



SPRING 2023 CLUB WINES

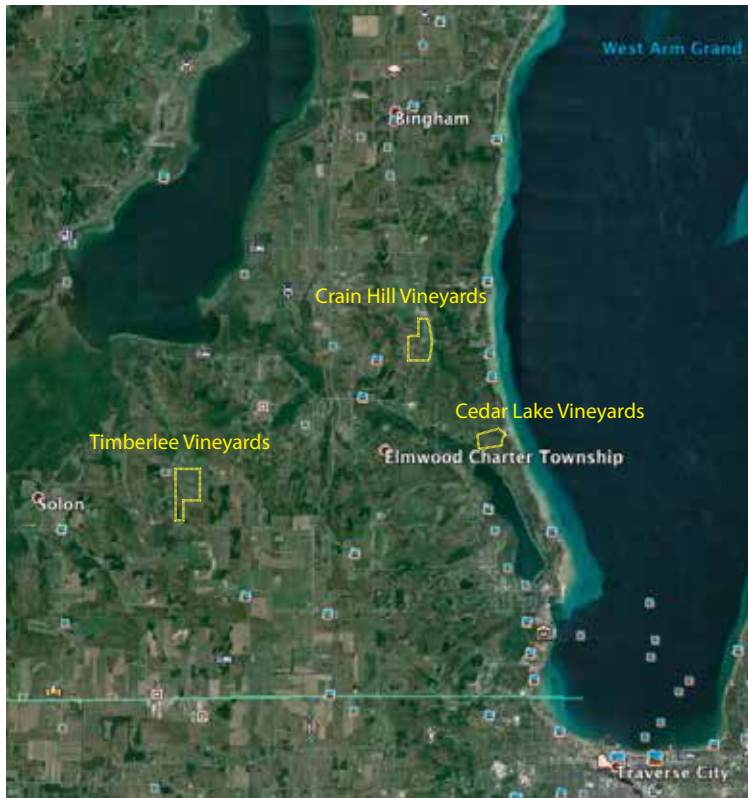
"It is in your power to review your life, to look at things you saw before, from another point of view."



The ROAD to BRENGMAN BROTHERS
by Artist George Kleiber



THE 'GRAND CRU' EFFECT



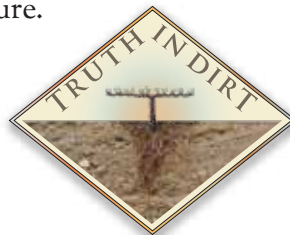
Area map of Southeast corner of Leelanau Peninsula

France's finest vineyards are often designated 'Grand Cru'. We believe the location and work that goes into Brengman Brothers vineyards help grapes to ripen as well as the best vineyards on the planet. We think so because:

- *a 'Grand Cru' wines are not merely riper, they are in every way more expressive, more complex, more beautiful.*
- *Grand Cru sites are the Earth's erogenous zones, a confluence of nerve endings that tingle at the touch of sunlight.*
- *the location where grapes are grown has such an impact that most great European wines don't mention a grape's name on the label--just the location where it was grown.*

Our vineyards have a special spirit which express themselves as the vines becomes more mature.

Dirt does matter!



Crain Hill Vineyard

- 26 acres
- Chardonnay
- Pinot Noir
- Riesling
- Gewurz
- Pinot Gris
- Sauv Blanc
- Viognier
- Rotgipfler



Cedar Lake Vineyard

- 4 acres
- Cabernet Franc
- Merlot
- Petit Verdot



Timberlee Vineyard

- 30 acres
- Sauv Blanc
- Chenin Blanc
- Muscat Ottonel
- Semillon
- Cabernet Sauv
- Cabernet Franc

THE 'COOL-CLIMATE' ZONE



If there's a new holy grail in wine, it's cool-climate regions. Winemakers in every corner of the planet want freshness and elegance in their wines, but with warmer growing seasons and ever riper harvests, those qualities are becoming harder and harder to achieve. Half century ago, Burgundy was the reference point for cool-climate Pinot Noir, Chablis was lean and mineral, and Bordeaux was deemed a marginal climate for Cabernet Sauvignon. Today, the picture looks very different.

Now these and many other classic wine regions are heating up to the point where their stylistic signatures risk becoming unrecognizable. Lovers of these hitherto restrained wine styles might need to look elsewhere—and they would be well advised to keep an eye on Traverse Wine Coast. This northwest corner of the mitt of Michigan has the climate advantage of a relatively northerly latitude, cold winters and nights, and Lake Michigan and the bays nearby to make it one of the few truly cool-climate zones in North America.

