

WINE PORTFOLIO



MANKAS HILLS VINEYARDS

"A passion for Cabernet"



PREMIERE
CONTADO MANKAS
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

A UNIQUE PORTFOLIO
OF
EUROPEAN STYLE
CABERNET SAUVIGNON WINES

FROM
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S
SUISUN VALLEY AVA



BORDEAUX BLEND
AMELIE
CABERNET SAUVIGNON - MERLOT



CLASSIC
MANKAS
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



INNOVATIVE
PIOLA
CABERNET SAUVIGNON & MERLOT



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ABOUT MANKAS HILLS VINEYARDS

Mankas Hills Vineyards is a family-owned producer of award winning wines located in the Suisun Valley AVA (American Viticultural Area), just a few miles east of the world-renowned Napa Valley wine region. We believe first and foremost that great wines are made in the vineyard, and that they should be enjoyed at affordable prices. Committed to quality in all aspects of wine making, we focus on growing ultra-premium Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, which thrives on our terroirs, and crafting them into world-class wines.

Like many small family businesses, Mankas Hills Vineyards was born out of love for the land and the fruits of hard labor. Joe and Mario Rosso, two brothers who learned winemaking in the family vineyards in the

“Langhe” region in Italy, had a dream of starting their own premium wine production in the Suisun Valley in California. The result is our unique style of wines and brands: Contado



Mankas, Mankas, Amelie, Piola and Mankas Crest.



We think our wines demonstrate the very best characteristics Cabernet Sauvignon have to offer wine enthusiasts,

whether they are casual drinkers or experienced connoisseurs. The long list of awards received in international wine competitions seem to confirm this.

Mankas Hills Vineyards is proud of its rich

heritage in winemaking and values most the old world traditions that have been passed down to us by our family. But we also greatly value the new technologies and great wealth of know-how and practices developed in California to produce great wines. The result is our selection of premium European style Cabernet Sauvignons found in this wine list.



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CONTADO MANKAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PREMIERE

The Contado Mankas is our Premiere Cabernet Sauvignon. It is crafted from the best selection of our premium Cabernet grapes and closely supervised through every stage of the wine making process. It was branded "Contado Mankas" to honor the competitive pursuit for excellence which characterized the viticulture in the "Contado", the area of vineyards around the medieval villages growing wine in the Langhe Hills in Piedmont, Italy.



2007 CONTADO MANKAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

A unique balance of rich black and red fruit aromas and flavors, dressed in an elegant deep garnet color robe. Black cherries and plums blend with raspberries and blueberries and harmonize with caramel, figs, vanilla and eucalyptus tones. Peppery yet silky tannins combine in a pleasant body and lead to a long and elegant finish.

Release Date: January 2011
Ageing: 24 months in a mix of small French, and East European oak barrels.
Alcohol: 14.4%
Cases Produced: 514

Gold Medal - Best of Class - 96 Points
2011 Los Angeles International Wine Competition

Silver Medal
2011 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

2006 CONTADO MANKAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The toasted ruby color of this vintage enrobes rich aromas of vanilla, eucalyptus and oak with scents of nougat. Powerful flavors of black cherry, wild berries and Kalamata figs characterize the enjoyable smooth mouth-feel of this wine. Upon deeper examination, spicy notes of clove, sweet peppers and cassis lead to a robust and long finish. A luscious, full bodied, well balanced accomplice.

Release Date: February 2010
Ageing: 14 months in a mix of small French, and Hungarian oak barrels.
Alcohol: 14.2%
Cases Produced: 520

Gold Medal
2010 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition



2005 CONTADO MANKAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This 2005 vintage is adored by a tantalizing deep and intense ruby color. Pronounced flavors of blackberry tannins and spicy aromas of bell peppers, eucalyptus and cinnamon combine with accents of plum, cassis and wild berries for a long lingering finish. The silky, yet complex texture and long fruit finish exemplify the grace and the power of the grapes from our vineyards.

Release Date: March 2008
Ageing: 12 months in a mix of small French, and East European oak barrels.
Alcohol: 14.2%
Cases Produced: 1140

Silver Medal
2008 Riverside International Wine Competition

Silver Medal
2009 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition



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With time, our Contado Mankas Cabernet Sauvignons have achieved a new level of flavor and complexity. These perfectly ripe vintages are a testament to the care and close supervision that went into the entire wine making process.



2004 CONTADO MANKAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This vintage greets you with aromas of vanilla and oak, along with black cherry, wild berries and eucalyptus. Layers of black cherry along with cassis, plum, and a subtle smoky note continue as the wine opens up. The soft yet complex texture and long fruit finish reveal the grace and power of the fruit from our vineyard.

