

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Steamboat Inn, Steamboat, Oregon. Winemakers' Dinners, we are being featured Fri. March 16 along with Chefs: Allison Bader and Amelia Hard. In Good Taste Cooking School. Their food matched the wines of last year's winemaker perfectly. This is a great place with a rustic, relaxed atmosphere and charming rooms overlooking the Umpqua River. There is another dinner Sat. March 17 featuring Bethel Heights and chefs from Laslow's Northwest. This Inn is a bit far away (not far from Crater Lake or Eugene) for our Washington friends but some of our southern Washington and Oregon friends might like to know about it. Call the Inn for reservations at 800-840-8825.

April 20-22 - *Pre Barrel Tasting*, our special customers can barrel taste w/o the crowds.

April 27-29 - *Spring Barrel Tasting*, taste from barrels up and down the Yakima Valley! This year there will be tasty food available for purchase.

Memorial Day weekend and two fun events:

May 26 - *Merlot and Ribs!* Chef Doug will have his delicious melt-in-your mouth baby back ribs served with rice and veggies for \$7.50 (tax included.) You can buy a bottle or glass of our 1998 Merlot to enjoy with your meal. We will be offering 10% off on bottles of Merlot all day. Doug will also be selling his new gourmet line of teriyaki sauces at a special price. Enjoy the Original mild or his new Sassy Sauce (teriyaki sauce with an attitude and a bit of a kick). *Serving 11a.m.-3p.m.*

May 27 - *Wineglass Cellars Anniversary Celebration*, enjoy dinner and dancing nestled in among our barrels. (Straws must be checked at the door!) A delicious Italian buffet dinner and the great dancing music of *The Blue Tropics band*. \$35.00/person, plus tax. Seating is limited to 50. Starts at 6:00p.m. Casual dress. Wine can be purchased to accompany your meal at a 15% bottle discount. Advance reservations only.

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Wineglass Cellars

It's still pretty gray around here, good thing the newly remodeled tasting room is warm and cozy and open for the season. We look forward to seeing you whenever you plan your wine tour. We have been busy bottling and are happy to report that the 1998 and 1999 vintages are palate pleasers.

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NEW RELEASE:*1999 Chardonnay, Yakima Valley*

A clean fresh nose of tropical fruit mostly pineapple with hints of coconut. The wine is almost sweet to taste and has a creamy oak finish high on the palate with a good acid balance. Some great food matches are smoked trout pate with Dijon mustard, capers and green onions or smoked salmon ravioli.

NEW RELEASE:*1998 Rich Harvest, Yakima Valley*

This classic Bordeaux blend, our very first, turned out stunningly well even if we do say so ourselves. The grapes are from our three top quality vineyards (Boushey, DuBrul, Elerding) and the blend is 40% Cabernet Sauvignon / 40% Merlot / 20% Cabernet Franc.

A thick and rich wine that has black cherries and a long creamy finish, very little oak was used in this blend. It will age beautifully or with some decanting is drinkable now. Available only through our tasting room. We made only 120 cases. Our son Patrick came up with the name.

As for the Port release..... we are getting closer. We have decided on the bottle and have had a great new label designed. We will let you know as soon as we have a date.

The 1998 DuBrul Merlot released in November is almost sold out only 12 cases left.

CURRENT WINES AVAILABLE:

1999 Chardonnay \$12.95/bottle

Zinfandel Batch 98 \$19.95/bottle

Fran's Wine \$ 6.95/bottle

1997 Cabernet Sauvignon \$22.00/bottle

Capizimo \$12.95/bottle

1998 DuBrul Merlot \$29.00/bottle

1998 Merlot \$19.95/bottle

1998 Rich Harvest \$50.00/bottle

WINEMAKER NOTES

1994 - Pinot Noir - It's hard not to drink this wine but it is still going strong.

1994 - All other 1994s are quite tannic and still fruity and are best cellared.

1995 - All 1995s are quite delicious and fun to drink but they'll still lay down.

1996 - I had an opportunity to drink a bottle of Elerding and it is sooooo much fun and so delicious, smooth and fruity. I can hardly wait to taste this again. I hope I can wait until next year.

1997 - These wines have a long way to go before they're peaking.

1998 - If you haven't tried these they are rich and opulent and of course quite young. They can be quite fun to drink now but of course they'll lay down for some time too.

Linda and I had a lot of opportunities to taste our library wines during this winter when the winery was closed. They are all aging nicely.

The weather is starting to get nice. The first sign of spring to me has always been a smell. This year this smell has been in the air for about a week, spring cannot be far away. We are all looking forward to bright sunny days and forgetting the gloom of the overcast winter that we just finished. We look forward to seeing you sometime this season.