



PARADISE RIDGE

BYCK FAMILY ESTATE WINERY

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“All you need is LOVE.” – John Lennon

Dear ‘PARADISE FOUND’ Wine Club Member,

February is the perfect month to talk about love, and Paradise Ridge Winery is above all a love story. The story started over 50 years ago, when my parents met and fell in love in New York City. It continued with a proposal (in a sculpture garden), and wedding in Holland. My parents eventually settled in Santa Rosa, having found the perfect place to raise their young family. Years later my parents fell in love with a magical property, planted vines and starting making wine. The winery was built to share their love of “Paradise” with people from all over the world. This story is why we hope to continue to share this love for years to come. To watch their romance visit the home page of our website.

There is also a lot of love in this shipment of wine. It embodies the passion our winemaker Dan Barwick puts into making extraordinary wines. When we tasted these wines last month, it was remarkable to spend time with each one. From the nose to the palate to the finish, the aromas and flavors were like exotic chameleons, changing in the glass. As with all our wines, we think they are best enjoyed with food. The wines will also continue to evolve beautifully with cellaring (or decanting if you prefer). In his notes Dan added what he believes will be a good time pop the corks, so for those of you with patience & proper, you will be rewarded.

I am sure many of you are wondering how things at the estate are coming along. Well, there are many ideas being considered – and the possibilities are truly endless. Ideas ranging from intimate tastings in the vineyards, to a festival for the arts are all on the table. We are still trying to figure it out, but will be sure to keep you updated as our plans unfold. To help keep in touch we are launching a new monthly blog, which should be up this week. We will reach out to let you know when it launches.

We thank you for being our biggest supporters; it is appreciated now more than ever.

Sonia Byck-Barwick, Co-Owner
PARADISE RIDGE WINERY

Come celebrate our LOVE of wine at these upcoming events ...

Valentine's Day Weekend, Kenwood – February 10TH & 11th 11am to 4:30pm
Wine Club Barrel Tasting, Kenwood – February 17th & 18th
Wine Road Barrel Tasting, Kenwood – March 2th, 3th & 4th
Savor Sonoma Barrel Tasting, Kenwood – March 17th & 18th 11am to 4pm
Garden Soiree – May Release Event, Kenwood – May 20th

Planning to visit from outside the Bay Area? Please contact Denise at denise@prwinery.com, so we can arrange for something special.



Winemaker's Notes - Wine Club

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Well before I delve into telling you what we have found to deliver you this shipment, I must tell you that I have recently had the privilege of exploring the Cellars of a couple of notorious friends and wine collectors and with an excitement that I haven't had since I was a kid, we re-visited several past vintages of our wines going all the way back to 1999. So I can now happily report to you *'that all is well, and that every wine, without exception over delivered on my expectations'*. More details of these forays at a later date.... *I know, I know.... me too.*

2016 'NAGASAWA' CHARDONNAY, *Russian River Valley*

A bracing way to start a new year is to drink something young and fresh, and I'm looking for some of that in this 2016 bottling of our Chardonnay. Taughtly entwined in a swirl of flavors are all those 'giving' components you expect to embrace you glass of Chardonnay, just beginning to find their way to bring you that seamless texture and silky clean finish we so love about this grape. First time Blend (50/50) of our own Estate 'Nagasawa Vineyard', and from the 'Peters Vineyard' situated in the cooler well drained soils of Sebastopol. More about this later..... Aging potential 5 to 10 years.

2014 MERLOT, *Russian River Valley*

Over the past few months or so, this Merlot has become one of our House regulars, because it's so darn good to just drink, while you are snacking away, thinking about what's for dinner, just as a backdrop while preparing that dinner, and voila it's time for dinner and what happened. This has a dash of Rockpile Petite Verdot to give it some more structure and some blue fruit notes. It was a bit of a trial of ours to just age this wine in 400L neutral French oak casks for 10 months, I feel it has given this wine echo's of simpler, honest wines from our past. Drink Now through 3 to 4 years.

2014 ESTATE THE POSSE, *Red Wine Blend, Russian River Valley*

Just the color alone tells us that we need to be in business mode, because this is one is going to demand your attention. Deep and brooding dark blue fruits are only just now flirting you with their wares now cloaked gorgeous dense tannins that expand through to the finish. There's tons of Syrah meatiness, spicy, gamey, brushy, and chocolate to keep her honest. Can do now, but in 2 to 10 years...m'mmmm.

2015 THE CONFESSOR, *Rockpile, Gary Branham Vineyard - 'In Rockpile true, as they used to say'*

Our first true GSM from Rockpile, a wine made in the vineyard to be consumed over lazy lunches with stories and friends. The name The Confessor comes from a long history of romance and tales and we expect, no less - for him to join you in many more. This wine takes minutes to fully open up and share the wealth, and although lots of fun to explore now, he will definitely benefit from some air beforehand. Got some really intriguing dusty, blueberry, baked pie crust stuff. The palate is clean with restrained yet persistent layers of blue and red fruit and tannins that dance through demanding some attention. Better in 1 to 2; sweet spot in 5 with an easy 10 years.

Dan Barwick

Dan Barwick, Winemaker, Paradise Ridge Winery



Wine Club Wine Portfolio

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Enjoy your member discount of 20-30% off of the following wines:

White Wines

- 2015 Barrel Select Chardonnay, Russian River Valley - \$40
- 2015 Estate Chardonnay, Nagasawa Vineyard - \$40 – Limited Quantities
- **2016 Chardonnay, Nagasawa, Russian River Valley - \$44 – New Release**
- 2015 Bazzano Chardonnay, Russian River Valley Vineyard - \$40
- 2013 Ode to Joy, Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley - \$37

Sparkling Wines

- 2013 Blanc de Blanc Sparkling Late Disgorge, Russian River Valley - \$55
- 2014 Blanc de Blanc Sparkling Wine, Russian River Valley - \$44
- 2014 Sparkling Shiraz, Russian River Valley - \$52
- 2015 Sparkling Pinot Gris, Sonoma Coast - \$48 – Only 45 cases remain

Red Wines

- 2015 Estate Pinot Noir, Walter's Vineyard - \$54
- 2016 Estate Pinot Noir, Walter's Vineyard - \$54
- 2015 Estate Pinot Noir, 777 Clone - \$62
- 2016 Estate Pinot Noir, 777 Clone - \$62
- 2014 The Bounty, Russian River Valley - \$42
- **2014 The Posse, Hoenselaars Vineyard, Russian River Valley - \$54**
- 2014 Elevation Cabernet, Rockpile Vineyard - \$55
- 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Barrel Select, Rockpile Vineyard – Winery Reserve - \$65 – 4 cases
- 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Barrel Select, Rockpile Vineyard – Winery Reserve - \$65
- 2014 Cabernet Franc, Rockpile Vineyard - \$80
- 2013 The Convict Zinfandel, Rockpile - \$48
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- 2015 Old Vine Zinfandel, Nagasawa Russian River Valley - \$44
- **2014 Merlot, Russian River Valley - \$38**
- **2015 The Confessor, Rockpile - \$60**
- 2015 Petit Sirah, Rockpile - \$60
- 2013 Inspirations, Rockpile - \$60

