

*Pahlmeyer*

2024 SPRING RELEASE





# YOUR EXCLUSIVE RELEASE OFFERING

Greetings from the Napa Valley!

Welcome to your Spring 2024 Offering. We are delighted to offer you two remarkable wines: 2022 Pahlmeyer Chardonnay and 2021 Pahlmeyer Proprietary Red.

When blending our 2021 Proprietary Red, we began by creating the very best mountain-born Cabernet Sauvignon we could, and we had exceptional lots to work with. Blending Stagecoach, Upper Range, and Waters Ranch fruit primarily, as we added in touches of Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Malbec, this Cabernet-dominant blend developed more and more depth, intensity, and nuance.

Our 2022 Pahlmeyer Chardonnay is a most worthy counterpart, a wine with captivating opulence and finesse. As the majority of our fruit was harvested before the late summer heatwaves, 2022 was a near-picture-perfect year for Napa Valley Chardonnay. We blended high-elevation fruit from Antica, Stagecoach, and Waters Ranch with quintessential Carneros fruit from Toyon and Hyde vineyards. The resulting wine possesses luxurious texture with a full, layered mid-palate, bolstering acidity, and a long, lavish finish.

Find Winemaker Katie Vogt's tasting impressions of these singular wines, along with winemaking and vineyard details enclosed. We invite your feedback and thank you for partnering with us to bring these wines to market.

With gratitude,  
Pahlmeyer

*Please Note: We will fulfill release requests upon arrival of wine into market. Not all quantities can be guaranteed.*

# 2022 PAHLMAYER CHARDONNAY NAPA VALLEY



## WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

Our 2022 Chardonnay is a masterful balance of opulence and vibrancy. Stone fruit aromatics give way to a fresh tropical lift with underscoring hints of toasted marshmallow and flint. This Chardonnay is concentrated and focused on the palate, unfurling a rich tapestry of crushed Marcona almond, freshly baked macaroon, and preserved lemon buoyed by dynamic acidity. The palate is textured and rich while bright and lively, with intense, ever-evolving flavors that linger through the finish. Exhibiting a full, layered palate upon release, this wine will continue to gain detail and depth over the next 5-7 years of careful cellaring. –KV

## WINEMAKING NOTES

We picked our Chardonnay from high-elevation vineyards in Napa Valley and select blocks in Carneros during the cool of the night. Each whole cluster was meticulously hand sorted at the winery before pressing, and the two press cuts were segregated and aged separately. The juice naturally settled in stainless steel tanks until ready to rack to barrel. Our top lots were racked to new French oak barrels where they completed primary fermentation via partially native yeasts. After primary fermentation, the lots remained on lees and were stirred up to three times per week through malolactic fermentation to create a rich, luscious texture. In April 2023, the selected lots were racked off heavy lees, blended in tank, then returned to barrel for final aging. The wine continued to age on lees in 100% new François Frères oak barrels for 12 months and was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 vintage was another low-yielding year that resulted in expressive, opulent wines with wonderful concentration. The year started off with nearly ideal growing conditions: welcoming late winter rains followed by excellent weather through the spring and summer months, except for a few late summer heat spikes. Slightly early bud break and flowering led to optimal fruit set. Arid conditions and moderate temperatures allowed clusters to develop steadily and evenly with small berries. We harvested our Chardonnay at optimal ripeness in late August through early September, prior to the heatwaves, the fruit retaining excellent acidity.

HARVESTED	August 24 - September 10, 2022
VINEYARDS	Antica, Stagecoach, Toyon, Waters Ranch, and Hyde
BOTTLED	August 2023
COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
ALCOHOL	14.4%
WINEMAKER	Katie Vogt

# 2021 PAHLMAYER PROPRIETARY RED WINE NAPA VALLEY



## WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

The 2021 Pahlmeyer Proprietary Red captures the essence of this stellar low-yielding vintage: powerful yet refined, intense yet luscious. Aromas of lingonberry and boysenberry interplay with flickerings of green peppercorn, saddle leather, and forest floor, culminating in a beautifully lifted bouquet. The tightly wound palate frames a core of intense plum and cassis layered with licorice spice. Polished tannins give way to a mid-palate rich with macerated blackberry and freshly grated nutmeg. This articulate, broad-shouldered blend is poised to evolve gracefully over the next two decades. – KV

