

# Wine Club Winter Release

**FEBRUARY 2022** 

## Message from the Doffo Family

### Dear Wine Club,

Happy New Year! We hope the new year is filled with prosperity and blessings. We are in the thick of winter here in Temecula Valley and the activity in the vineyards is nonstop. We are pruning the vines back and preparing them for Spring Bloom. The scattered rain storms have provided enough water to get our cover crop to take hold, providing extra nutrients to the soil.

With the New Year comes new commitments and resolutions. At the winery we continue to commit to producing world class wines and deliver exceptional customer service. The two wines included



in this Winter Release are staples in our portfolio. The Mistura was the first blend crafted by Marcelo Doffo in 2002. This classic blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah continues to be a wine club favorite and will be a crowd pleaser at your next dinner party.

What is not to love about our Zinfandel? Our Zinfandel program has really matured and the 2019 vintage embodies all of our previous experiences and knowledge wrapped up into this powerhouse wine. Not for the faint of heart, this Zinfandel is a showstopper. Sip now or let it lay for a few years, but most importantly, enjoy it with those you love!



We can not thank you enough for your support. This year marks 25 years in our beloved Temecula Valley. We set out to make wine for family and friends and we feel that we have done and continue to do exactly that. Thank you for being part of our family; thank you for enjoying our wines. We hope to see you all again here in the tasting room to enjoy our latest creations!

Salute! Damian, Samantha, Brigitte and Marcelo

## February Wine Club Selection

### **2019 MISTURA**

Doffo's original red blend is poised to once again serve as a great all around wine. The 2019 vintage is deep ruby red in color with purple sparkles, and hints of strawberries, blueberries, and dates give way to notes of coffee, dark chocolate and caramel. This balanced wine is easy to drink and leaves a pleasant aftertaste of red berries.

When to Drink: Enjoy now or age an additional 2-4 years

Composition: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Syrah

Club Selection: 1 Heritage, 2 Legacy

#### **Barrel Program:**

Aged 18 months in 64% American oak, 31% French oak, 5% Hybrid oak

### Winemaking Stats:

Alcohol: 13.6%

pH: 3.68

Total Acidity: 6.4g/L





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### **2019 ZINFANDEL**

Doffo continues its line of blockbuster Zinfandel wines with the 2019 vintage. Starting out a medium ruby red with well defined legs in the glass, this wine presents aromas of prunes, black cherries, orange peel, vanilla, mocha and strawberry jam. Upon first sip, the drinker is greeted with a velvety smooth, semi-dry wine with a long and lingering finish of prunes and cranberries.

When to Drink: Enjoy now or age an additional 3-5 years

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Club Selection: 1 Heritage, 2 Legacy

#### **Barrel Program:**

Aged 18 months in 77% American oak, 17% French

oak, 6% Hybrid oak

#### Winemaking Stats:

Alcohol: 14.7%

pH: 3.71

Total Acidity: 6.75g/L

### 25 YEARS IN THE VALLEY

"That saying 'only in America' – I am living proof that the generosity of this country is there if you really work hard for it and do things right."

25 years ago, an amateur winemaker looked out over a humble parcel of undeveloped land and pondered his next stage in life. After building a successful auto repair business, Marcelo Doffo realized that something was missing. He yearned to return to his roots and once again cultivate the earth. While he grew up on the family soybean and corn farm in rural Argentina, this venture would be about his new passion: winemaking.

Marcelo purchased that land, once used as a cattle ranch, and began transforming it into a vineyard. Four years after planting those first vineyard blocks, the Doffo family tasted the first wine produced from their own land. "It started as a hobby," Marcelo explains. "I bought some land so I could play in the dirt. I bought a tractor so I could play with the tractor. We never intended to become a big winery, we just wanted to make wine for ourselves."

That all changed when outsiders began to recognize the quality of the wine Marcelo was producing. "Before we were even a winery, people would see the vineyards and the house and would drive up asking to taste our wine. When people wanted to buy our wine – that's when I knew we could make a viable product."

Fast forward more than two decades and Doffo Winery has grown into one of the most respected wineries in the booming Temecula Valley AVA, in no small part due to the hard work, dedication and vision of Marcelo and his children Samantha, Brigitte and Damian.

