Tavern Craft is proud to represent Jeff Runquist Wines in the Reno-Tahoe area!

For the adventurous wine drinker looking to explore the diversity of the wine world, Jeff Runquist Wines offers unique varietals from California's premier appellations inspired by the curiosity and passions of their growers and winemakers.



Jeff Runquist produces balanced wines that can be enjoyed in their youth, but will also age and become



more complex with time. His wines share a theme of fresh fruit reflective of the varietal flavors inherent in the grape. The grapes are selected from vineyards that provide rich full flavors without loads of astringent tannins.

The Runquist Way

Jeff started his adventure in the wine industry in 1977. He continued in the wine industry for over a decade when he became the winemaker for the J. Lohr winery in San Jose. It was during his tenure at J. Lohr that it became clear that he was going to have to make wine for himself.

In 2006, Jeff returned to Amador County having purchased a small five acre walnut orchard on Shenandoah Road. In the spring of 2008, Jeff and his wife Margie opened their tasting room with production facilities following closely. In 2011, Jeff was able to crush the majority of their production in Amador.



Jeff Runquist wines are characterized by a fruit forward nature to both the aroma and flavor that provides a good representation of the grape used to make the wine.

"My mantra as a winemaker is to pack as much flavor and character into a wine as possible without stepping over the line and making a wine so tannic that aging is required to balance and round the wine. This is not to say that our wines won't age. They will. It's just that they don't need to in order to be enjoyed."