## WINEMAKING NOTES

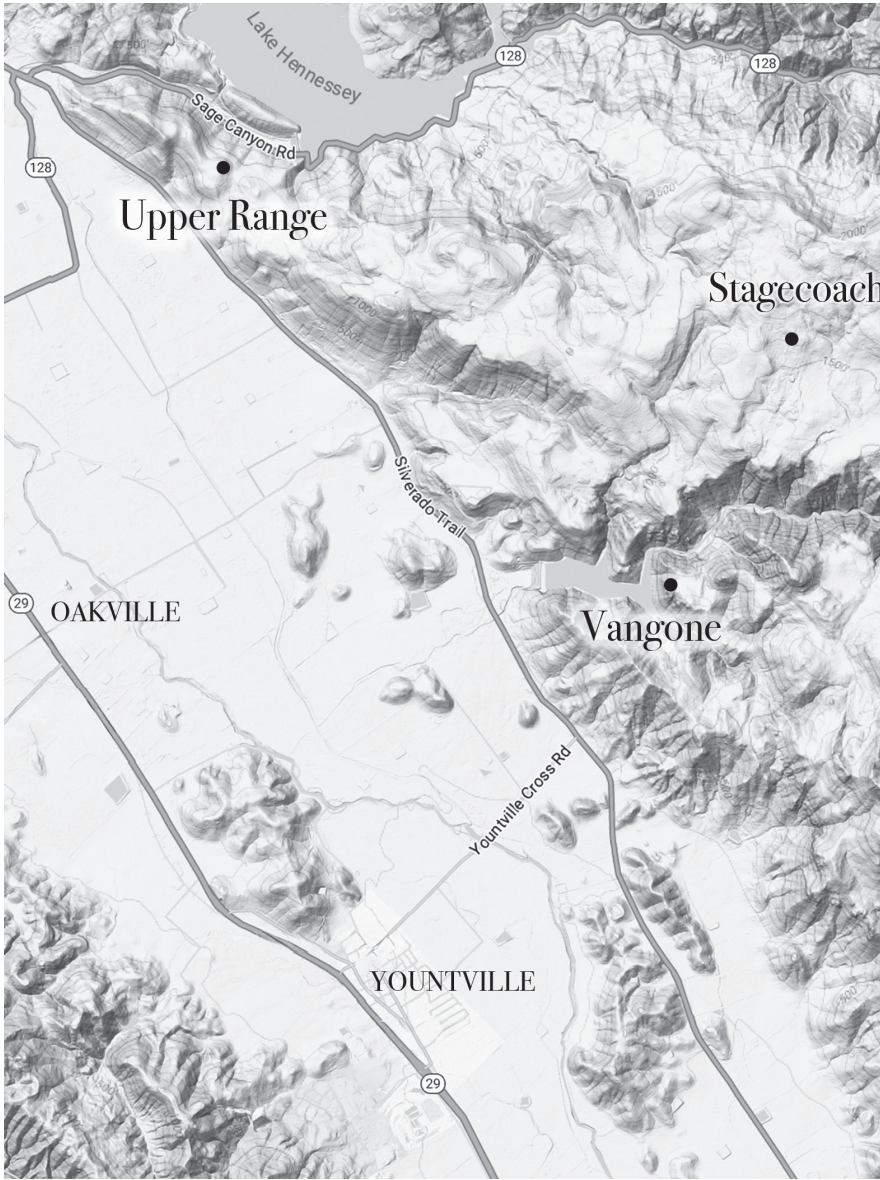
We hand harvested each of our high-elevation sites in the cool of night and meticulously hand sorted and destemmed at the winery before fermenting and aging each lot separately. The individual lots were aged in nearly 100% new Taransaud oak barrels for 20 months. Stagecoach delivered power and intensity, while Upper Range exhibited exemplary classic mountain Cabernet character with gorgeous savory nuance and refined tannins. Waters Ranch brought depth and balance, and a touch of Vangone – a fantastic site that mirrors Stagecoach – lent even more richness and concentration. After blending, the wine was bottled in July 2023 for additional bottle age before release.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage was phenomenal across all our varieties, particularly for Cabernet Sauvignon. Each of our mountain vineyards delivered incredibly intense, concentrated, low-yield fruit with the ideal combination of acidity and tannin. This vintage allowed reflection and consideration: “What is it giving us? How do we let each vine be the best version of itself?” As a result, we ended up with extraordinarily pure expressions of singular blocks.

HARVESTED	September 13 - October 19, 2021
VINEYARDS	Stagecoach, Upper Range, Waters Ranch, and Vangone
BOTTLED	July 2023
COMPOSITION	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 1.5% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Malbec
ALCOHOL	14.9%
WINEMAKER	Katie Vogt





Upper Range

Stagecoach

Vangone

OAKVILLE

YOUNTVILLE

Lake Hennessey

Sage Canyon Rd

Silverado Trail

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A detailed topographic map of a mountainous region, likely the Vaca Mountains. The map features contour lines indicating elevation, with labels such as 1000, 1500, 2000, and 2500. Two specific vineyard locations are marked with black dots: 'Antica' is located in the upper left quadrant, and 'Waters Ranch' is located in the lower right quadrant. The terrain is rugged with numerous ridges and valleys.

