bright acidity while still creamy, and a plush, long finish. Interesting to compare to Monga Zin!

2022 MONGA ZIN®



The grapes for our beloved Monga Zin are becoming more difficult to obtain with each year of drought that we have here in CA—this ancient vineyard is literally at the western edge of the Mojave Desert, with absolutely no irrigation possible, which makes crop yield about 0.15 tons/acre, <10% of what we get from vineyards up north. Struggle is good, but sometimes we do not get ANY fruit at all. BTW, this is BEST vintage we have EVER produced from Lopez, even better than 2021!

New Release, so far 3 Gold Medals

90% OV Zinfandel, 4% Touriga Nacional, 4% Carignane, 2% Viognier

90% Lopez Vineyard, Cucamonga – planted in 1918, dry-farmed and **Organically Grown**

19 months in 15% NEW American and 85% older American and French oak barrels

Case Production: 747 cases

Aging potential: 15-20 years

Price: **\$32.00/ \$25.60 Club**

Carol's Tasting Notes: Deep black cherry fruit, dried cranberry, orange zest, like a berry patch in the sun! Dusty vanilla caramel oak, graham crackers and cocoa. Fragrant Moroccan spices or Chinese 5-spice. In the mouth it is super concentrated, with creamy yet tangy bright cherry fruit, long lush finish. Fantastic with heartier fare, but would be great with cranberry (we love cranberry here, can you tell?) relish and roasted anything...especially portabello mushrooms or eggplant parm.



2022 ROCKPILE RESERVE® (ROCKY) ZIN

Our flagship wine, the very best Zin we produce every year. Carol was a co-founder of the Rockpile AVA with her grower, Jack Florence Sr., whose vineyard, planted in 1997 at 1400 ft elevation, is the star of the show. It lies above our summer morning fogs and has a much more even growing season than Dry Creek Valley does at lower elevations, which allows for it to develop very polished tannins and Cabernet-like structure...our "Zin with the Heart of a Cab."

New Release, so not rated by mags, but so far 3 Double Gold/Best of Class and 5 Gold Medals

91% Zinfandel, 9% Petite Sirah

96% Florence Vineyard, Rockpile AVA

16 months in barrel – 17% each new Hungarian, French and American, 49% older French and Hungarian

Case Production: 303 cases

Aging potential: 7-20 years

Price: \$44.00 / \$35.20 Club

Carol's Tasting Notes: Nice dark-red in color, big blueberry-blackberry fruit, spicy-chocolatey oak, nicely focused acidity enhances mineral flavors, elegantly structured tannins for aging, super plush looooong finish! Fantastic with Rich Lasagna or a beautiful Prime Rib roast!



2019 ROCKPILE RESERVE® CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Rockpile Vineyard lies 'way off the grid at 2000-foot elevation, with superb 360° exposure to the sun. It is graciously styled with black cherry-cassis fruit and a nice hint of tobacco and cedar-spice, with the long smooth creamy finish and touch of minerality that is so characteristic of Rockpile reds.

New Release, so far has 4 GOLD Medals, 95 pts

97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petite Sirah

95% Rockpile Vineyard, Rockpile AVA

30 months in 90% new French oak plus 10% 1-year old French oak barrels

Case Production: 184 cases

Aging potential: 10-15 years

Price: \$50.00 / \$40.00 Club

Carol's Tasting Notes: Dark red in color. Black cherry-cola and cassis fruit, long and deep on nose and palate. Cedary oak spice and warm pipe tobacco aromas, dark chocolate, vanilla at finish, smoothly structured tannins, just a touch of minerality. Complements all your feasts from tamales to Christmas goose.



2023 BLACK MAGIC® Late Harvest Zinfandel Dessert Wine

We had to include a last look at the 2023 vintage of this perennial favorite sweetie to make sure you all had it for the holidays, along with our legendary 72% cacao chocolate morsels in a tin, the perfect complement for the chocolatey-raspberry goodness in this tiny bottle—it is an enchanting dessert all by itself!

92 pts Wine Enthusiast, Best of Show Dessert Wine, 3 Double Gold/Best of Class, plus 6 Gold Medals

30.5°Brix at Harvest – 5.8% RS and 15.0% alc

100% Late Harvest Zinfandel

100% Sonoma County: 60% Fountaingrove District, 40% Dry Creek Valley

Case Production: 830 half-cases produced, in 375ml bottles

Aging potential: 5-8 years, maybe more?

Price: \$21.00/ \$16.80 Club **Last grab!**

Carol's Tasting Notes: Mocha, cherry cordial, a whiff of Raisinettes, lovely chocolate syrup with a slight touch of mint chip, black pepper, and orange peel on the nose. In the mouth are explosions of dark chocolate and coffee, with gorgeous jammy black raspberry with a slightly chewy texture and well-balanced sweetness. Be sure to pair it with a dessert that is less sweet than the wine so they won't fight each other—try to use darker chocolate or cocoa, like a flourless mocha cake or tiramisu!