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overview | Copain is dedicated to producing top-quality wines which will be complex, varietally correct and food friendly without being heavy-handed. Their belief is that quality starts with the vineyard. In pursuit of this, Copain has established relationships with growers who are committed to what they believe are the key attributes necessary to produce world class wines: vineyard exposition, clonal selections and dedication to organic farming practices.



Winemaker Wells Guthrie, who founded Copain along with his partner, Kevin McQuown, started his career working at the Wine Spectator's San Francisco office as a tasting coordinator. It was during these first few years that he fell in love with Syrah and moved to the Northern Rhone. Wells worked for Chapoutier for two seasons in both the winery and vineyards learning about the Northern Rhone varietals and Biodynamics. Outside of Chapoutier, Wells spent as much time as he could with Jean-Louis Chave, who he feels had an equally important impact upon his experiences in the Rhone. Following Chapoutier, Wells returned to work at Turley Wine Cellars, working in both the vineyards and cellar. Today, Wells is the full-time owner and winemaker for Copain Wine Cellars.

vineyard/cellar practices | All of Copain's growers work farm under either organic or biodynamic principles. The wine making techniques are old world in style with a minimum of intervention, employing natural primary and malolactic fermentations without the addition of cultured yeasts and bacteria. The wines are bottled unfiltered and unfiltered to avoid any stripping of flavors or aromas characteristic of the source vineyard.

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Tous Ensemble Viognier - Tous Ensemble, which means "all together" in French, is Copain's appellation wine range. The Viognier grapes are sourced from new blocks of the McDowell Valley Vineyards in Mendocino County. Grapes are night picked to maintain cold temperatures and whole cluster pressed once they arrive to the winery. The wine is stainless steel fermented and lightly filtered before bottling.

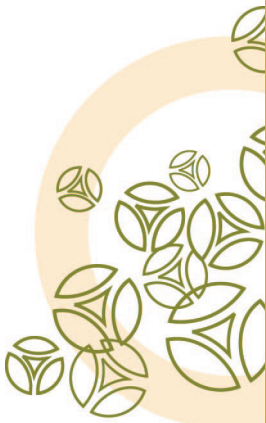
Tous Ensemble Rosé - The 100% Pinot Noir is primarily sourced from four vineyards across the Anderson Valley - Abel, Anderson Creek, Day Ranch, and Elke. The wine sees no oak and has plenty of vibrant acidity. Soil is Franciscan sandstone and production is 1000 cases.

Tous Ensemble Pinot Noir - The Pinot Noir is primarily sourced from three vineyards across the Anderson Valley - Anderson Creek, Day Ranch, and Elke. This wine highlights the purity of fruit, subtly earthiness and liveliness you will find in all Copain wines from this valley. Elevation is 10 months in older barriques.

Tous Ensemble Syrah - The Syrah is primarily sourced from three vineyards in Mendocino County - McDowell Valley, Eaglepoint Ranch, and Alder Creek. This wine offers a heady mix of floral notes, graphite, spice, and pure black fruit. Elevation is 10 months in older barriques.

Les Voisins Pinot Noir - Les Voisins, which means "the neighbors" in French, highlights fruit from closely clustered, neighboring vineyards in Anderson Valley and Yorkville Highlands. The Pinot Noir is sourced from Hein, Henneberg, Abel Hacienda Secoya, Monument Tree, and Kiser vineyards. Elevation is in 20% new French barriques. Soils are Franciscan sandstone and shale. Production is 2500 cases.

Les Voisins Syrah - The Syrah hails from the Yorkville Highlands, sourced from Halcon, High Rock Ranch, and Hawks Butte vineyards. Soils are schist, and elevation is in 3+ year-old French barrique and demi-muids. Production is 1500 cases.



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