## OUR VINEYARDS

Pahlmeyer is defined by mountain fruit, possessing the soulful character born of demanding terroir and exacting fieldwork. Our sourced sites reside in the rugged foothills and mountaintops of the Vaca Mountains. Elevation, sun aspect, and soil types yield small, concentrated berries with ideal phenolic ripeness, balance, and complexity.

Our core vineyards include Upper Range, Stagecoach, Vangone, Antica, and Waters Ranch. Blending select lots from these singular sites allows us to achieve complete wines that match power with finesse.

Antica

Waters Ranch

## UPPER RANGE VINEYARD

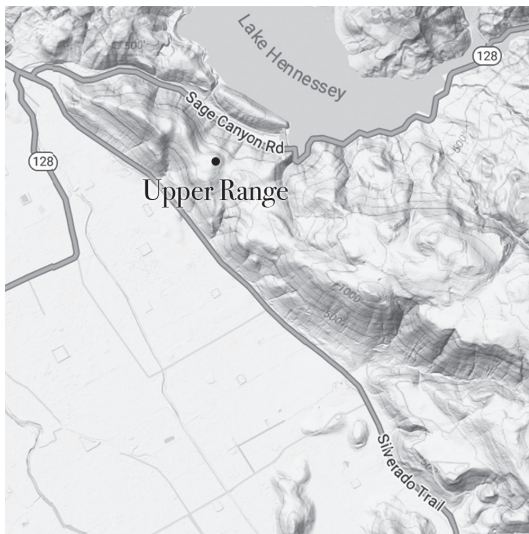
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The Upper Range Vineyard sits at 500-700 feet in the hills of Rutherford between Silverado Trail and Lake Hennessey, its craggy terrain comprising red volcanic soils and boulders. A former cattle ranch now farmed by the Bettinelli Family, it is a distinctive site that yields some of the best Cabernet Sauvignon fruit in Napa Valley.

“Upper Range possesses beautiful refined tannin and savory character. It is such a classic mountain Cabernet – a complete wine even on its own.”

– Katie Vogt





APPELLATION	Rutherford
ELEVATION	500 – 700'
SOILS	Red Volcanic with interspersed boulders
ACRES PLANTED	160
YEAR PLANTED	2015
ROW SPACING	6.5 X 4.5
TRELLIS TYPE	Vertical Shoot Positioning
VARIETY SOURCED	Cabernet Sauvignon

# STAGECOACH VINEYARD

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In 1995, founder Jan Krupp cleared more than a billion pounds of andesite, basalt, and tufa boulders to make way for 600 acres planted in 204 unique blocks. As rugged as it is legendary, Stagecoach is divided into four sections based on their distinctive terroir: Pritchard Hill, Heart of the Vineyard, Bordeaux Region, and Atlas Peak Region.

“Stagecoach brings power and intensity with  
beautiful pure, dark boysenberry  
and blackberry fruit.”

– Katie Vogt





APPELLATION	Pahlmeyer fruit from Atlas Peak
ELEVATION	1,100 – 1,750'
SOILS	Various with Red Volcanic rock broken down enough to establish roots
ACRES PLANTED	600, divided into 204 blocks
YEAR PLANTED	1995
ROW SPACING	7 x 6 and 6 x 4
TRELLIS TYPE	Vertical Shoot Positioning
VARIETIES SOURCED	Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot

## VANGONE VINEYARD

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This secret garden of a vineyard sits directly across from Stagecoach, a deeply carved valley separating the two sites. Situated above Oakville, the vineyard's rugged hillsides are dappled by large rocks, the vines enjoying copious sunlight tempered by cool breezes off the neighboring Rector Reservoir.

“The row orientation and cross-arm placement at Vangone are the perfect set-up for beautiful dappled light. The result is long hang time and deeply evolved flavors.”

– Katie Vogt





APPELLATION	Atlas Peak
ELEVATION	800' – 1,000'
SOILS	Gravelly Volcanic
ACRES PLANTED	22
YEAR PLANTED	2012
ROW SPACING	6 x 4
TRELLIS TYPE	Vertical Shoot Positioning
VARIETY SOURCED	Cabernet Sauvignon

## ANTICA VINEYARD

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The Antinori family has been growing and making wine in Italy for more than 600 years. In 1993, Marchese Piero Antinori discovered this magical site within a hidden valley 1,600 feet high in the Vaca Mountains. 500 acres are planted in weathered volcanic rock on the steep slopes of Atlas Peak facing southwest above the fog line.