Release Date: September 2006
Ageing: 12 months in a mix of small French, European and American oak barrels.
Alcohol: 14.2%
Cases Produced: 1456

Silver Medal
2007 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Silver Medal
2006 L.A. County Fair Wine Competition

Bronze Medal
2006 San Francisco Wine Competition

2003 CONTADO MANKAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Produced with the best selection of our vineyards' harvest, this Cabernet has been aged for 12 months in a fine mix of oak barrels. With a smooth body, rich in flavors and in color, it displays a delicate balance of ripe fruit and round oak aromas.

Release Date: March 2005
Ageing: 12 months in a mix of small French, American and European oak barrels.
Alcohol: 14.2%
Cases Produced: 2496

Silver Medal
2006 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Bronze Medal
2005 Riverside International Wine Competition



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MANKAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CLASSIC

A blend of grapes from the mini-terroirs of our vineyards harvested at different dates gives life to the Mankas our Classic Cabernet. The Mankas is crafted in honor of the beautiful farming area landscaped with vines, olive and fruit orchards, surrounding our vineyards in the core of the Suisun Valley AVA.



2007 MANKAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

A deep ruby red color with well developed fragrance and a very elegant balance of aromas and flavors. Aromas of cherry and plums harmonize with caramel, green olive and vanilla scents. A broad profile of black and red fruit flavors blends well with elegantly smooth yet lively tannins. Black pepper tones lead to an enjoyable gently astringent finish.

Release Date: March 2010
Ageing: 12 months in a mix of small French,
East European and American oak barrels.
Alcohol: 13.8%
Cases Produced: 2103

Gold Medal
2010 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

2006 MANKAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This 2006 vintage displays unique character and balance. A wide fruit profile elegantly harmonizes with round tannins. Notes of raspberries, black cherries and blueberries blend well with soft vanilla, eucalyptus, and black pepper tones creating an enjoyable balance of aromas and flavors. The distinct texture and finish partners remarkably well with food without overpowering its taste.

Release Date: February 2009
Ageing: 12 months in a mix of small French,
East European and American oak barrels.
Alcohol: 13.6%
Cases Produced: 1570

Silver Medal
2009 Pacific Rim Wine Competition

Bronze Medal
2009 San Francisco International Wine Competition



2005 MANKAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The exceptional character of our 2005 vintage grapes is reflected in this well balanced Italian style wine. Silky and elegant, with fruit aromas of raspberries, black cherries, and blueberries harmonizing with soft vanilla and eucalyptus tones. Bold cherry and cassis flavors blend into notes of wild berries with the characteristic long finish of our Cabernet Sauvignon wines.

Release Date: February 2008
Ageing: 12 months in a mix of small French,
East European and American oak barrels.
Alcohol: 13.6%
Cases Produced: 1172

Silver Medal
2011 Long Beach Grand Cru Wine Competition



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AMELIE CABERNET SAUVIGNON - MERLOT

BORDEUX BLEND

The Bordeaux area in France has a long history of blending Cabernet and Merlot, two grapes that grow at their best in the Suisun Valley AVA. The Amelie is our Bordeaux Blend, emphasizing joy in wine. While the Cabernet Sauvignon is the real essence of our vineyards, the Merlot lends a softening touch and a different fruit profile to create a unique duet in elegance.



2007 AMELIE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON - MERLOT

The richness of Suisun Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blend in an elegant balance of aromas, flavors and texture. Notes of red and black berries, cherry, and plums from the Merlot highlight the silky tannins and long slightly spicy finish of the Cabernet Sauvignon joyfully harmonizing into a graceful wine.

Release Date: October 2011
Ageing: 12 months in a mix of small French, East European and American oak barrels.
Alcohol: 13.9%
Cases Produced: 280

Silver Medal
2011 L.A. International Wine Competition

2006 AMELIE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON - MERLOT

A 4 time silver medal winner the 2006 Amelie fuses joy and elegance. Rich blueberry and raspberries notes blend with black cherries and white fig tones, all enriched by nuances of Suisun Valley's mineral loam. Full mouth texture along with soft spices and tannins, lead to a graceful finish. This wine will make any meal or occasion special.

Release Date: February 2009
Ageing: 12 months in a mix of small French, and East European oak barrels.
Alcohol: 13.9%
Cases Produced: 310

Silver Medal
2009 Pacific Rim Wine Competition
Silver Medal
2009 Riverside International Wine Competition
Silver Medal
2009 L.A. County Fair Wine Competition
Silver Medal
2009 San Francisco International Wine Competi-



2005 AMELIE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON - MERLOT

Elegance and the richness of full fruit characterize this 2005 release of the Amelie. Soft aromas of vanilla and oak along with lively blackberry give way to full flavors of cassis, ripe plums, and a brambly fruit giving this wine a silky joyful character.

