

Bristol Farms

DISCOVER:

LEVENDI WINERY

February is here, and though we are still in the heart of our California winter, we are beginning to notice our days getting a little longer. As Mother Nature starts to prepare us for the upcoming spring and all of the majestic highlights soon to arrive, I would like to focus this month on a place near and dear to all of us wine consumers... the iconic Napa Valley. Napa Valley is known throughout the world for its world-class wineries, scenic beauty, and diverse cuisine. The valley is home to over 400 wineries and is considered one of the premier wine regions of the world.

The first commercial winery in Napa Valley was established by Charles Krug in 1861, but by 1889, there were more than 140 wineries in operation, including Schramsberg in 1862, Beringer in 1876, and Inglenook in 1879. These historic wineries are still making fantastic wines today. However, as the Valley has seen numerous facelifts over time, we now see numerous boutique wineries with small productions making the biggest footprint with consumers.

This February, we're inviting you to discover Napa's Levendi Winery. This winery was created in 2000 by James Gianulias, David Gianulias, and Todd Rustman, but the Gianulias family has been cultivating vineyards in Napa Valley since 1926. They are true stewards of their vineyards and their wines are made from Howell Mountain, Coombsville, Rutherford, and an area just south of Carneros. Their winemaker is the talented Alison Doran, who has been walking in the vineyards that produce the finest varietals in the region for more than 30 years. She developed her skill by being mentored by Andre Tchelistcheff, one of the true legends in winemaking. Doran has crafted small lot wines and we are very fortunate to bring these to our customers. These wines offer enormous value compared to what you see coming out of Napa Valley, and we hope you enjoy these well-crafted wines as much as we have.

Tony Porras, CSW, Director of Wine, Beer & Spirits

LEVENDI SWEETWATER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

REG \$43.99 SPECIAL \$40.99

This is a classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon with aromatics of black currants, black cherry, dark plum, and vanilla. The palate is full, dense, and rich with flavors of red and black fruits. To keep it all together, it finishes with ripe and firm tannins. Pair this with a hearty winter beef stew or aged hard cheeses.

LEVENDI ESTATE CHARDONNAY

REG \$30.99 SPECIAL \$28.99

This balanced Chardonnay comes from Levendi's estate vineyard located in the coolest region of the valley, just south of Carneros. You'll find aromas of gardenia, pear, and mango along with a hint of pineapple and toast. The palate is fresh and vibrant, boasting notes of melon, pear, and ripe apple. Pair this Chardonnay with grilled halibut, salmon, or any pasta dish with a creamy white sauce.

LEVENDI RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

REG \$52.99 SPECIAL \$48.99

Hailing from the iconic Rutherford AVA, this Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the winemaker's deep knowledge of the land. This deep garnet wine has gorgeous aromatics of black and blue fruits along with hints of mocha and the famed Rutherford dust. The palate is polished and full, featuring flavors of rich plum and black raspberry. Levendi Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon is amazingly balanced and has a long finish. Enjoy it with a medium-rare hamburger with gouda cheese or a nice ribeye steak.