

Inspiration Vineyards & Winery

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Spring 2008

Inspired E-News

Time for a cool, crisp Rosé

During the second week of May our winery thermometer almost reached 100° F for two days straight. Global warming? I can't say, but I can say that it's time for a crisp dry Rosé.

In 2007, we produced our first Rosé that we named Zinspiration. Produced from the same grapes we use in our Alexander Valley Zinfandel, this is no white zinfandel! Crisp and totally dry, and bottled in May and it's now ready for summer sipping. At \$15, it's also priced right to go with a picnic lunch, appetizers by the pool, or with your favorite BBQ.

We plan on shipping to club members by mid-June — just 47 cases were produced, so get your orders in now; we don't expect this wine to be available after August.



Road trip!

The novelty of being self employed has not worn off; in fact, at times my biggest challenge is deciding what to do next. On some days I stay close to home topping off barrels, performing vineyard work or working on my least favorite activity, book-keeping. On other days, I get out and about to focus on wine sales. I have two road trips planned for June.

From June 5th through June 8th, I will be in Southern California. In fact, on Saturday evening June 7th, I will present our wines in person at The Wine Spot in Carlsbad.

From June 17th until the 24th I will be in Illinois developing new accounts. Illinois laws change June 1st, allowing us to sell directly to wine shops and restaurants; no distributor needed. This will also be a good chance to see my sister and her family while on the road. We are working on scheduling a couple of Illinois in-store events, so please check our website for more details as information becomes available.

If you live near where I'll be or are in the area, please come by and see me!

New Winery Accounts!

Restaurant Mirepoix, Windsor
Café Bella, Petaluma
Water Street Bistro, Petaluma
Charlie Palmer Steak, Las Vegas
Café Beaujolais, Mendocino
Moose Café, Mendocino
Sepulveda Wine Co, Manhattan Beach
The Wine Spot, Carlsbad

Meet Asia, our new winery mascot



Asia, soaking up the sun after digging for gophers.

The new year brought an addition to our winery family. Asia is a rescued stray from neighboring Lake County. She's a Dalmatian/Pointer mix who is now a little over a year old. Because of the flexibility of being able to work from home most days, we decided that it was a good time to get our first dog. Talk about a wonderful perk of being self employed!

Asia spends most days hunting for gophers, greeting guests and fellow winemakers, making sales calls with me around the bay area and greeting our mail carrier and UPS driver.

We were told when we adopted her that she'd make a great "starter dog" because she's very smart and her disposition is very sweet and lively; an assessment that has been very accurate!

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