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CELANI FAMILY VINEYARDS

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Fine wines & spirits worthy of a place in your private collection.



*Winemaker
Mark Herold*

THE FUNCTION OF the punt—the depression in the bottom of a wine bottle—is a contentious topic. Theories about its purpose range from increased strength or balance to the suggestion that it once served as a mechanism by which servants conveyed secret messages to their masters. Celani Family Vineyards, however, has removed some of the design’s mystery: For his 600-case inaugural release of Cabernet Sauvignon, owner Tom Celani commissioned oversize bottles with massive punts to collect the unfiltered wine’s sediment. Winemaker Mark Herold was adamant about not filtering the final product. “Mark is a huge believer that wine evolves in the bottle over a long period of time,” says Celani. “He believes that by leaving the wine unfiltered, you develop better wine over time.” In its early years, the **Celani Family Vineyards 2005 Ardore Cabernet Sauvignon** exhibits fruit and sarsaparilla aromas and an alluring blend of boysenberry, black-cherry, and currant flavors. The French-oak barrels used for aging lend spice to a long finish that promises great cellaring potential. (\$195) www.celaniwines.com — Oliver Slosser



All grapes at Celani Family Vineyards are hand-sorted.



VICKI AND TOM CELANI



Proprietors

Vicki and Tom Celani

It is no coincidence with Tom's rich Italian family traditions and Vicki's love of wine, they fell in love and purchased this Tuscan style estate right in the heart of Napa Valley, with its 17 acres of grapes and 120 olive trees in the foothills of the Vaca Mountain range, where tiny villages with their twinkling lights dot the evening skies.

As the proprietors of the Celani Family Vineyards, Vicki and Tom elected to bottle wine without costs becoming a consideration. This is about quality, not quantity.

To Vicki and Tom, wine making is not a business, but a passion.

The greatest compliment they could receive is to have a perfect stranger tell them their premiere vintage Ardore is the best wine that he or she has ever tasted.

"If we never bottled more than 12 barrels of Ardore a year we would be satisfied, because our commitment is always going to be to quality."

Ardore Cabernet Sauvignon

Celani Family Cabernet Sauvignon

Tenacious Proprietary Red Wine

Celani Family Chardonnay

Vincenza Cabernet Sauvignon, Rose Wine



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