“The fruit at Antica is fresh and tropical,  
a long-time essential component of Pahlmeyer  
Chardonnay.” – Katie Vogt







APPELLATION	Atlas Peak
ELEVATION	1,400' – 1,800'
SOILS	Volcanic Rock and Loam
ACRES PLANTED	600
YEAR PLANTED	1993
ROW SPACING	4 x 4
TRELLIS TYPE	Vertical Shoot Positioning
VARIETIES SOURCED	Chardonnay, Merlot, and Sauvignon Blanc

## WATERS RANCH

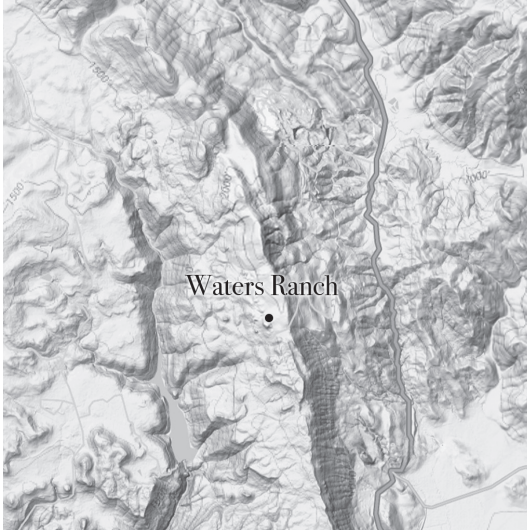


Jayson Pahlmeyer discovered this mountaintop site on the ridge of Atlas Peak, a place Helen Turley declared “paradiscal” – rocky, desolate, low vigor, with good drainage. David Abreu developed it in 1999, 72 acres divided into 52 blocks, including clones that Jayson smuggled from Bordeaux that have been used since our 1986 vintage.

“Waters Ranch is where fruit intensity and savory depth come together – the perfect mix of both.”

– Katie Vogt





APPELLATION	Atlas Peak
ELEVATION	1,500' – 2,100'
SOILS	Rocky Loam
ACRES PLANTED	72
YEAR PLANTED	1999
ROW SPACING	6 x 3
TRELLIS TYPE	Vertical Shoot Positioning
VARIETIES SOURCED	Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot, and Petit Verdot

## KATIE VOGT, PAHLMEYER WINEMAKER

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Pahlmeyer Winemaker Katie Vogt carries on Pahlmeyer's pedigree with expertise, artistry, and keen understanding. Building on the eminence Pahlmeyer has earned over three decades, Katie approaches each new vintage as an opportunity to honor the extraordinary success of her predecessors while continuously raising the bar.

"I'm not making individual wines; I'm continuing a legacy," Katie says of the winery she joined in 2019. "Pahlmeyer wines demand attention. They are truly inspired, showcasing the consideration and thought behind every choice and every detail. We farm deliberately at Pahlmeyer – we're taking vineyards to the edge and exploring the tension. When you're making this caliber of wines, you are fiercely selective. The fruit that becomes Pahlmeyer is nothing short of phenomenal, with incredible balance, intensity, and power."

A graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she earned a degree in Agribusiness with a minor in Viticulture and Enology, Katie began her career in 2008, mentored by maverick winemaker Christian Tietje at his Four Vines and Cypher Winery projects in Paso Robles. Rising from intern to assistant winemaker, she delved deep into every aspect of winemaking, from vineyard sampling to managing the cellar to leading blending trials.

"In Paso, working with Rhône varieties, blending is their essence and core," she says. "I was very lucky to be part of that very early on in my career. I get a lot of joy out of blending, of tasting a lineup of wines and envisioning what it would look like putting them together."

Katie describes her winemaking style as having steadfast focus. She brings the precision and thoughtfulness of a master blender, constantly evaluating which vineyards and blocks will deliver the intensity and power to earn their way into the Pahlmeyer portfolio.

Katie made her way to the Napa Valley, joining the historic Louis M. Martini Winery in 2015 as Associate Winemaker, crafting small-lot and single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon in the winery's Cellar No. 254. "In Napa, you're focusing on the long term," she says. "To succeed, you learn the nuances and appreciate the personalities of the sites. We commit to a clear vision, then we are relentless in bringing that to life."

Katie became Pahlmeyer's winemaker in 2019 after a year of collaborating with Consulting Winemaker Jennifer Williams. She's now crafting some of our most exciting wines yet, including our second 100-point wine, 2021 "Raison d'Être."









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