



PARADISE RIDGE

BYCK FAMILY ESTATE WINERY

Harvest 2017

“Love is a portion of the soul itself, and it is of the same nature as the celestial breathing of the atmosphere of Paradise.”

- Victor Hugo

Dear ‘PARADISE FOUND’ Member,

Yesterday was our first day of harvest, by far the most exciting day of the year here in Paradise. This year our first pick was even more exceptional as it was done under the celestial influences of the solar eclipse. The thought is that the supernatural powers of this event will make the future wine even more heavenly.

We are thanking our lucky stars to have a great harvest crew this year. In addition to our fantastic winemaking team of Dan, Tony & Michael, this year’s harvest crew includes four interns joining us from Turkey, Spain & France. We are doing our best to learn how to say “Cheers” in their native languages – Şerefe (Sher-i-feh), Salud (sah-lud) & Santé (sahn-tay).

Its not just harvest we are celebrating this month – Wine Club Manager Denise Stuart recently celebrated 20 years here in Paradise. Denise joined the winery as a part of our event team back in 1997 and we quickly realized we had found a true gem. Working for nine years alongside my mother, Denise became the backbone of our team after her sudden loss. In the years following, Denise helped oversee many different departments until she finally chose to focus her passion on the wine club. She now devotes all her time and attention to you, our wonderful club members. Please congratulate Denise the next time you see her!

Denise is currently making the final arrangements for our Annual Wine Club celebration. This year it will be a marvelous party on Saturday, November 18th. The theme is MASQUERADE and will have fare prepared by celebrity chef Duskie Estes from Zazu Kitchen and Farm, as well as music by the Blues Burners. All of this fabulousness will be paired with superb Paradise Ridge wines. (See enclosed invitation)

We hope you have the time to visit us during harvest. The weather is beautiful and it is a truly magical time in wine country. Be sure to reach out to Denise if you are coming to town and would like to reserve a special tasting experience or picnic spot.

Cheers,

Sonia Byck-Barwick, Co-Owner – Paradise Ridge Winery

Mark your calendar for these Winery Events ...

Wines & Sunsets, Estate – Wednesday evenings until October 25th 5:30pm until sunset
Pizza in Paradise, hosted by WOW Estate – Saturdays until October 14th 12pm to 3pm
HOSVA “Sonoma Valley Crush”, Kenwood – September 8th, 9th & 10th 11am to 4pm
Southern LOVE – Wine Club Harvest Release, Kenwood – September 9th 5pm to 7:30pm
MASQUERADE – Wine Club Celebration, Estate – November 18th 6:30pm to 10:30pm
Tis’ the Season Holiday Wine Club Release, Estate – December 2nd 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Winemaker's Notes Harvest Wine Club Shipment 2017

2015 Russian River Chardonnay 'Barrel Select'

As I've mentioned before, this bottling was crafted to showcase how complex and clean this grape be, while at the same time displaying all of those familiar Chardonnay notes we have come to know, but only as subtle undertones not as any main part in the character. So if you are from the 'I don't drink Chardonnay' camp, I am hoping you will be pleasantly surprised by this work.

Now we are going take you to a place called Rockpile.

Starting with our 2014 'Rockpile Vineyard' Cabernet Franc ...

This is one of those wines that should need no introduction, and may well be one of the reasons you are in the wine club (thank you). We produce just a hundred or so cases each vintage, from possibly the finest vineyard in Sonoma County; a piece of dirt that consistently delivers a Cabernet Franc that quickly demands attention and for those of you lucky enough - a second glass.

The next wine is very special indeed, the -2014 'Confessor' from the Branham Vineyard.

Possibly the only Rhone Blend coming from this esteemed appellation. So here we are again not trying to overwhelm you with her potential power and concentration, but more of the immense diversity of characters that can be born from the Rhone grapes Grenache and Syrah. This wine is just beginning to deliver her charm, so decanting for those of you dedicated enough should produce an experience to remember.

And to finish up with the spoils from Rockpile comes our - 2014 'Convict' Zinfandel bottling, also from the Gary Branham Vineyard.

The grapes for this beauty came from several of Gary's blocks of Zinfandel, but predominantly from one clone called Primotivo, which is the grandmother of our own California Zinfandel and originated from the Apulia (the heel) region in Italy in the 18th century. Again I want to showcase this grape in a style that is more restrained, that allows it to show off more of the sense of place than when picked later in the season. She is just calling our for you to put something on the grill, because she knows what's best for you.

Enjoy

Dan Barwick
Winemaker Paradise Ridge Winery

We partnered with Jeff Tyler from **Palooza Gastropub** in Kenwood to pair his Chicken & Waffles with our Cabernet Franc. If able, you should stop in to try this mouthwatering delight.

Cheers from All of Us in Paradise!