We highly recommend these reserve wines for a special occasion. Reserve wine traditionally boasts a higher quality and is of limited quantity. It is sometimes saved by vintners for those special moments, rather than being sold.

These selections come from esteemed vineyards and vintners that have a Notre Dame connection.

Morris Inn proudly showcases an individual winery and its unique connection to the Golden Dome at our monthly Sorin’s Wine Academy Dinners. It is an opportunity to hear about the vintner’s time at Notre Dame, and to learn about their winemaking traditions.

In addition, the Quinn Family Room is available for up to 10 people to enjoy private tastings of the Sorin’s Wine Academy feature of the month.

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RESERVE WINE

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2014 PAUL HOBBS CHARDONNAY // (RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY)
This 2013 Chardonnay was hand-harvested at night between September 6th and September 23rd. Barrel fermented for 4 months then aged 12 months in French Oak barrels, this wine exudes aromas of white flowers, baked pear tart, nectarine and toasted almond shortbread.

PINOT NOIR

2010 VINEYARD (511) PINOT NOIR // (NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
A west-facing steep slope catches the heat of the afternoon sun. Located above the fog line, its rocky, volcanic soil produces mountain fruit with deep-colored small berries and wines that are bigger, more complex, more age-worthy than wines from the valley floor. This lush and elegant Pinot Noir has a palette of cherry and strawberry.

2014 PAUL HOBBS // (RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
Since founding his winery in 1991, Paul Hobbs has established himself as one of the top winemakers in the Russian River Valley. A winner of numerous gold medal awards from both the Wine Spectator and Wine Advocate, the Paul Hobbs Pinot Noir seduces with aromas of black raspberry, violets, sassafras, cloves and cocoa butter.

OTHER RED WINES

2013 BARGETTO “LA VITA-CAL-ITAL” RED BLEND // (SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA)
Dating back to 1933, John and Phillip Bargetto officially opened this Santa Cruz winery, continuing the family tradition that started in Northern Italy. On the nose you will get cedar, cranberries, fresh ground cinnamon and fruit leathers.

2015 ORIN SWIFT PAPILLON // (NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
Sourced from hand-picked vineyards across the various Napa Valley AVAs. The label is an image of human hands with the word “papillon” showing. These are farming hands - the hands of one of the nicest, old school vintners in the Napa Valley you will ever meet, Vince Tofanelli. Highly aromatic with notes of ripe black cherry, anise, licorice and shaved dark chocolate.
2014 GALLO “SIGNATURE”  (NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
This “Signature” wine showcases our unique estate vineyards and reflects the personal passion of third-generation winemaker Gina Gallo. Gina blended Cabernet grapes with a touch of Petit Verdot to enhance the overall structure of the wine, featuring flavors of currant, cassis, dark fruit, chocolate and cherry.

2014 TRINITAS  (NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
In 2002, Tim and Steph Busch realized their dream of starting a winery. Trinitas Cellars is a small winery in Napa Valley that is still owned and operated by the Busch family. This special Cabernet is full-bodied and rich, with cherry, black plum and chocolate notes.

2012 LOUIS M. MARTINI MONTE ROSSO  (SONOMA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
Handcrafted from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, this wine was hand-harvested between October 12 and November 1. After primary fermentation, the wine was racked by gravity into French oak barrels – 90% new, 10% used oak. This monumental red wine delivers complex aromas of cherry, spice and earth.

2015 VINEYARD {511}  (NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
This Cabernet, aged 30 months in French oak, comes from a unique one-acre vineyard on a west-facing hillside in the Diamond Mountain district of Napa Valley. The rocky, white-ash soil yields small berries that reveal a rich and concentrated wine with flavors of blackberries and cassis.

2012 SILVER OAK  (NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
This 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, selected from vineyards throughout the appellation, is 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot. It is aged for 24 months in new American oak barrels and 20 months in bottles to harmonize its components before release. It has a dark, ruby color and a complex nose of cassis jam, mocha, violets and nutmeg.

2012 LOT NO. 1  (NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
The concept of lot wines at Louis Martini dates back to 1968 when Martini first made luxury Cabernet Sauvignon from selected barrels that he named by lot number. Rich aromas and flavors of black cherry and cassis are framed by toasted sweet oak notes and hints of mocha.

2012 KNIGHTON FAMILY VINEYARD “AVA GRACE”  (NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
For the past few years, Jim and Ann Knighton have been working on a “more approachable” wine to sit alongside their Reserve label. The name became quite obvious when their first grand-daughter was born four months premature. As a small tribute to those who provided support to premature births and the challenges that come with it, the Knighton family will make a donation to March of Dimes for every bottle of “Ava Grace” sold.

2010 KNIGHTON FAMILY VINEYARD “RESERVE”  (NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
The vineyard is located in the far northeastern corner of Napa Valley, up the historic Old Toll Road and perched 1000 to 1500 feet above the valley floor. The property is one of the most steep, rocky and brushy landscapes on the slopes of Mt. St. Helena. The 2010 vintage is 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Petite Verdot.

2014 PAUL HOBBS BECKSTOFFER LAS PIEDRAS  (NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)
Nestled into the bench at the foot of Spring Mountain, this vineyard was planted in 2001 and produces a mineral driven Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2014 Cabernet is true to site with powerful aromatics of black fruit and currant made ever more intriguing by smooth supple tannins.