Samantha Doffo reflects on the milestone: "It's an incredible feeling to get to 25 years, even though it feels like in some ways we have only just begun. I look back and remember those early days when I could look up and see my siblings and my Dad all working the tasting room, and that still happens today. What a cool ride we are currently on!"



"To be honest, it's extraordinary to see the growth, to see all the people we are employing, and to see my children seriously involved in the family business," Marcelo continues. "It's very overwhelming and satisfying to experience the response from everybody who loves our wine. And to watch the Temecula Valley as a whole rise up and receive the attention it deserves; it's very special to be part of that growth."

"Reaching this 25 year milestone for our family is truly humbling," explains Winemaker and CEO Damian Doffo. "I think back to those long summer days as a young teenager, working what seemed like endless hours. It makes me nostalgic for the good ol' days. I've enjoyed the ride to this point and look forward to the next 25 years of continuing to build upon my father's legacy in Temecula Valley."

In recent years, Marcelo has stepped back from daily operations and his children have taken over. "Dad's legacy is important to all of us, and we still want to make him proud," Samantha explains. "I like to think that folks who have been customers for years still see a part of my Dad in each of us, and we want that legacy to continue on to our children."



Indeed, the third generation of Doffos, who have been growing up right alongside the winery itself, are beginning to get involved. Marcelo reflects, "It's a totally special feeling to see both generations come back to the winery. As amazing as it has been to watch my kids take over and run the winery, it is even more special to see my grandchildren step up. They are the torch carriers, and I am very proud."



"At the end of the day, none of us would be here without this crazy idea he had," Samantha says. "All we hope for is to continue doing what we love and be able to share it as siblings and with our kids, so that everyone can enjoy the fruits of Dad's labor."

As the mission statement on the back of our bottles says: "Family unity is our priority, nurturing the soils of our vineyards is our legacy, and handcrafting exceptional wines is our passion." We raise a glass to everyone who made this first 25 years possible, and look forward to the next 25! Salute!

### COME VISIT DOFFO WINERY IN 2022!

It's time to plan your visit to Doffo Winery! Over the past couple of years we have invested heavily in our remodeled tasting room, our private rental suite that is available exclusively to Doffo Wine Club Members, and our various outdoor seating areas. At the heart of it all is the passion for creating great wine and sharing it with all who visit. Below are the various experiences we offer—we invite you to come and see us this year!



### TASTING AT THE WINERY

We offer a variety of flight options that will allow you to sample our latest releases, select reserve wines, and decadent dessert wines. Counter tastings are offered inside both of our tasting rooms, and tables located on our various outdoor patio areas are available for food service as well as wine flights and wine by the glass or bottle. The Winery is open to the public 7 days a week (see website for seasonal hours and holiday closures). Advance reservations are required for 8 or more people and for guests arriving by limo or tour bus. Reservations for smaller groups are not required but are encouraged.

### PRIVATE TASTING EXPERIENCE

For those wine lovers who are looking for a more relaxed and intimate experience, our Private Tastings can accommodate up to 8 people seated in a private room. Guests are guided through a tasting of wines and charcuterie by a Doffo winemaker or sommelier. Advance reservations are required. Email us at info@doffowines.com or call (866) 469-8466 to book your experience.





#### CORK N TORQUE TOUR

For the ultimate Doffo experience we invite you to hop aboard our eco-friendly tour bus for a drive through the vineyards. Along the way you will learn about the history of the winery, the different varietals on our property, and our unique farming and winemaking techniques. The experience culminates with a private tasting and a visit to the MotoBarrel Room, which is home to barrels of aging wine and vintage motorcycles and scooters. Advance reservations are required and can be booked online.

NOTE: Doffo Heritage and Legacy Club members are entitled to a free Cork N Torque tour for 2 each year! You will receive an email upon the anniversary of when you joined the club, and you will be able to book your free tour for anytime in the subsequent 12 months. For questions please feel free to contact wineclub @doffowines.com.