The cellar at Brengman Brothers has added a couple of key personnel to support raising the bar of the finished wines. Robert Brengman leads the charge as head winemaker with Ryan Tompke as the assistant together with Shannon Walters from One World Winery as the all-important consultant to the process.

The timing of this brain and brawn addition to the cellar has created an upward shift in the quality of the finished wines as experienced in the 2019 vintage and every vintage since. According to Robert, the relationship with this team has changed the way the process is handled from the crush all the way through the bottling that allowed for a 'less' action practice in wine-making -- less movement through tanks and pumps, less time open to oxygen, less usage of fixing chemistry. A mastery of timing, temperature and positive use of gravity are the keys. "I feel that all the wines have taken a notch up the quality scale, and we're hearing it from our members and fans." The goal has always been to develop a Leelanau terroir with an old-world spirit that, through time, becomes the benchmark for the region.

THE SIX WINES

The cellar team is very open to show its wines to a network of wine experts that are acquainted with the Brengman Bros brand through personal discovery or lead to our wines by a colleague. The six wines chosen for this Spring allocation are based on the picks and notes from a distinctive panel of tasters. A box of wines was sent to the following panel for review:

Brett Davis, MS in 2009, Brett passed the Court of Master Sommeliers' diploma level exam and earned the title of Master Sommelier. Brett helped set up the wine and beverage program for Forty Pearl

Dominic Bosch winemaker for over 20 years working throughout the world including France, Australia, California and Michigan

David Furer is an internationally recognized journalist, marketer and speaker, David's work has taken him to the world's most recognized and most far-flung wine-producing locales.

Eduard Seitan is partner of One Off Hospitality Group in Chicago including the Michelin-starred restaurant Blackbird and 10 other Chicago hot spots, including Avec, The Publican and Big Star.

Based on the feedback received, we are including the top six wines for your enjoyment;



2020 Chardonnay Barrel-aged

Light matchstick with ripe passion fruit on the nose with amazing creamy yellow fruit and caramel taste. Fermented in 100% new French barrels for 12 months then 6 months in Stainless steel.

Date Picked: 10.20.20 @ 22.5 BRIX / ALC 13% / RS 0 g/L / pH 3.45 / TA 6.1 g/L

Cases Produced: 180 / Vineyard Designate: Crain Hill Vineyard / Leelanau



2021 Chenin Blanc

Aromas of white peach, lemon grass and toasted almonds with agreeable mouth feel and creamy flavors leading to a very noticeable, elegant floral spiced finish.

Date Picked: 10.24.21 @ 20.5 BRIX / ALC 12% / RS 0 g/L / pH 3.2 / TA 7.4 g/L

Cases Produced: 90 / Vineyard Designate: Timberlee Vineyard / Leelanau



2021 Sauvignon Blanc / Semillon

Fresh hints of cut grass and garden greens with touch of rose petals, nice creamy feel, yet a favorable touch of acidity on the tongue.

Date Picked: 10.06.21 @ 21 BRIX / ALC 12.5% / RS 0 g/L / pH 3.07 / TA 9.0 g/L

Cases Produced: 210 / Vineyard Designate: Timberlee Vineyard / Leelanau



2021 Muscat Dry

Bone dry style with apple, pear or some subtle lime touches, but the dominant flavors are honey, peach, apricot, and mango. Timberlee Vineyard dirt is where these grapes are grown in loamy-sandy soil, composed by sand silt, gravel and a measurable amount of clay, iron and limestone.

Date Picked: 10.13.21 @ 19.5 BRIX / ALC 12% / RS 0 g/L / pH 3.40 / TA 7.7 g/L

Cases Produced: 50 / Vineyard Designate: Timberlee Vineyard / Leelanau



2021 Viognier

Aged in a French oak puncheon, this beautifully textured Viognier is our best to date. The signature ripe pear, citrus fruit, pineapple and notes of toast and minerals converge on the palate in harmony.

Date Picked: 10.14.21 @ 22 BRIX / ALC 13% / RS .05 g/L / pH 3.25 / TA 7.4 g/L

Cases Produced: 125 / Vineyard Designate: Crain Hill Vineyard / Leelanau



2021 Pinot Noir

Black cherry with beeswax notes including a scent of green tea with floating layers and satin tannins. An honest and humble wine that comes with a sad feeling when the bottle gets empty.

Date Picked: 10.10.21 @ 22.5 BRIX / ALC 13.5% / RS 0 g/L / pH 3.45 / TA 7.7 g/L

Cases Produced: 180 / Vineyard Designate: Crain Hill Vineyard / Leelanau
