



FAMILY WINEMAKING  
SINCE 1972



WINE CLUB  
NEWSLETTER

September 2017



*Greetings!*

Harvest is underway here in Dry Creek Valley, and it looks to be a great vintage thus far! Our Chenin Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc grapes are always the first to arrive at the winery, which is fitting, since they were the first varietals to inspire my father's transformation from his role as a civil engineer to a life in the wine industry.

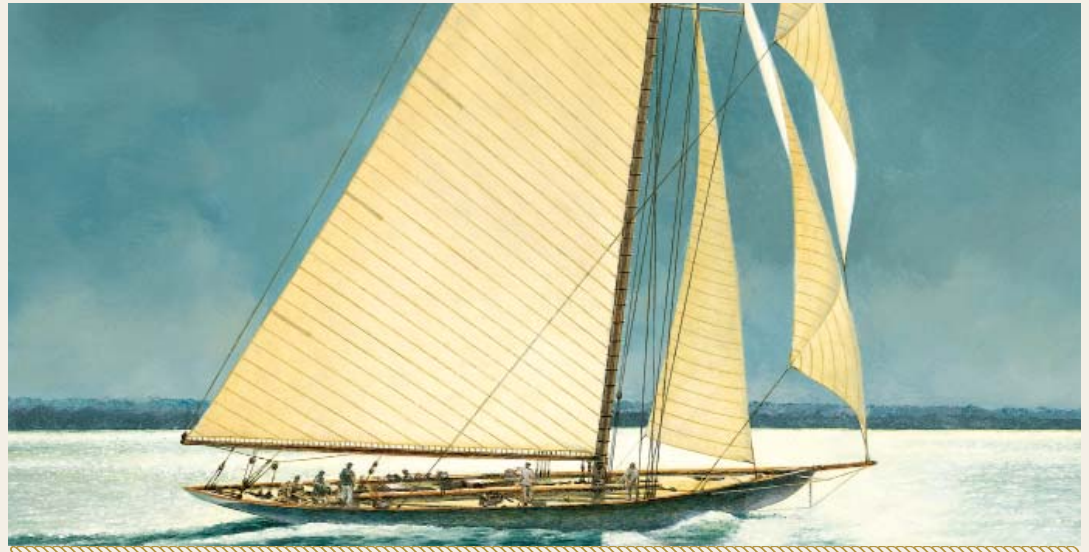
Before my parents headed west from Boston with a dream to build their own winery, they spent two weeks in France in the summer of 1970. While there, they fell in love with the French style of wine, specifically the wines of the Loire Valley and Bordeaux. Just after coming back from the trip, there was an article in the Wall Street Journal about what a great future California had for making world-class wines, and the rest, they say, is history.

As we reflect on the 45th anniversary of our family winery, we are also thrilled that 2017 marks the 30th anniversary of this wine club family. I sincerely thank all of you for your continued commitment to Dry Creek Vineyard and I truly appreciate your feedback.

Please feel free to write me at [wineclub@drycreekvineyard.com](mailto:wineclub@drycreekvineyard.com) to share your comments on this club, or your favorite moments with our wines.

My best,

KIM STARE WALLACE  
President



## A TASTE OF BORDEAUX WINE CRUISE

In honor of our 45th anniversary, we decided to cruise back to where it all started – literally! Our “Taste of Bordeaux” wine cruise in May featured a Loire Valley pre-trip excursion, followed by a tour of the wine region in Bordeaux, France, which brought us back to our family winery’s roots.

Our Loire Valley excursion began with a scenic drive to the quaint town of Sancerre, with tasting along the way, of course! It was so special to explore Domaine Henri Bourgeois with our good friend Proprietor Jean-Marie Bourgeois for a tour and tasting, as the owners of this historic property played a critical role in our family’s love of the Loire Valley. For 10 generations, their family has devoted its passion and values to exceptional Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir from Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé. Afterwards, we were off to Joseph Mellot for a tour of their wine caves.

