

HAWK WATCH

As many of you know, last month (May) we celebrated Hawk Watch Winery's 5th anniversary. What a fantastic turnout of friends, family, and guests for the party! After the celebration was over and the dust had settled, Lisa and I took a few minutes to reflect on what it has taken to get here, and how the winery and tasting room have evolved over such a short period of time. Of course those thoughts led to further reminiscing about the days *before* the winery opened and what it took to get us to April 26, 2008. Truth is it took 7 full years of insanely hard work, persistence and a major leap of faith to make it all happen. The pictorial timeline beginning below on the left (aka "How to plant a vineyard and build a winery when you have no idea what you're doing") below gives you some sense of the interesting experiences we had during that time. Thank you to all who have helped us along the way, and thanks so much to our wine club members, customers, guests and family members for sustaining us and for supporting us through the years. We've said it before and we'll say it again. We could not have done it with you!



And the rest is history!

Wine Club Selections

Mixed Club

2012 Sequoia
Nemesis
2010 Merlot

Reds Only

2010 Merlot (2)
Nemesis

Nemesis

Each year when we sit down to begin tasting, blending, and assembling wines for the next vintage we invariably run across one wine in particular that just seems to take a significantly longer time to get just right. "Good enough" is simply not in our vocabulary, so that single wine plagues our thoughts night and day. In other words, it becomes our Nemesis. Then, one day after hours of failed attempts we finally figure it out. Nemesis is a blend of two grapes, Grenache (74%) and Syrah (26%). With a hint of smoke and earth in the nose, the palate gives way to ripe layers of rustic red cherry, black raspberry and white chocolate. A slight suggestion of cedar and cinnamon is on the finish. - 84 cases produced.

Zena & Zorro's Mouser Blog



We believe that there was a gross omission on the front of this newsletter. WE arrived in 2004 which makes us 9 years old this year. And WE have been slaving away ever since. Geez, do they really think the mice just catch themselves? Sheesh!!

2012 Sequoia

First, let me say I am not a sweet wine drinker. Most winemakers aren't, but that doesn't prevent me (or any one of a number of professional winemakers I know that would never admit it...) from enjoying a glass of semi-sweet, crisp refreshing summer pink stuff when the weather turns warm and toasty. A shady oak tree, a lazy hammock, 84 degrees and a light breeze... give me chilled glass of Sequoia and I'm happy. Our 2012 Sequoia is no longer the dry rose it has been in the past. Instead we have renamed our semi-sweet "White Grenache" in honor of our 21 year old house cat "Sequoia" and will continue to contribute to Living Free Animal Sanctuary on his behalf indefinitely. Our contributions to date amount to over \$4,700 from the sale of this wine and your kind donations. - 58 cases produced.

2010 Merlot - New Release!

At long last, Merlot is back! We're very excited to release our 2010 Merlot after a long hiatus. As with all Merlot's we produce, our newest release is ripe and juicy with bright black cherry and plum on the palate. Aged in 100% small French oak barrels for 27 months, the wine displays luscious notes of dark fruit in the nose and a rich supple mouth feel. The tannins are soft and elegant with a graceful finish. This wine has plenty of aging potential so enjoy one bottle now and let the second bottle age for 3-5 years (if you can...). - 132 cases produced.

PIC OF THE QUARTER!



A magnum of Hawk Watch Syrah tours England with David Langley!