

## Wine Club Gathering, Sept 30th

Join us as we celebrate the bounty of harvest!

Sample your club wines, enjoy tasty bites and live music!  
Experience an optional mini harvest tour through our crush pad.  
Sip newly pressed juice and explore the wine-making process.  
Join us anytime Saturday, September 30,  
between 11 am - 4 pm  
Advanced tickets required!  
Visit our website for more details.

**BOEGER**  
WINERY

# LEGENDS FALL CLUB RELEASE 2023

## Reserve Migliore 2019

\$25.60/club  
\$32/retail

### BLEND

48% Charbono, 32% Refosco,  
12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Aglianico  
2% Barbera

### WINE CHEMISTRY

Alcohol 13.00%  
RS 0.25%  
pH 3.65

### VINEYARDS & ELEVATION

98% Estate - 2,200-2,850 feet  
2% Las Lomas - 2,150 feet

### PRODUCTION

Fruit hand-harvested October through November, 2019.  
Aged 40 months in neutral French and American oak barrels.  
385 cases  
Bottled May 20, 2023

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

**Aroma:** Black cherry, raspberry, blackberry bramble, anise, paprika, and black pepper.

**Palate:** Nice mouth-filling roundness, medium acidity, ripe, with well-integrated tannins

Migliore is one of our favorite wines. This Italian blend is a bold amalgamation of all specialty Italian varieties that we grow on the Estate. Pairs amazingly with Bolognese, Arrabbiata sauces, Carbonara, smoked meats, gumbo, and grilled vegetables.

## White Riesling 2022

\$16.00/club  
\$20/retail

### BLEND

100% Riesling

### WINE CHEMISTRY

Alcohol 12.25%  
RS 0.46%  
pH 3.22

### VINEYARDS & ELEVATION

85% Walker Vineyard - 2,080 feet  
15% Peek Vineyard - 2,850 feet

### PRODUCTION

Fruit hand-harvested September 6th, 2022.  
Fermentation and aged in 100% stainless steel  
310 cases  
Bottled May 5, 2023

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

**Aroma:** Pineapple, nectarine, lime zest, citrus blossom, and crushed candy.

**Palate:** Bright acidity, accompanied by fresh citrus, lean mouthfeel, and a delicate mineral finish.

Riesling, a German variety, does exceedingly well here in our El Dorado AVA. With our diurnal temperature shifts (hotter days and cooler nights, thanks to our elevation), this variety is able to retain its sharp acidity while developing beautiful tropical notes like pineapple! Pairs beautifully with sushi, white seafood dishes, along with other Indian and Asian dishes. Best served chilled at fridge temp 43°F.

## Estate Barbera 2019

\$21.60/club  
\$27/retail

### BLEND

90.5% Barbera, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
0.5% Primitivo

### WINE CHEMISTRY-

Alcohol 14.40%  
RS .04%  
pH 3.79

### VINEYARDS & ELEVATION

100% Estate - 2,200-2,800 feet

### PRODUCTION

Fruit hand-harvested September through October, 2019.  
Aged 14 months in neutral French and American oak barrels.  
1,250 cases  
Bottled June 9, 2021

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

**Aroma:** Bing cherry, loganberry, raspberry, plum, clove, anise, blackcurrant, hints of lavender, black tea, nutmeg and red pepper.

**Palate:** Round and full throughout with medium acidity and a supportive tannin structure. Nice umami texture, and a long, mellow finish.

The Estate Barbera is made exclusively with fruit grown under the direct control of the winery, from our three main Barbera vineyards. The "Home Ranch" (2,200 ft. elevation) where the winery sits, the "Stone Barn Vineyard" (2,400 ft. elevation) near Placerville, and the "Peek Vineyard" (2,800 ft. elevation) near Camino.

## Barbera 2021

\$16.80/club  
\$21/retail

### BLEND

100% Barbera

### WINE CHEMISTRY

Alcohol 14.50%  
RS 0.12%  
pH 3.22

### VINEYARDS & ELEVATION

68% Walker Vineyard - 2,080 feet  
29% Viani Vineyard - 1,150 feet  
3% Estate - 2,200 - 2,375 feet

### PRODUCTION

Fruit hand-harvested August 23 through September 29, 2021.  
Aged 18 months in neutral American oak barrels.  
1,000 cases  
Bottled August 23, 2023

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

**Aroma:** Lively aromatics of boysenberry, black cherry, ripe figs, violets, cedar, and thyme.

**Palate:** Acid-driven and bold flavors, with medium weight at the core. Finishes with polished tannins and earthy components.

