

GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY

OUR STORY

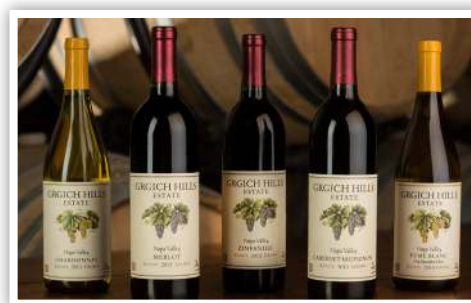
Grgich Hills Estate is an iconic Napa Valley winery, consistently producing wines of the highest quality. Vintners Hall of Fame inductee Miljenko “Mike” Grgich first earned world-wide recognition when the 1973 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay he crafted won the 1976 Paris Tasting, beating the best of France and revolutionizing the wine world. Mike then partnered with Austin Hills to open their family owned and operated winery in 1977.



Committed to natural winegrowing and sustainability, we farm five estate vineyards without artificial pesticides or herbicides, rely on wild yeast fermentation and use our passion and art to handcraft food-friendly, balanced and elegant wines.

NAPA VALLEY SELECTIONS

Our most popular and accessible wines, these complex blends focus on Napa Valley's best varieties from our five estate vineyards. These wines demonstrate Grgich Hills Estate's signature style: food-friendly, balanced, and elegant.



Chardonnay — 100% Chardonnay grown in our American Canyon and Carneros vineyards. No malolactic fermentation. Stirred on the *lees*, aged 10 months in 60% neutral and 40% in new French oak barrels. 14.1% alc.
Tasting notes: ripe peach, mango and tropical flavors with a hint of minerality

Fumé Blanc — 100% Sauvignon Blanc grown in American Canyon and Carneros vineyards. 80% Musqué clone. No malolactic fermentation. Stirred on the *lees*, aged 6 months (80% in 900-gallon neutral French oak casks, 20% in 60-gallon neutral French oak barrels). 14.1% alc.
Tasting notes: juicy tropical fruit and lemongrass flavors with a touch of minerality

Zinfandel — 98% Zinfandel, 2% Petite Sirah. Our Zinfandel is grown in Calistoga on head-pruned vines. The grapes are co-fermented, then aged 15 months in large French oak casks. 15.5% alc.
Tasting notes: food-friendly flavors of ripe blackberries, black cherries and a hint of pepper

Merlot — 95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged 18 months in a mixture of large and small French oak barrels, 30% new. Cool climate Merlot with bright fruit flavors and mouth pleasing acidity from our vineyards in southern Napa Valley, blended with a small amount of Cabernet grown at our warmer up valley vineyards to create more complexity. 14.9% alc.
Tasting notes: bright flavors of strawberries, cherries, licorice and a hint of coffee are wrapped in a velvety texture that make your taste buds ask for more!

Cabernet Sauvignon — 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc. Primarily from our Yountville vineyard with grapes from Rutherford and Calistoga vineyards. Aged 21 months in 60% new French oak. 14.6% alc.
Tasting notes: complex flavors of black currants, clove and mocha

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MILJENKO'S SELECTIONS

Created largely for our wine club members and winery visitors, these wines showcase the unique varietal characteristics from single vineyard blocks personally selected by Miljenko "Mike" Grgich. Clones, rootstock, and farming are matched with the distinctive growing conditions of each site.



Napa Valley Essence[®], Miljenko's Selection — 100% Sauvignon Blanc. Primarily Clone 1 in American Canyon using only the best blocks. Fermented and then aged in one large French cask. 14.1% alc.

Tasting notes: wonderful aromatics of grapefruit, lime zest and a hint of oyster shell



LEGACY SELECTIONS

Available primarily in our tasting room, these are our most exclusive and sought-after wines which focus on the varietals most associated with Mike Grgich's legendary accomplishments, crafted from the oldest vines in our estate vineyards.

Paris Tasting Commemorative Chardonnay — To honor Mike Grgich winning the 1976 Paris Tasting with the 1973 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay that he crafted, we showcase our oldest block of Chardonnay, the Wente clone planted in 1989. Aged 12 months in 60-gallon French oak (70% new) and then 6 months in 1,200-gallon (4,500-liter) French oak *foudres*. 14.2% alc.

Tasting notes: vibrant mix of citrus blossom, honey and roasted almonds

Cabernet Sauvignon, Yountville Selection — 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot. Single block of half-century-old Inglenook clone in Yountville. Aged in French oak barrels for 27 months. 80% new barrels. 14.1% alc.

Tasting notes: full-bodied and opulent with blackberries, cassis, mocha plus a long, elegant finish

Violetta, Late Harvest — a field blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Gewürztraminer in American Canyon. Late-harvest wine depends on *Botrytis cinerea*, the beneficial mold that permeates the grape skin, concentrating the sugar and flavors. Aged 18 months in 75% new French oak. 13.3% alc.

Tasting notes: rich aromas of ripe pear, Mandarin orange and honeysuckle leading to a lingering, harmonious finish

