



FOXEN VINEYARD

Mariner Club Newsletter Winter 2025

As we wrap up another incredible year out in Foxen Canyon, we want to take a moment and raise a glass to you – our loyal members. Your continued support and enthusiasm for our wines make everything we do possible. From the first bud break in spring to the last grape picked, your connection to Foxen inspires us every step of the way.

This year brought us one of the most beautifully balanced growing seasons we've seen in recent memory. The cool, even weather across Santa Barbara County allowed for slow, steady ripening, producing wines with vibrant fruit and elegant structure: that signature Foxen style. With our Pinots out of Santa Rita Hills and Santa Maria Valley, our Boudreaux varieties in Happy Canyon, and everything in between, 2025 will be remembered as a vintage of poise and character.

We also had a wonderful year of sun-soaked tastings on the patio of the Shack, wine dinners and festivals, or our annual Wine Club BBQ. We enjoyed good food, great company, and special wines together. We are always reminded why this community we have built together is so special.

If you are looking for a lovely winter getaway, we will be pouring at the Passion 4 Pinot Grand Tasting in Palm Desert, January 31, 2026. You can reserve tickets for this event on their website www.palmspringspinotfest.com and use promo code FOXEN for a discount. This is an amazing event with Pinot Noir from all over the world and is not to be missed for our Pinot lovers!

Keep an eye on your inbox for exclusive holiday offers, gift packs, and upcoming club events. And if you're planning a visit to Santa Barbara wine country, we would love to welcome you back to the tasting room: your home away from home in Foxen Canyon.

From our entire team, thank you for being part of the Foxen Family. Your loyalty, stories, and shared love of wine keep our barrels full and our hearts fuller. Cheers to another year of adventure, friendship, and exceptional wine!





2022 Pinot Noir, Julia's Vineyard

Julia's Vineyard lies on the Santa Maria Mesa, a gentle south-facing slope above the north bank of the Sisquoc River in the heart of the Santa Maria Valley winegrowing area. Planted in the 1970s, these vines are some of the oldest in the region, and we are lucky enough to have worked with them for nearly thirty years. This is 100% Pommard clone, picked in the early morning hours of September 12th, and then completely destemmed, and put into an open-top, stainless-steel tank to undergo fermentation. After sixteen days, the young wine was drained off of its skins into French oak barrels (43% new) where it aged for seventeen months before bottling in March of 2024.

Julia's is always full of plush red fruit aromatics, and the 2022 vintage is no different. This is classic Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir: subtle notes of strawberry, cherry, and pomegranate, with undertones of vanilla and baking spices. As always, for food pairings I suggest what I know works: Santa Maria style tri-tip and garlic bread with a side of pinquito beans and winter greens. Enjoy this now through 2032.

– P. Bingo Wathen, Associate Winegrower

Production: 322 cases | SIP Certified

Retail: \$70.00 | Mariner Club Price: \$59.50

94 points – Vinous

92 points – Wine Enthusiast

90 points – Wine Advocate



2022 Cuvée Jeanne Marie, Williamson-Doré Vineyard

The Cuvée Jeanne Marie, named for my grandmother, Jeanne Marie Kelahan, is our Grenache-based blend from Williamson-Doré Vineyard. While often a strict Grenache/Mourvedre cuvée, in 2022 the vines at Williamson-Doré were kind enough to give us enough Syrah to weave into the blend, making this vintage a true "GSM". Each variety was picked and vinified separately, then aged in older 500-liter French Oak barrels for a total of twenty months before blending shortly before bottling in June of 2024.

This is a wine full of red aromatics: ripe cherry, pomegranate, and cranberry, with hints of anise and orange peel, and a bit of red licorice. It is a juicy and drinkable blend, with light tannins and medium acidity. Enjoy this on a cold night alongside some winter squash soup. Drink now through 2032. – P. Bingo Wathen, Associate Winegrower

Production: 286 cases

Retail: \$52.00 | Mariner Club Price: \$44.20

92 points – Vinous

91 points – Wine Advocate



2022 Pajarito

The Pajarito, Spanish for "little bird", is our proprietary blend of Merlot and Petit Verdot. In 2022, both lots were picked during the third week of September, with the Merlot coming from Vogelzang Vineyard in Happy Canyon, and the Petit Verdot hailing from our estate Tinaquaic Vineyard. Each was vinified separately and then aged for a total of twenty-two months in a mix of French and American Oak barrels (40% new), before being blended shortly before bottling. While initially scheduled to be bottled in July of 2024, the nearby Lake Fire cut off our access to the winery until August! As a result, this vintage of Pajarito saw an additional 5 weeks in barrel, and I think it served it well.

The 2022 Pajarito is a dark and dense wine, full of concentrated aromas of black currant, plum, and cacao, followed by herbal notes of sage, dill, and tobacco leaf. On the palate, vanilla and dark fruit flavors meld with bright acidity and soft tannins for a long, mouthwatering finish. This is always an outstanding bottle to open on a cold winter night, ideally around a table with friends and family. Enjoy this with something hearty, like a pot roast of braised beef with early winter vegetables. Drink now through 2034.

– P. Bingo Wathen, Associate Winegrower

Production: 249 cases

Retail: \$52.00 | Mariner Club Price: \$44.20





Winter 2025 Payment Details



Pickup Members

\$318.72*

(reflects cost of pre-selected wines, your 15% discount, and local CA sales tax)

Shipping Members

\$365.06*

(reflects cost of pre-selected wines, your 15% discount, local CA sales tax, and CA shipping)

*Your sales tax and/or shipping rate may be different depending on your location.



Holiday Tasting Room Hours



December

December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve – Close at 3 pm

December 25, 2025 – Christmas Day – CLOSED

December 31, 2025 – Close at 3 pm

January

January 1, 2026 – New Year's Day – CLOSED



Holiday Shipping Deadlines



Christmas:

You must place your order by Friday, December 19th before 12pm and select UPS 2nd Day Air or UPS Next Day Air to ensure delivery by Wednesday, December 24th.

Upcoming Events

December 13 & 14, 2025 Christmas on the Trail Foxen Wine Trail - Santa Maria, CA

Save the date for this fun annual event showcasing the incredible wineries along the scenic Foxen Canyon Wine Trail.

January 31, 2026 Passion for Pinot - Palm Springs, CA

Immerse yourself in an amazing selection of over 200 exceptional Pinot Noirs from the best California and Oregon Winery Producers, carefully selected for your enjoyment. With many Coachella Valley restaurants showcasing their culinary creations, get ready to embark on a delicious Pinot Noir celebration like no other. For more information and tickets, visit <https://palmspringspinotfest.com/events/>.

March 28, 2026 Foxen Spring Release Preview The Shack - Santa Maria, CA

Mingle with Foxen family and friends while tasting a preview of your Spring Mariner Club wines and some new releases.

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FOXEN Harvest 2025



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