

BRETT CAIRES

WINEMAKER AND PROPRIETOR OF
BOA VENTURA DE CAIRES WINERY

WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO PURSUE WINEMAKING AS A CAREER?

I wanted to have a career where I could make a living off the land farming or making something with my hands.

DO YOU HAVE A GO-TO WINE AND FOOD PAIRING?

I really love a hearty red wine and a crisp pepperoni and salami pizza.

WHAT IS ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS ABOUT WINEMAKING YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT?

I'm a farmer, so for me the hardest thing ALWAYS is coming up with fluffy terms and descriptions for wines, I am not poetic nor a writer. It's like recreating the wheel every time. Also, another hard thing about the job, is having to drink even if you don't want to.

WHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING THINGS ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Seeing people enjoy what we make. The wines, the winery grounds. Seeing them sitting with their families and enjoying themselves.

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE GROWING UP?

I wanted to be a professional tennis player.

WHEN YOU ARE ALL WINE-D OUT, WHAT IS YOUR DRINK OF CHOICE?

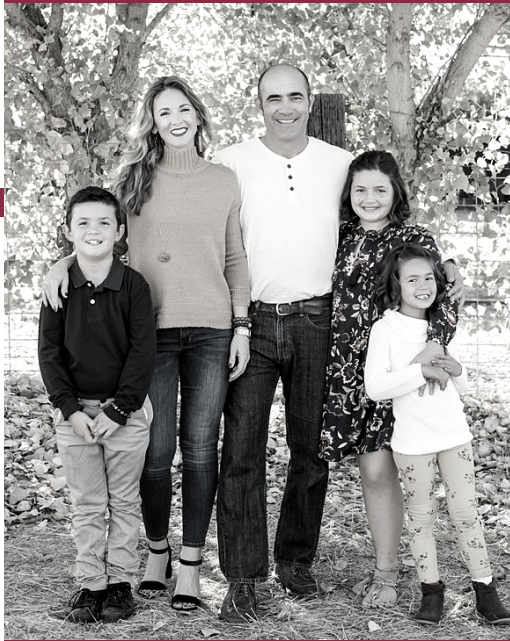
If the weather is hot, nothing beats a cold beer. If it's cold, I like a good Bourbon neat.

WHAT 3 THINGS WOULD YOU TAKE WITH YOU ON A DESERTED ISLAND OTHER THAN WATER?

I'd take my family, my dogs and my kite surfing gear.

IF YOU COULD EAT ONE MEAL FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

My wife's spaghetti and meat balls, hands down.



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SMALL PRODUCTION, HANDCRAFTED WINES

BoaVentura wines are truly handmade. The grapes are hand-picked by family and friends, and Brett and Monique take pride in crafting wines that BoaVentura Baptiste de Caires would be proud of. After all, his spirit is manifested in the name of the winery, Boa Ventura, or “Good Venture.”

HISTORY

Brett Caires, a self-made realtor, chef, and winemaker, hails from the stock of wine connoisseurs. BoaVentura Baptiste de Caires, Brett's grandfather and the winery's namesake, handed down a passion for relishing good wine. According to family legend, Brett's great grandfather, Antonio Caires, was deported during Prohibition for winemaking after he brought his family to America. A devotion to his family heritage was a natural inspiration for Brett to cultivate his own knowledge of winemaking.

Through the influence of family, friends, and fellow winemakers, including Karl Wente, Noah Taylor, and Bob Taylor, Brett learned about the art of making wine. On a trip with Karl to Europe in 1997 – through France, Greece, Portugal, and England – he sampled regional wines, amassing knowledge that would later help him produce his first Cabernet, made available to the public in 2002.

On April 29, 1999, Brett realized his dream of owning a winery when he and his wife, Monique, purchased a five-acre property perched atop a sunny ridge in the southeast corner of Livermore Valley, California.

WINES & VINES

The Caires estate includes three microclimates and a diverse terroir, ranging from a low, cold creek bed to a rocky hillside slope — replete with an interesting clay and static soil makeup — contribute layers of complexity and depth to BoaVentura wines.

Since the land is well-suited to growing Cabernet grapes, BoaVentura Winery specializes in Cabernets. Yet, as Caires notes, he also “fell in love with the Vino Verde white wines while traveling through Spain and Portugal,” both of which are made from the Albarino grape – the same grape he used to create BoaVentura's newly released white table wine.



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