

# Chateau Margene - Spring 2024

## THE DREAM

Michael Mooney dreamed of one day becoming a winemaker. The responsibility of providing for his family and raising his boys meant keeping his nose to the grindstone as a sales and marketing executive and pushing his dream off to the future. In 1997, after many trips with his wife Margene exploring California's various wine country, they found a perfect parcel in Creston, CA (Paso Robles) to plant new roots, start a Bordeaux-inspired vineyard and launch a boutique winery.

As the Winter rains subside and Spring starts, it brings with it all the things that need to be done in the vineyard as they work towards what will be their 26th vintage. Michael describes it as a labor of love and his passion project. Their younger son Jon has been involved in the business from the beginning. Their older son Chris worked for the family business for 10 years until moving on to a position in Paso Robles with a vineyard consulting and management company.

The goals in 1997 were to grow superior grapes, produce exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc based wines and to do so while never going beyond 3,000 cases. Their wines have consistently achieved high critical acclaim from various media sources with ratings ranging from 92 to 99 points. Their wines are sold direct-to-consumer through their wine club, their allocation list and at their estate tasting room on weekends, by appointment.

The grapes grown on the Chateau Margene estate are geared towards quality over quantity. The vineyard sits at 1240' and is farmed organically and sustainably with an average production of 2.25 tons per acre. The wines produced are richly textured and exhibit an exceptionally high concentration of color, flavor and balance. All wines are fermented in open top fermenters, punched down by hand and aged anywhere from 17 - 32 months in new and used French and American oak barrels. The wines showcase the estate fruit while acheiving depth, finesse and balance. They have also proven over time to be imminently ageable.

## New Release Weekend April 12th, 13th & 14th 11:00am, 1:00 pm or 3:00 pm

This year's event has us going back to 90 minute, seated tastings on the viewing deck, on the grass or under our pear alle. Michael and Jon have five new releases for you to enjoy (2022 Cabernet Sauvignon - Michael's Vineyard, 2022 Cielo Rosso, 2022 Pinot Noir - Boekenoogen Vineyard, 2016 ROXO Cabernet Franc - Port and 2023 Chardonnay - Steel)

**Reservations are required!** Go to www.chateaumargene.com/visit, scroll down, Book Reservation, enter name or email and choose your preferred date/time. Two members and two guests are Complimentary. Additional guests are \$40 per person.

Sorry, no one under 21 and no dogs allowed this weekend.





# Spring 2024 Wine Club

## 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon - Michael's Vineyard

Cabernet Sauvignon 89% Cabernet Franc 11% \$80 / Wine Club \$64 Cabernet Sauvignon, Winemaker's Mixed & Cellar Clubs

#### 2022 Cielo Rosso

Sangiovese 100% \$78 / Wine Club \$62.40

Winemaker's Mixed & Cellar Clubs

#### 2022 Pinot Noir - Boekenoogen Vineyard

(POM 4 & Dijon 115 Clones) \$78 / Wine Club \$62.40 Pinot Noir & Winemaker's Mixes Clubs

2016 ROXO Cabernet Franc - 500ml \$60 / Wine Club \$48 ROXO Club

#### 2014 ROXO Magia Preta 500ml

Library Wine \$60 / Wine Club \$48 *ROXO Club* 

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