

October 2008

Greetings Wine Club Members!

Fall is officially here and the harvest has begun! The summer went by so fast, it seems like last week was Memorial Day and the summer was just beginning. Nonetheless, it has been an exciting summer. The **3rd Annual Lobster Feast** was a huge success and I know you are already thinking of next year's feast.

We consider this Wine Club shipment to be our Thanksgiving shipment. Basically what this means is that we strive to send you wines that would be perfect for your Thanksgiving dinner. I hope you enjoy these perfectly paired wines with your Holiday meals! Cheers!

- **Ryan Shenk, Wine Club Manager**

And now, a little information on the wines you are receiving:

Platinum Club

2007 Hope's Cuvee – This highly exclusive Reserve Chardonnay opens to apple and pear exhibiting an extra dimension of depth that the Estate Chardonnay does not possess; with hints of spice and cinnamon. Priced in our tasting room at \$60, **Wine Club price: \$51**

2007 Vin Gris de Pinot Noir – This rosé has a brilliant salmon color and has flavors of strawberries and cherries with hints of vanilla. Priced in our tasting room at \$28, **Wine Club price: \$23.80**

2006 Hyde Pinot Noir – This Reserve Burgundian style Pinot Noir presents hints of cherry and anise followed by smoky French Oak and berry aromas. This well balanced wine has a silky mouth feel with layers of berries, vanilla and oak spiciness. Priced in our tasting room at \$50, **Wine Club Price: \$42.50**

Reds Only Club

2006 Merlot – This complex wine offers an enticing blend of vanilla, black cherry, cedar and tobacco Priced in our tasting room at \$44, **Wine Club price: \$37.40**

2006 Meta – This Cabernet & Syrah blend (50 / 50) is a brand new wine made exclusively for the Wine Club. With flavors of raspberry, pepper and clove, this is a perfect union between two grapes. Priced in the tasting room at \$44, **Wine Club price: \$37.40**

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Calendar of Events - 2008!

Mark your calendars

- **Saturday, October 18 – Kobe & Cab Harvest Party 12 - 4pm** This celebration of the 2008 Harvest will include Snake River Farms Kobe beef burgers and hors d'oeuvres prepared by our winery Chef. \$50 for members **RSVP today!**
- **Saturday & Sunday, November 8th and 9th – Silverado Trail Silver Pass weekend.** You know you can taste here for free, but how many other wineries have you tried on the Silverado Trail? For just \$40 (Sat. only) or \$60 (Sat. & Sun.), you can taste wine at any of the participating wineries on the Silverado Trail. This is your excuse to try some new wineries you may not have been to before!

SIGNORELLO Vineyard Update

The 2008 Harvest is officially upon us! The spring started with 21 long nights of frost (normally we average 4 nights). We also had a freak cow incident where some cows wandered into our vineyard and decided to help themselves to some vines. However, the rest of spring was great...not too hot, not too cool. Then, the summer was average with only two late heat waves. Veraison was right on schedule at the end of July. Picking started the first week of September and we have been going steady since then. To this date, we have brought in Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Zinfandel, Cabernet Franc and a little Cabernet Sauvignon. We should finish out the season with Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon by the middle of October.



Out & About in the Napa Valley

Planning a trip to the Napa Valley? Here a couple of suggestions to make your visit better.

Napa Valley Adventure Tours: This unique and personalized wine country adventure takes you to the vineyards and beyond. Specializing in hiking tours, biking tours, kayaking tours, mountain climbing adventures and off the beaten path van tours, the team

at Napa Valley Adventure Tours will show you a side of Napa Valley that not many get to see! They are located at the **Oxbow Public Market in downtown Napa (610 First St. #10)**. To book your adventure call toll free **(877) 548-6877** or visit **www.napavalleyadventuretours.com**.

Firewood Café: Located next to Whole Foods in Napa, this casual dining restaurant specializes in Californian/Mediterranean cuisine at an affordable price. Using fresh, local and authentic ingredients, the food is simply prepared and really TASTY! I recommend the prosciutto pizza or the baked rigatoni. These two dishes will make you want to come back to try everything else on the menu. Visit them online at **www.firewoodcafe.com** or at **3824 Bel Aire Plaza, Napa, CA (707) 224-9660**

Balloon Rides Above the Napa Valley: Want a unique way to see the Napa Valley? Try a balloon ride from either **Balloons Above the Valley (www.balloonrides.com or toll free 800.464.6824)** or **Napa Valley Balloons (www.napavalleyballoons.com or toll free at 800.253.2224)**. There is no better way to see Napa than from 1500 feet above the valley floor!