

# BONNY DOON VINEYARD

Established 1983

All Roads Lead to Rhône

Winemaking pioneer Randall Grahm planted Rhône varieties in the Santa Cruz mountains of northern California in 1981. Named after the small town of Bonny Doon, the eponymous brand is intrinsically linked to the Central Coast terroir and its unique culture. Four decades later, Grahm continues to lead winemaking at Bonny Doon Vineyard, working alongside long-time colleague, Nicole Walsh.

Ever the innovator, Randall and the Bonny Doon story has become iconic in the California Rhône Wine Movement.



**Randall Grahm**  
FOUNDER, DIRECTOR OF  
WINEMAKING



**Nicole Walsh**  
WINEMAKER  
- 22 vintages at Bonny Doon  
Vineyard.  
- Leader in the Women Owned  
Winery Movement.

## GREETINGS EARTHLINGS WE COME IN PEACE

...AND WITH WINE



## Origin Story

In 1954, the village council of Châteauneuf-du-Pape was quite perturbed and apprehensive that flying saucers or 'flying cigars' might do damage to their vineyards, were they to land therein. So, right-thinking men all, they passed an ordinance prohibiting the landing of flying saucers or flying cigars in their vineyards. The ordinance further states that any flying saucers or flying cigars that did land were to be taken immediately to the pound.

## Timeline & Highlights

**1983** Founding of the Bonny Doon Vineyard brand.

**1986** The first vintage of flagship wine Le Cigare Volant is released. An homage to Châteauneuf du Pape, the old-world style label, featured a spaceship (spaceship) hovering over the vineyards. (note: The spaceship has become synonymous with the brand, escalating to include alien visuals on screw cap closures, case cartons and point of sale materials.)

**1989** Grahm appears as the Rhône Ranger on the cover of the Wine Spectator. Issue includes first ever comprehensive tasting of domestic Rhône-style wines.

**1991** Rhône Ranger asteroid is named.

**2001** Bonny Doon Vineyard adopts screw cap closures on all wines.

**2002** Funeral for the Cork is staged at Grand Central Station, NY. Jancis Robinson delivers eulogy.

**2010** Randall Grahm is inducted into Vintner's Hall of Fame at Culinary Institute of America.

**2019** The 2018 Le Cigare Volant is released with new, brighter blend and winemaking style. Wine Enthusiast awards 93 Points and #19 on top 100 Wines of the World.

**2021** Wine Enthusiast, again, awards 93 Points & top 100 Wines of the World to the '19 Le Cigare Volant.

**2023** Doon to Earth tasting room opens in Aptos, California featuring wines from both Randall and Nicole.

# BONNY DOON VYD



2023  
OFFERINGS

In 1954 the mayor of Châteauneuf-du-Pape (a French wine growing village) was quite perturbed and apprehensive that UFOs or “flying cigars” might do damage to their vineyards. So, naturally, they passed a legal ordinance prohibiting such landings. The ordinance has worked well, as there have been no such landings since the adoption of this far-sighted legislation. If you look carefully into the background of the label, you’ll see an alien spacecraft, or flying cigar, approaching a vineyard, tractor beam ready. Greetings Earthlings, take me to your screwcaps.



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## Picpoul

PIQUEPOUL, PIQUEPOUL, PICAPOLL

White flowers, pineapple & a refreshing finish

**VINTAGE 2022 VARIETALS**  
88% Picpoul  
12% Vermentino  
AVA Arroyo Seco, Central Coast, CA  
VINEYARD  
Beeswax Vineyard  
ALC 10.5%

**91 POINTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

**BONNY DOON VYD**

## Le CIGARE BLANC

WHITE WINE OF THE EARTH

Pineapple, mango and lime. Delicious & refreshing

**VINTAGE 2021 VARIETALS**  
73% Vermentino  
23% Grenache Blanc  
4% Clairette Blanche  
AVA Central Coast, CA  
ALC 14.1%

**91 POINTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

**BONNY DOON VYD**

## VIN GRIS de CIGARE

PINK WINE OF THE EARTH

Wild strawberry, peach, guava, with wonderful creaminess & length

**VINTAGE 2021 VARIETALS**  
47% Cinsaut  
42% Grenache  
6.5% Grenache Blanc  
4.5% Clairette Blanche  
AVA Central Coast, CA  
ALC 13.0%

**92 POINTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

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## Le CIGARE VOLANT

RED WINE OF THE EARTH

Rich kirsch, red currant, & juicy blackberry

**VINTAGE 2021 VARIETALS**  
65% Grenache  
18% Syrah  
15% Cinsaut  
2% Petite Sirah  
AVA Central Coast, CA  
ALC 14.4%

**92 POINTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

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## Le CIGARE ORANGE

SKIN-CONTACT WINE OF THE EARTH

Fresh apricot, citrus, & tangerine blossom. Bright, fresh palate with peach & citrus peel.

**VINTAGE 2022 VARIETALS**  
40% Grenache Gris  
40% Grenache Blanc  
10% Grenache  
10% Orange Muscat  
AVA Central Coast, CA  
ALC 10.5%

**92 POINTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

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