Release Date: February 2008
Ageing: 12 months in a mix of small French, and East European oak barrels.
Alcohol: 13.9%
Cases Produced: 772

Critics Platinum Award
2008 Critics Challenge



2004 AMELIE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON - MERLOT

This elegant and smooth blend of 2004 vintage grapes greets you with aromas of vanilla and silky oak, along with blackberry and mocha. Layers of cassis, ripe plums and black cherry intensify over time into a gracefully long finish.

Release Date: May 2006
Ageing: 12 months in a mix of small French, European and American oak barrels.
Alcohol: 13.9%
Cases Produced: 1000

Silver Medal
2006 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition



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PIOLA *INNOVATIVE*

In Piedmont and other regions of northern Italy, the name Piola was used to describe a place where villagers and visitors would gather and dine on simple food and the local unsophisticated but witty wines, many times straight out of the barrel. The name has also been used by Italian immigrants to describe something that is cool, pleasing or enjoyable. We have chosen this name to brand our innovative and lively Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot which both can be enjoyed with every day food.

2008 PIOLA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This simple, short aged in neutral oak Cabernet Sauvignon reveals the fruit richness, fragrance and refreshing texture of Suisun Valley grapes. The round tannins, the elegant balance of flavors and aromas, and the mild exposure to oak makes this wine ideal for every day meals.



Release Date: May 2010
Ageing: 9 months in neutral oak.
Alcohol: 13.8%
Cases Produced: 504

Silver Medal
2011 Los Angeles International Wine Competition

2007 PIOLA MERLOT

A garnet color adorns pleasant fruit aromas and flavors of blackberry, currant, cedar and green olives along with mint, tea-leaf and eucalyptus tones. The rich fruit, the soft tannins and medium finish borrowed from a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon, harmonize well into a pleasant medium body wine ideal for every day meals.



Release Date: November 2010
Ageing: 18 months in neutral oak.
Alcohol: 13.9%
Cases Produced: 224

Silver Medal
2011 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

MANKAS CREST DRY ROSÉ CABERNET SAUVIGNON *LIGHT AND CRISP*

The blush juice produced from the fermented pulp of our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes gives life to the light and fragrant Mankas Crest dry rosé wine. This rosé displays the refreshing scents and the invigorating flavors of the Mankas Hills grapes. You should drink this wine chilled and partner them with light foods.

2010 MANKAS CREST DRY ROSÉ CABERNET SAUVIGNON

With a silky and refreshing texture reminiscent of sparkling wines, this rosé displays scents of melon, berry, vanilla and eucalyptus along with flavors of watermelon, blueberries and cassis which linger in your mouth giving way to a touch of fragrant pleasure.



Release Date: September 2011
Ageing: Fermented and aged 6 months in oak barrels
Alcohol: 13.9%
Cases Produced: 224

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UNIQUE SUISUN VALLEY TERROIRS

Suisun Valley is one of the wine country's best-kept secrets. Valley winemaking dates back to the late 1800s and American Viticultural Area (AVA) recognition came in 1982, just second to Napa Valley. Vineyards expanded steadily during the last 20 years. Suisun Valley Grape Growers have been the preferred suppliers of large corporate wineries in Napa and Sonoma that wanted grapes for the three hottest varietals - Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Merlot. Today, Suisun Valley wines are earning a reputation on their own, winning awards at the most recognized competitions and being enjoyed by customers all over the United States.



Located between the George Range and the Vaca Mountains, the valley was carved out in geologic times by the Suisun, LedgeWood and Gordon creeks. The erosion of volcanic rocks in the west and cretaceous sandstones from the rolling hills in the east generated unique fan deposits with a blend of upland soil and gravelly loams rich in minerals and organic content, ideal for vineyards.



The area enjoys a unique blend of generous daytime sunshine and cool night breezes blowing north from the San Pablo and Grizzly Bays. Fog hardly ever penetrates into Suisun Valley. This creates a healthy low speed ripening environment ideal for growing ultra-premium grapes.

We are particularly proud of the unique terroirs of our vineyards located on fan deposits in the north-eastern bank of the Suisun creek, rich in fertile sandy loams with excellent drainage and gentle slope. A knoll with ancient eucalyptus and oak trees, at the center of our vineyards, forms a diverse topography and micro-climates which generate a gamut of different aromas, flavors, and ripening dates for our prime Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. We complement this gift of nature with best practices in tending our vineyards from pruning through shoot thinning and suckering, summer hedging, canopy management and finally manual grape harvests at optimal tannins maturity.



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