



Beautiful Spring - You've Returned!

March, 2016

With our agricultural lifestyle, we are very influenced by the weather. Cold/hot, warm/wet/dry – it's second nature to be acutely aware of the weather, and how it pertains to the winegrowing element of being a winemaker. My husband Tony says I am "temperature-ly challenged!"

We have been experiencing a rejuvenation, as El Nino has returned to the North Coast with the much missed rain. At last. We are only at 50% of normal rainfall to date, and hope to soon catch up.

New things in the winery... Tony has set up an automated bottling line for us and this spring,

our first solo bottling run will be done in house – an important aspect of having more control over our wines, as we can bottle solely according to our schedule. We will soon be bottling 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, 2015 Patrona, 2013 and 2014 Russian River Zinfandel and 2014 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon.

We are also busy preparing for the Barrel Weekend March 4-6th and 11-13th, held in our tasting room at 243 Healdsburg Avenue. Join us to sample the newly bottled wines and learn of new vineyards we are working with. The wines will be paired with my famous pulled pork sliders on pretzel buns and live music will play Saturday 2-6PM & Sunday 12-4PM.

Your March shipment is the 2013 Russian River Zinfandel & 2013 Dry Creek Zinfandel. Uniquely known in the wine drinking world as, "the California varietal," Zinfandel has been an important wine for Stephen & Walker. Our 2011 and 2012 vintages of our Dry Creek Zinfandel have both been awarded the prestigious "Best of Region, Sonoma County" at the California State Fair and both vintages have also received multiple Gold Medals and "Best of Class." This shipment is truly special.

Cheers!

Nancy Walker
Owner and Winemaker



CURRENT RELEASES – AWARDS

We're so fortunate our wines are well received by the critics and competitions – we make some of the winning–est wines in Sonoma!

2012 Chardonnay, Late Harvest Botrytis Mendocino Ridge

Best Late Harvest/Dessert Wine - 2014 Grand
Harvest Awards

Best of Show, Best of Class, Double Gold – 2013
Grand Harvest Awards

Best of Class – 2014 Sunset Magazine Wine Comp

Best of Class – 2013 Press Democrat Wine Comp

Double Gold – 2014 Jerry Meade's New World
Wine Comp

Gold, 91 points - 2015 LA Intl Wine Comp

2012 Petite Sirah

Dry Creek Valley

Double Gold – 2015 SF Chronicle Competition

Gold - 2014 Pacific Rim Wine Competition

2012 Zinfandel

Dry Creek Valley

Best of Class of Region – 2014 California State Fair

Gold – 2014 Los Angeles Int'l. Wine Comp

Gold – 2014 SF Int'l. Wine Comp

Gold - 2015 San Diego State Fair

2013 Pinot Noir

Monterey County

Best of Class, Gold, 95 points - LA Intl Wine Comp

90 points - 2015 CA Expo Commercial Wine Comp

2012 Cabernet Sauvignon

Howell Mountain

Best of Class, Gold, 96 points - LA Intl. Wine Comp

2013 Portentous

Port Styled Wine

Best of Class, Gold, 96 points - 2015 LA Intl. Wine Comp

Best of Class of Region, 90 points - 2015 CA Expo
Commercial Wine Comp

Double Gold, 2016 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

Club Shipment

2013 Dry Creek Zinfandel

350 Cases Made



This Zinfandel comes from the Henry Black Vineyard just off the West side of Dry Creek Valley. Located on Mountain View Road at 1000 feet elevation, the vines grow in rich, red volcanic soil, full of nutrients that are perfect for growing the best grapes in the world. The vines are old and head pruned, on even older St. George rootstock, and produce delectable wine year after year! The wine is rich blackberry with a luscious mouth-full of fruit, smooth tannins, and is soft and easy to drink. Deep blackberry, blueberry, licorice, aniseed, vanilla cream – such a dream!!

2013 Russian River Zinfandel

200 Cases Made



I absolutely love to make Zinfandel from the Russian River Valley as it is so fruit filled and satisfying year after year. Grown in a cool area well suited for Pinot Noir, the Zinfandels from this area are bright and candied with soft tannins – very different from their robust Dry Creek cousins. I love to age this wine for at least two years before release as it really shines and overtakes the other Sonoma County AVA's. Bright, ripe cranberry and rhubarb over red cherry pie, with a long, soft finish.

“Our Wine Club members love that they are guaranteed to receive some of the most special wines that may never be available to the public.”