### **MEMBER RENTAL SUITE**

Did you know we have a private rental suite on the premises that is available exclusively for Doffo Wine Club Members? This is your opportunity to take your visit to the next level and experience the joys of wine country living! Watch the sun set over Temecula Valley from the comfort of your private patio, soak in the oversized bathtub, and relax in your luxurious California king bed. The suite accommodates 1-2 guests, and advance reservations are required. Email stay@doffowines.com to check availability and book.



## Culinary Wine Fours Return!



This past October, Marcelo and María Doffo were finally able to return to Italy with a group of fellow wine lovers for a weeklong getaway full of food, wine and culture. Focusing on some of Italy's most famous wine regions, including Tuscany and Veneto, Marcelo and María treated their guests to world class experiences at some of the top wineries and producers of local specialties. Now, they are planning to return to Italy with another group in April 2022, and are adding a new tour to the menu with a trip to Spain in May 2022. See the details below and for more information please contact María directly at maria @doffotours.com.



### **Italy Tour**

April 2022

Embark on a weeklong adventure through wine regions like Tuscany and Veneto, taste world famous wines like Amarone di Valpolicella, Chianti Classico and Brunello di Montalcino, soak up the history in cities like Verona and Florence, learn about (and sample) local specialties like parmigiano and prosciutto, and more!



### Spain Tour

May 20-26, 2022

We will visit the most famous wine regions Spain has to offer, including Rioja (Logroño, Laguardia and Elciego), Ribera del Duero (Aranda del Duero and Peñafiel) and Rueda. Enjoy world class wine at several winery visits, indulge in the local delicacies, and soak up the rich culture in cities like Burgos and Valladolid.

## Current Releases

White Wines & Rosés		Dessert & Sweet Wines	
Paulina Sparkling	\$34.00	Doffo Port (Solera Style)	\$44.00
		Los Nietos (Late Harvest Syrah)	\$99.00
Red Wines		Lucca (Late Harvest Malbec)	\$76.00
2018 Cabernet Sauvignon	\$76.00	Tiago (Tawny Port)	\$109.00
2018 Cabernet Sauvignon	\$95.00		
Private Reserve		Library Wines	
2019 Cabernet Sauvignon	\$84.00	2014 Concreto Cabernet Sauvignon	\$159.00
Private Reserve	Φ=0.00	2015 Concreto Malbec	\$135.00
2018 Malbec	\$76.00	2014 Cabernet Sauvignon	\$155.00
2019 Malbec	\$72.00	Private Reserve	
2018 Mistura	\$76.00	2015 Cabernet Sauvignon	\$139.00
2019 Mistura*	\$69.00	Private Reserve	<b>#</b> 400.00
2018 MotoDoffo Super Tinto†	\$64.00	2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Private Reserve	\$109.00
2019 MotoDoffo Super Tinto†	\$62.00	2017 Don Armando	\$149.00
2018 MotoDoffo Gran Tinto†	\$64.00	2018 Petite Sirah Reserve	\$135.00
2018 MotoDoffo Royal Tinto†	\$64.00	2017 Syrah	\$89.00
2017 Salute	\$79.00	2017 Syran	ψ09.00
2018 Salute	\$76.00	Doffo Grappa	
2018 Syrah	\$76.00	Grappa Malbec Brandy	\$49.00
2017 Zinfandel	\$92.00	* *	\$49.00
2018 Zinfandel	\$88.00	Grappa Muscat Brandy	<b>Ф49.00</b>
2019 Zinfandel*	\$79.00		
Small Format Bottles		*February Wine Club Selectio	n
Paulina Sparkling (187mL)	\$10.00	†MotoDoffo Wine Club Exclusive	
2019 Cabernet Sauvignon	\$44.00		
Private Reserve (375mL)			
2019 Malbec (375mL)	\$39.00	Prices and availability are	
2018 MotoDoffo Caselli 66 (375mL)	\$34.00	subject to change	
2018 MotoDoffo Gran Tinto (375mL)	\$34.00	To place an order visit shop.doffowines.com.	
2018 Salute (375mL)	\$39.00	·	
2018 Zinfandel (375mL)	\$46.00	For assistance placing your order call us at 951-676-6989 or email us at wine-club@doffowines.com.	

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