This 2021 Barbera is a vibrant red wine with lots of personality. Picked slightly earlier than usual, and made with mostly Walker Vineyard fruit, this Barbera contains a lively acidity and stunning deep-garnet hue that sets it apart from the previous vintage. Would pair nicely with a spicy chili, pork chops cooked with an apple sauce, roasted sweet potatoes, Swedish meatballs, and much more!

# The Wine Write's Interview with Greg Boeger

## They awoke a long-sleeping wine region.

Sue and Greg Boeger ditched the security of government jobs in the early Seventies for the uncertainty of viticulture and wine. Unable to stomach exorbitant land prices in Napa and Sonoma, the couple looked east. Agricultural officials in El Dorado County were eager to diversify farming. The wine industry had disappeared from the Sierra Foothills after Prohibition. When the Boegers were courted in 1972, wineries were nonexistent there. The region needed a pioneer.

They got one in Greg Boeger. He and Sue were transfixed with the property they purchased. Its history is amazing. The estate site was homesteaded during the 1849 Gold Rush. The dwellers didn't strike gold, so they turned their attention to farming and making wines and spirits. The old cellar was built in 1872 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There is history around every corner of the place. The Boeger family has written its own history since the Seventies. Their Merlot won national honors in the early Eighties. Boeger wine has been served in The White House. In 2018 Greg Boeger was honored with the Wine Lifetime Achievement Award by the California State Fair, joining industry stalwarts like Jerry Lohr, Robert Mondavi, and Bob Gallo. And he's still at it, doing what he loves best: vineyard work. After meeting Greg on a visit to the winery in January, we caught up recently for a conversation.



## The Wine Write: You've earned numerous awards and acclaim for your work in wine over the years. What gives you the most personal satisfaction looking back?

**Greg:** You know, getting that American Champion Merlot award was really helpful for us early on. Being recognized by wine writers like Robert Lawrence Balzer and others was very satisfying. As we approached our fiftieth anniversary of Boeger Winery, getting recognition from the county and the state legislature was really neat. I got satisfaction from those. I don't really need a lot of that, though. I'm pretty self-satisfied with what we've done. What gives me a charge is having wine club members and event guests come up to me and convey their thanks and appreciation for us being here. They love the atmosphere here. They enjoy our wines. They love attending our events. What I most appreciate is this land that we have developed and the joy I get from our club members and customers. I get that every time I see them. They know me personally. They thank us every time they visit. That has had a lot of impact on me. Sue and I look back and are proud of what we created here. We're happy we put new life into this historical location and made it available for the community to come to enjoy.

## A humbler Lifetime Achievement Award winner you are unlikely to find.

View the complete interview here, <https://www.thewinewrite.com/2023/06/a-look-at-el-dorado-county-wine-with.html>

## News from the Cellar September 2023

### Inventory Adjustments, and Excitement for the 2023 Vintage

There's a lot of hustle and bustle here at Boeger Winery as we kick-off for the 2023 Harvest! This growing season has been exceptional for grapes. We have seen a plentiful supply of water to the Sierras this winter and spring, followed by a mild summer to boost our grapes. This has given us a new wave of excitement for this year, especially in view of the challenges of frost in 2022, and smoke damage from the Caldor Fire in 2021.

The smoke and frost damage have created a large shift in our inventory. You might notice that some of your favorite wines will not have a 2021 or 2022 vintage because of the damage from those years. We want our club members and customers to know that we take a lot of consideration and care in only releasing wines that meet the Boeger standard for quality. We are very grateful to our members, and appreciate everyone's patience and continued support.

On that note, this harvest has a lot of exciting things happening! The crops are looking their best, and we are excited to get new vintages of our Pinots in addition to a new grape variety, Nero d'Avola. We will be purchasing this new varietal from our beloved grower, Walker Vineyard. This is a rare Italian variety, meaning "black (grape) from Avola", which is a city in southern Sicily (Say that 5 times fast). This Italian variety is often compared to New World Shirazes that are more fruit-forward and bolder than their French Syrah counterpart.

Clare Kessler, Assistant Wine Maker



Veraison, "the changing of color in grapes"

