



CHAPPELLET

### *The Chappellet Story*

For more than 50 years, the Chappellet family has been crafting globally renowned wines made from fruit cultivated on the steep, rocky slopes of Napa Valley's renowned Pritchard Hill. As one of the first wineries to pioneer high-elevation hillside planting, and one of the few remaining great family-owned Napa Valley wineries, Chappellet has influenced generations of vintners. Throughout its history, Chappellet has also established an enduring legacy as one of world's most acclaimed producers of Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Chappellets' romance with Pritchard Hill began when Donn and Molly Chappellet first glimpsed the mountain's spectacular vistas in the late 1960s. Inspired by the notion that "Bacchus loves the hills," Donn and Molly followed the advice of legendary winemaker André Tchelistcheff and settled on the rocky eastern slopes of the Napa Valley. There, on the mountain's serene and picturesque hillsides, the Chappellets established their home and winery, raising their children and cultivating the vineyard.

Since being founded by Donn and Molly in 1967, Chappellet has earned acclaim for championing the robust power and complexity of wines crafted from mountain grapes. At the same time, Chappellet helped to establish Pritchard Hill as perhaps California's most revered winegrowing site. To honor the mountain's rich, expressive character, the winemaking team focuses on creating extraordinary, age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignons that embody the intensity and finesse of the fruit from Pritchard Hill.

Today, the second generation of the Chappellet family has embraced their parents' love of the mountain's inviting spirit and exceptional vineyards. Led by Cyril, Carissa and Dominic Chappellet, who oversee the day-to-day operations of the winery, this new generation also includes Lygia and Alexa Chappellet, who are active board members dedicated to building upon Chappellet's reputation for excellence. Equally important, this second generation is passionate about preserving the land by continuing Donn and Molly's intimate approach to winegrowing. In order to ensure the health and well-being of Pritchard Hill for generations to come, the Chappellet family meticulously cultivates their estate vineyard using hands-on organic farming techniques, with a constant eye towards quality.

In addition to the dedicated second generation of the family, which has joined Molly in contributing to the ongoing success of Chappellet, the winery benefits from an acclaimed team, which includes gifted Winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus and Vineyard Manager Dave Pirio—each of whom possesses decades of experience at Chappellet. Applying their wealth of knowledge, and their comprehensive understanding of the estate's 48 distinctive vineyard blocks, the team handcrafts extraordinary wines that showcase the authentic charm and personality of Pritchard Hill.

Though best known for its revered Cabernets, the Chappellet portfolio also includes exceptional Chenin Blanc, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. In 2019, the Chappellet family unveiled their new *Grower Collection*, which focuses on cool-climate Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs from the finest Sonoma County vineyards.