The evening brought a familiar face as well, with Florent Baumard from Domain Baumard joining us for a delicious dinner accompanied by his delightful Chenin Blancs. The Stare and Baumard families participated in a housing exchange when Kim Stare Wallace and Florent were just 12 years old, and they have continued that familial relationship ever since.

Our next delicious adventure took us to Chinon to tour the famous castle, partake in wine tasting



Jean-Marie Bourgeois



Florent Baumard



Château Gruaud-Larose cellar



A Day in Sancerre



Château de Pressac

# FOUNDING CLUB MEMBERS

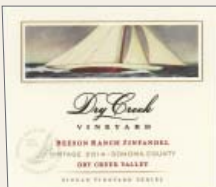
With 30 years of history, we are fortunate to have one of the oldest and longest standing wine clubs in the industry. Started by Kim Stare Wallace, the wine club was formed out of nothing more than the family's close friends and relatives wanting the new releases from the winery sent to them regularly. As Kim says, "things just took off from there" and now we have an incredibly vibrant club with many close friendships that we have formed over the years.

What's even more remarkable is the longevity of many of our founding club members. It's quite remarkable that these loyal souls have been with us from almost the beginning. We want to take a minute to publicly acknowledge them and say thank you for their years of commitment and support.

Jerlyn Mask	CA	Bernie Scarinzi	CA	Mark Dawson	CA	Diana Record	NV
Steve Benninga	CA	Stanley Loula	IL	Carol Rozzano	CA	Robert & Tabby Ivy	MT
Julie & Bob Hess	CA	Julie & Larry Christensen	CA	C.L. Nielsen	CA	Klaus Albert	NY
June Lundstrom	CA	Bonnie Westhusing	CA	David Sandusky	CA	Jim Baxter	CA
Ken Macho	TX	Robert Black	CA	Carol Aupperle	NC	William Harper	AZ
Paul Helbig	CA	Mary Dunlap	PA	Chris Hillcoat	IL	Richard Herrero	CA
David M Wallace	NC	James Edwards	CA	To Matthews	TX	Gary Connor	CA
John Cameron	CA	Philip Kanner	CA	Robert D. Johnston	VA	Arie Slot	FL
Wayne Cruzan	CA	Bernie Morrison	NV	Dr. Vern Otte	KS	Sidney Sparks	GA
Michael Franchetti	CA	Cindy Sebastian	CA	Jordan Bajor	CA	Doug McIlwaine	VA
Joan Grant	CA	Vernell Sutherland	VA	William Hawk	MO	Jim Alstad	CA
Tom Hill	NM	Bruce Leek	CA	Anna H Jensen	CA	Michelle Hacek	FL
Cheryl Luna	CA	David Bland	MN	Ann Bromley	IL	Arch Thiessen	NM
Michael Light	CA	Jim & Ann Marie Caiozzo	MI	Robert Gray	IL	John Ferrua	VA
William Raduchel	VA			Phil Madden	WA		
Cary Reisman	CA			Andrew R. Sullivan	TX		

## OUR LATEST ACCOLADES

2014 BEESON RANCH ZINFANDEL  
DRY CREEK VALLEY



91 POINTS

Wine Spectator

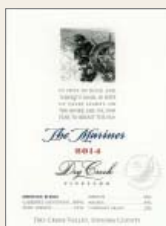
2014 DCV2 ESTATE ZINFANDEL  
FOUR CLONES VINEYARD - DRY CREEK VALLEY



91 POINTS



2013 THE MARINER  
DRY CREEK VALLEY



90 POINTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST  
THE WORLD IN YOUR GLASS

We have stepped up our game with social media to provide you a unique insight into a day in the life at DCV!

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for all of the latest news and behind-the-scenes action

at the winery. We are posting videos, giving vineyard updates and telling stories about the people that make Dry Creek Vineyard the "real deal".

