



PARADISE RIDGE

BYCK FAMILY ESTATE WINERY

Holidays 2017

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it, is like wrapping a present and not giving it." – William Arthur Ward

Dear 'PARADISE FOUND' Wine Club Member,

I had just finished writing the first wine club letter on the Friday before the Sonoma County fires. It was a letter filled with gratitude. Strangely I mentioned that even in times of turmoil, both natural and manmade, there is so much to be thankful for. I gave thanks for a bountiful harvest, an amazing winemaking team, a bustling tasting room and a fantastic hospitality team who greeted me each day with a smile. I wrote that I was also thankful for you, our club members, for your support and love of the winery; and how you are the backbone of all that is Paradise Ridge.

In rereading my letter now, I am even more thankful for everything in my original letter. Even while our world was turned upside down, I experienced more love and strength of community than at any other time in my life. The outreach from you, along with fellow wineries, vendors, friends and our community as a whole was beyond anything I could have ever imagined. The sharing of stories, photos and memories of Paradise touched our hearts and gave us strength through some dark days. I have to say I could not be more proud to live and work in Sonoma County.

One of the beautiful things that rose from the fires was that the Paradise LOVE sculpture turned into a symbol of the strength and resilience of Sonoma County. Photos of LOVE before and after the fire were shared all over the world. People who lost their homes contacted us to let us know how it gave them hope for the future. The emotions our LOVE brought out were strong, yet raw at the same time.

We are on the path of rebuilding now, meeting with architects, builders, and different agencies whose job is to help us with the clean up and preparations to rebuild. Our winemaker Dan Barwick has been busy finding a new home to make our wine. With his high standards I am sure it will be somewhere fantastic. We have temporary offices in Santa Rosa, but hope to be back on the property soon. Our Kenwood tasting room has been busy with so many visitors showing us their love and support. It has been a difficult time and yet beautiful in so many ways. We hope you enjoy the wines selected by Dan add sparkle to your holiday festivities. You can visit the club section of our website to find delicious recipes as well as Dan's winemaking notes. In looking forward to 2018, we hope you will keep in touch, come visit us in Kenwood, share our wines with your family and friends, and be thankful for all the LOVE that fills our world.

Sonia Byck-Barwick, Co-Owner
PARADISE RIDGE WINERY

Come join us for these upcoming events ...

"Gathered" Club Release Event, Kenwood – December 9th, 10th & 11th 11am & 2pm

Valentine's Day Weekend, Kenwood – February 11th & 12th 11am to 4:30pm

Wine Club Barrel Tasting, Kenwood TBD

Savor Sonoma Barrel Tasting, Kenwood – March 17th & 18th 11am to 4pm



Winemaker's Notes *Holiday Wine Club Shipment 2017*

2013 Blanc de Blanc, Russian River Valley – Late Disgorge

I've just spent a week tasting this wine with our friends in the Chicago area, and this wine has embraced all with her clean freshness, complexity of fruit, depth and above all charm. As with all of our wines 'food friendly' is the goal, and believe me she is ready to take on this role at the drop of a hat. But perhaps on this occasion, as an aperitif is where she shines, brightening up our palates and senses to embrace this holiday season as no other.

2014 Sparkling Shiraz, Russian River Valley

Continuing with the Bubbles, comes our Sparkling Shiraz, which oddly enough is the grape also known as Syrah.

Having this fun wine on your holiday table will be delight, and with 'the bird' and her trimmings is going to make you wonder where she was all of those festivities past. For those of you not willing to share this 'Sparkling Love' with your holiday guests, you can see how she comes alive with cured meats, hard cheeses and other nibbles. Whatever the plan, she is rich with red and dark fruits just chomping at the bit to satisfy.

Depending on your membership level, your shipment may include one or more of the following:

2012, 2013 and 2014 Barrel Select Rockpile Cabernet Sauvignon

Three stunning wines, from three exceptional vintages, from one of the most celebrated grape growing regions in Sonoma County. I don't really know what to tell you beyond this. Ok, they are all drinking well now, but may require some decanting for the purists among you. My suggestion is you give these babies three or four more years and you will be rewarded with such a deep fruit structure and beguiling complexity that you may believe you are in Cabernet heaven. I can assure you this is not an exaggeration.

If you do not have these cabs included with your shipment, I highly recommend calling Denise soon to see if there are any bottles left.

Dan Barwick

Dan Barwick
Winemaker, Paradise Ridge Winery