Nancy Walker, winemaker



Upcoming Events

Wine Down Fridays & Wine'd Up Saturdays – Every Friday & Saturday, 11am – 7pm

Enjoy our Gold Medal Dry Creek Zinfandel paired with our complimentary, local, artisan cheese plate. Also explore our full range of award winning wines, here at our Tasting Room.

Barrel Tasting – March 4-6 & 11-13, 2016, 11am – 4pm

Our beautiful wines, resting in barrel, will have a dress rehearsal these two weekends, as we taste our newest vintages. The focus is on the wine, but we know you will also work up an appetite, so we will be serving bites and enjoying some music as well! Paid tastings from 4-7pm.

Tickets on sale at wineroad.com. Tickets also available at the door, but premium to advance sales. Visit Fridays if you can – this event draws a crowd!

Wine Club Pick Up Party – February 27, 2016, 2 – 6pm

Always a fun afternoon as members meet to pick up their newly released wines. Sample the wines with a complementary bite, and enjoy the music of our favorite quartet! At the Healdsburg tasting room.

Dry Creek Passport, Deb's After Party – April 23, 2016, 4 – 7pm

Deb's famous after party is a wonderful way to end the first day of Passport. Our gorgeous wines paired with delicious bites and loads of fun! At the Healdsburg tasting room.

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8th Anniversary Party – June 15, 2016, 4 – 7pm

We look forward to welcoming you in our Tasting Room, featuring, as always, beautiful pairings with our award winning wines, great entertainment and much festive! Salute! At the Healdsburg tasting room.

Delicious Chicken Lyonnaise à la Nancy

Even though we often arrive home late, I still like to prepare a comforting dish. I've simplified the traditional Chicken Lyonnaise recipe, which we quite enjoy when we just don't have the time to fuss. Enjoy with our Sauvignon Blanc on your next night in!

Ingredients – Serves 6:

- 1 Whole Chicken, split open down the front so breast is open and back is still attached.
- 3 large onions
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 cups bread crumbs
- a few sprigs of thyme



Directions:

Lay chicken flat on a roasting pan, dress with the thyme leaves and roast at 400F for 30 Minutes.

While chicken is roasting in the oven, slice 3 large yellow onions of your choosing and sauté, on high, in 1/4 cup olive oil until soft – about 10-15 minutes.

Spoon all onions onto the top of chicken, while in oven.

Add 2 cups bread crumbs on top of the onions.

Spoon pan drippings on top of bread crumbs. Continue periodically, to baste the bread crumbs.

Reduce heat to 350F and continue to cook for an additional 30 minutes.

Current Releases

Wine Club members always receive their preferred pricing (25% discount from listed price), both in the tasting room, and online at trustwine.com. We are pleased to offer these multiple award winning, small lot wines. As wines do sell out, updated availabilities are always listed on the website, or just give us a call.

2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Green Valley of Russian River Valley
279 cases made | \$28

2015 Patrona, Muscat Canelli, Alexander Valley
200 cases made | \$38

2012 Chardonnay, Botrytis, Mendocino
200 cases made | \$75

2014 "Posy" Rosé of Pinot Noir, Sonoma County
450 cases made | \$45/1.5L

2013 Carignane, Alexander Valley
58 cases made | \$48

2013 Pinot Noir, Monterey County
625 cases made | \$46

2014 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley
450 cases made | \$56

2012 Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley
705 cases made | \$39

2013 Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley
350 cases made | \$45

NEW
RELEASE

2013 Zinfandel, Russian River Valley
200 cases made | \$45

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2012 Petite Sirah, Dry Creek Valley
590 cases made | \$46

2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Oak Knoll, Napa Valley
86 cases made | \$85

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley
370 cases made | \$85

2013 Portentous, Petite Sirah Port, Dry Creek Valley
590 cases made | \$85

Hollywood in Healdsburg



A little bit of Hollywood came our way recently, when "Cousin Eric" came to visit. Our cousin is actually Eric Curtis, a renowned photographer who specializes in portraiture and movie poster projects. Eric has "shot" David Lynch, Anthony Bourdain, Tommy Lee, Vin Diesel (and his many movie posters) and many other notable talents.

Eric's unique style of lighting "brings the studio outside," and allowed us to create a dramatic image – one we had so much fun shooting. We've just created a number of new photos, so we will reveal those soon – our bottles have never looked so good!

Eric's recent book, "Fallen Superheroes," sold out. Loads of fun, a few of the prints from the book have been shown in our tasting room. See more at ericcurtisphotography.com.



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