

THREAD FEATHERS

Year Founded: 2018

Region: California

Owner/Winemaker: Neil M. Koch

Known for: Simply put, we source and produce high end wines, and provide them for a fraction of the cost.

Neil Koch has extensive history in the wine industry, with a diverse and wide-ranging industry background. He grew up in the Napa Valley, and before attending Fresno State for Enology and Viticulture, Neil interned under famed international wine consultant Philip Melka at Seavey Vineyards, Vineyard 29 and Bryant Family Vineyards in the Napa Valley. After gaining a foothold in the Napa Valley, Neil was hired as part of the winemaking team at Lewis Cellars in Napa. He helped craft multiple 90+ point Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Chardonnay over 3 vintages.



With 15 years in all aspects of the wine industry, I have created exclusive agreements with wine producers throughout California, Oregon and Washington. Through these networks, I'm able source small lots of high end wines and offer them to you for a reasonable price. I try to focus on delivering sub AVA wines at an incredible value. Typically, bottlings are around 100 to 500 cases, and once they're gone, they are gone.



Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2020/2021

Located about 1200 ft on the slopes of Howell Mountain, this vineyard source is comprised of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Yields are typically less than 2 tons per acre, insuring intense and concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon. **Organic!**

96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot. Grapes are hand-harvested, destemmed, and hand-sorted. Cold soak lasts for 3–5 days, followed by approx. 14 days of fermentation with three daily pump-overs. Fermented to dry on skins with an additional 12 days extended maceration to optimize the flavor, mouthfeel, and tannin structure of the wine. Drained, pressed and transferred to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and ageing. Aged for 22 months in 100% French oak (40% new).

On the palate, the wine displays excellent structure and balance. Ripe black fruits dominate the palate, providing a burst of flavors reminiscent of blackberries, dark cherries, and plums. The wine's firm tannins lend a pleasing grip, contributing to its age-worthiness. Notes of dark chocolate, toasted oak, and a hint of baking spices add layers of complexity and sophistication to the wine's profile. The acidity is vibrant, offering freshness and ensuring a long, elegant finish.



Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

Sourced from grapes from the Ashe Vineyard located just south of Oakville Crossroads.

Grapes were harvested at night, hand sorted and de-stemmed. After a 7-day cold soak, and 2 week fermentation with gentle maceration the wine was moved into French oak, 50% new oak. The wine aged for 16 months before bottling.

This wine offers full-bodied intensity within a classic framework of red and black currant, cherry and cassis. Robustly built in tannin and well-integrated oak, it has earthy elements of cedar, sage and graphite, with a lasting note of mocha.



Stag's Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petite Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc. Grapes were handpicked, and optically sorted around 25.5 brix throughout 2 vineyards within the Stag Leap District AVA. After a 3-day cold soak, tank temperatures were brought up to 95 degrees for maximum color extraction. After full extraction has been achieved, temperatures were brought down, cooling the tank and slowing the fermentation to capture the freshness and elegance of the fruit. We pressed "sweet" allowing the final stages of fermentation to take place in French oak barrel.

Offers dark, alluring, layered intensity with notes of black berry fruit alongside a rich, mouth-enveloping texture. This wine is classic Stags Leap District Cabernet, offering aromas and flavors of blackcurrant, cassis, dark raspberry and black cherry alongside delicate notes of cedar, allspice, graphite and espresso, backed up by more savory notes of olive tapenade and chaparral herbs. There is depth, finesse and elegance, interweaving power, grace and structure, full of velvety rich tannins and a long, lingering fresh finish.