Cab Takes Gold at NW Wine Summit

The 1997 Morrison Vineyard Cabernet took a gold medal recently at the Northwest Wine Summit at Timberline Lodge, Oregon. It was awarded the only gold in its class. The Northwest Wine Summit is the only competition where all wines from the Pacific Northwest are judged - even wines that were not entered by the winery itself.

This is the third vintage in a row that the Morrison Vineyard Cab has taken a gold medal. Previously, the ‘95 took a gold at the LA County Fair, and the ‘96 took a gold at the Tri-Cities Northwest Wine Festival. This wine still sells for $17.95 at the winery - a real bargain considering new wineries with no track record are asking $30 and up for their cabs.

Previously, this wine has won a bronze at Wines of America, the San Francisco International Wine Competition, and the Indy International Wine Competition. As the wine matures, we expect it to take more medals. With the 15% case discount, only $183.09

Big Bottles are Back

We now have the 1.5 liter bottles of Washington State Chardonnay and Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine comes from excess production which we use to buffer our inventories against crop failure due to a nasty winter. You get the savings.

These are great every day wines. They also work well for parties and receptions. The chardonnay is clean and fruity with just a hint of oak. The cab is dark and full bodied. Supply is limited. Our goal is to sell off this excess inventory as quickly as possible. Retail is $12 per bottle, but as a case buyer, you get it at an incredible price of only $54 per case of 6 bottles. That is a 25% discount. You must ask for this Casebuyer Special. All boxes are marked $60 at the winery. Due to the size of the bottles, we cannot ship this wine. It must be picked up at the winery. Hurry, this offer expires October 31, or when it is gone.

’88 Cabernet Closeout

We have just gone through the library wines and it is time to close out the 1988 Morrison Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. We only have a couple of cases and a few magnums. Casebuyer Special, bottles $30 and magnums $50, limit one each per person. Available for tasting on weekends.

Gail and Shirley Puryear invite you to visit Bonair Winery this fall.
We have just finished bottling the new meads and they are really good. Come celebrate Mead Fair with us September 16, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Society for Creative Anachronism will be with us again to demonstrate medieval sports, arts, and crafts. There should be plenty of action throughout the day, so plan to just hang out a little and enjoy some mead.

We will have both the Winter Solstice and Summer Solstice available, plus our newest Sweet Mead made from pure fireweed honey from the high Cascade Mountains of Washington. Enjoy the fresh floral bouquet of this fine mead made in the traditional Olde English manner. $9.95 per bottle.

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Wine & Cheese

Bonair Winery can now fill your picnic needs if you forgot to stop by Trader Joe’s on the way out of Bellevue. We have a line of European-style meats such as Prosciutto, Thuringer, and Canadian-style bacon and specialty cheeses to enjoy with crackers.

We also sell wine by the glass for your special picnic by the koi pond or on our picnic grounds.

Gorton Opposes Small Washington Wineries

Orin Hatch(ed) this one up from Utah, in order to keep people in Utah from enjoying microbrews. It stops all interstate shipment of wine and beer except to specifically legal destinations. Any state, city, county or precinct can become illegal without warning. Senator Gorton supported this legislation to make it a federal offense to ship wine out of state. This hurts Washington wineries.

The problem is, most Washington State wineries are small and it is hard to get a distributor in Seattle, let alone in any other state. Large distributors, who give millions to the campaign coffers of politicians, support this legislation. Consumers and wineries oppose it.

The only way small wineries are going to be available is via the Internet. Tell Senator Gorton that this legislation is anti-Washington and anti-consumer. This bill is now in House/Senate conference.