We also have a Dry Creek Vineyard Wine Club Facebook group! Visit [www.facebook.com/groups/dcvwineclub/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/dcvwineclub/) to request access and keep up-to-date with club news, events, pictures and more!



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## A TASTE OF BORDEAUX WINE CRUISE .....

and a three-course lunch at Château de Minière, followed by a tour and tasting of luscious goat cheese at a local goat farm. With full stomachs and happy hearts, we made our way to Bordeaux to board the AmaWaterways 110-passenger boat, AmaDolce.

Our first cruise excursion was to St. Julien, one of the Haut Medoc's smallest appellations, but its high-quality *terroir* makes it one of the most consistent. Château Gruaud Larose is one of the region's top properties and the wine produced here was classified as one of the fifteen Deuxièmes Crus (Second Growths) in the original Bordeaux Wine Official Classification of 1855. Standing in the rare, underground, "cathedral" barrel cellar amongst the family reserves dating back to 1815 was an awe-inspiring moment. We dined in the historical 18th century château for an exquisite three-course lunch paired with their library wines. That afternoon, we visited Château Pontet Canet for a private tour and tasting of the first biodynamic-certified wines in the region.

Our second day trip was to Saint-Émilion, an appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) for wine in the Merlot-dominated Right Bank of Bordeaux, where we first visited the UNESCO world heritage medieval village located there. We continued on with private tours and tastings at Château de Pressac, as well as Château Beausejour Bécot, a First Growth property located on the prestigious limestone plateau of Saint-Émilion. The evening was spent in the historic 19th century Château Siaurac, with a private four-course dinner paired with three of the family's outstanding wines.

Our time aboard the luxurious AmaDolce ship was fantastic as well, spending time among friends, new and old, while sharing our Dry Creek Vineyard wines and love of Bordeaux. One particular highlight was tasting the 2004, 2008 and 2013 vintages of our premier Bordeaux blend, The Mariner, compared to the same vintages of wines from Bordeaux. We'll let you take a guess at which wines were preferred!

All in all, our wine cruise was an epic journey of honoring the history of an incredible region and its connection to our family winery, while simultaneously looking ahead to the future. We are currently exploring possibilities for our next wine cruise and we hope you will consider joining us. Let us know if there are any destinations on your bucket list!

SIGNATURE WINES	Retail Bottle	CLUB MEMBER PRICING	
		20% Savings Bottle	25% Savings Case
2016 Dry Chenin Blanc - <i>Clarksburg</i>	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$135.00
2016 Fumé Blanc - <i>Sonoma County</i>	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$135.00
2016 Sauvignon Blanc - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$180.00
2015 Heritage Vines Zinfandel - <i>Sonoma County</i>	\$22.00	\$17.60	\$198.00
2012 Meritage - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$30.00	\$24.00	\$270.00
2014 Merlot - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$26.00	\$20.80	\$234.00
2014 Cabernet Sauvignon - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$26.00	\$20.80	\$234.00
2014 Old Vine Zinfandel - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$32.00	\$25.60	\$288.00
2013 The Mariner - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$45.00	\$36.00	\$405.00
LIMITED RELEASE WINES			
2015 DCV3 Estate Sauvignon Blanc - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$28.00	\$22.40	\$252.00
2015 Taylor's Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc - Musqué Clone - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$28.00	\$22.40	\$252.00
2015 DCV Estate Block 10 Chardonnay - <i>Russian River Valley</i>	\$32.00	\$25.60	\$288.00
2015 DCV10 Estate Pinot Noir - <i>Russian River Valley</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$360.00
2014 Estate Petite Sirah - Spencer's Hill Vineyard - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$36.00	\$28.80	\$324.00
2014 Somers Ranch Zinfandel - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$42.00	\$33.60	\$378.00
2014 Beeson Ranch Zinfandel - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$45.00	\$36.00	\$405.00
2014 DCV7 Estate Zinfandel - Wallace Ranch - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$360.00
2014 Vogensen Ranch Zinfandel - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$360.00
2015 DCV2 Estate Zinfandel - