



# VinoNostra

*This Wine of Ours*

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On January 29, 1920 the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution in conjunction with the Volstead Act made the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes prohibited.

For more than thirteen years the wine industry was all but shut down. In basements and hidden locations all around the country, small wine producers continued to make wine for themselves and friends. Some even were as bold to sell to speakeasy operators in their own towns. Not even the mighty Constitution could keep people from their glass of daily wine. We honor the spirit of the underground vintners who carried forward the tradition of American winemaking during the darkest hours of Prohibition. In their spirit we present VinoNostra, "this wine of ours".

VinoNostra opens with ripe red fruit and blueberry notes. Subtle aromas of cigar wrapper, mint, and dried orange peel fill the glass. Take a swig and you'll experience a mouth filling, yet smooth wine that unfolds with flavors of strawberry, cherry and blueberry, bringing it home with a long and lingering finish of tart cherries and candied orange peel. Honoring the traditions of underground winemakers, we have kept the wine's varietal a secret.

While on a business trip in Vegas, we enjoyed a bottle at Kokomo's Steak House at the Mirage. Exquisitely paired with bone in rib eye steaks, twice baked potatoes, and spinach au gratin. Bottle placed perfectly on the edge of the table, all the attention was on the waxed seal. While we enjoyed watching the server struggle to cut through the wax revealing the cork, we should tell you that the easiest way to open this great bottle of wine is to run your corkscrew straight through the wax, pulling the cork clean out the top.

Proprietors - Jeff Munsey & Michael Cobb

Retail Price: \$36