

featured flight of the month

kathryn walt hall's west coast wines

\$40 per wine flight



Since first working in her family's Mendocino vineyards, Kathryn Hall dreamed of a place to showcase fine wines alongside expressive art and masterful architecture. Now, Kathryn and Craig Hall are creating an unrivalled destination in the Napa Valley - where winemaking excellence and innovation meets contemporary design to celebrate life and inspire the senses.

Kathryn, alongside her husband Craig, are the proprietors of HALL Wines and WALT Wines, and have been involved in the California wine industry since her family first purchased a vineyard in the 1970's. She has had a distinguished career as a successful businesswoman, attorney, community activist, and as the United States Ambassador to Austria.

In addition to HALL and WALT Wines, Kathryn and Craig are also the owners of a collection of family-owned brands including Dallas-based HALL Group. Craig is a New York Times bestselling author, civic leader, philanthropist, and the entrepreneur who started HALL Group in 1968 at age 18.

The Halls have made it a lifelong mission to put people first – those in the community, those whom they employ, and those who enjoy their wines. Hall strongly believes that entrepreneurship is a catalyst that makes a difference both today and in the future, and intends to leave the world better than he found it. This is a philosophy he has been putting into action for 50 years, both in business and through his family foundation, established in 1977.

Our host and expert this evening is Tony Gatti, who is a 12-year industry veteran and has become a certified sommelier by the Court of Master Sommeliers; and holds a Diploma [Level 4] from WSET. He also teaches both the French Wine Scholar and WSET curriculums for the American Wine School.

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2023 sauvignon blanc | HALL wine | napa valley

\$22|\$79



Our 2023 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc is fresh and effusive with aromas of citrus blossom, guava, and lemon grass. Bright, lively acidity on the palate is balanced with flinty minerality and mid-palate richness driven by sur-lie aging. This wine is fermented entirely in stainless steel and bottled without filtration.

The 2023 growing season was all about patience. A very long, wet winter replenished the soils and filled our reservoirs. Cooler spring weather delayed budbreak and the start of the growing season by several weeks. Late spring saw moderate warmth and led to substantial canopy growth, as well as a healthy crop load on the vines. Mild, warm temperatures created perfect ripening conditions throughout the summer and early fall. The longer hang time allowed the fruit to reach optimum ripeness, and resulted in a superb vintage that is fresh, full of flavor, with great balance and fruit density.

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2019 pinot noir | WALT wine | la brisa, sonoma county, ca
\$20|\$72



North Coast pinot noir districts saw more variations in weather than in most recent vintages, and, while the roads from budbreak to harvest may have been different, the outcomes were generally favorable. Pinot noir growers throughout the north coast reported a leisurely harvest, spread over several weeks rather than rushed. The top wines offer freshness and exceptional aging potential: lithe and focused in Anderson Valley; firmly structured on the far coast of Sonoma; supple and satisfying in the Russian River Valley.

This blend is predominately from Bob's Ranch Estate, with Gap's Crown and Calesa vineyards completing the blend which features both Dijon and heritage clones. The resulting combination of diverse vineyard sites and clonal variation creates a complex wine with abundant fruit, making it a delicious Sonoma Coast blend.

This 2019 vintage wine opens with luscious red fruits accented with an earthy note of freshly tilled soil. The rich texture is brightened with juicy raspberry and cherry flavors, while toasty barrel notes carry through to a fresh, savory finish. Aged 10 months in barrel, 30% in new French oak.

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2019 pinot noir | WALT wine | sta. rita hills, sb, ca

\$20|\$72



2019 was a benchmark vintage for California Pinot, with wines showing power, finesse and the structure for cellaring; moderate temperatures and an even-keeled season led to a leisurely harvest, while crop size was on the lower side. In pinot country in California's Central Coast, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Monterey Counties, temperatures through the growing season of 2019 were closer to historic averages, before the effects of climate change and drought distorted those numbers. It was a wet spring, with a late budbreak and cooler than average temperatures. The water in the soil led to fairly high vigor, and mildew pressure was commonly reported. Fruit set and veraison were also later than in recent years; with no appreciable heat spikes, the fruit development was relatively slow and unimpeded. Harvest was up to three weeks later than in the previous two vintages, with excellent fruit quality and relatively high yields.

Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir is crafted from a blend of vineyards that express the unique character of this region. From rolling hills to high elevation sites, the vines are exposed to fog and cooling ocean breezes. The resulting wine is rich, spicy and bursting with concentrated flavors.

This wine's expressive perfume of ripe, vibrant fruit is underscored by notes of garrigue herbs and spicy clove. A fresh, lively structure complements the ripe cherry and pomegranate flavors. Bold and charged with energy, the wine finishes with a hint of salinity. Aged 10 months in barrel, 40% in new French oak.

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2019 cabernet sauvignon | HALL wine | napa valley

\$40|\$144



2019 is considered an exceptional vintage and was given a rating of 97. The wet spring resulted in less overt tannic structure, with small, concentrated berries delivering dense yet pure fruit flavors. Harvest stretched into October thanks to very moderate temperatures in August and September. Wines are ripe and lush yet well-defined; a worthy follow-up to the benchmark 2018 vintage.

Primarily from the Hardester Ranch in Pope Valley, with other major contributions from St. Helena, Soda Canyon and Glass Mountain, it's a medium to full-bodied effort, with bold flavors of cherries, cassis and cedar. It's easy, but not soft, nicely firm, with a long, silky-textured finish.

HALL's estate vineyards encompass more than 500 acres of classic Bordeaux varietals; Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Sauvignon Blanc. As winegrowers, the Halls have a strong respect for the environment and a commitment to cutting-edge vineyard technology to yield the highest quality grapes. Through meticulous attention to detail in the vineyards, HALL wines are able to express the unique and diverse character of Napa Valley's soils and climate.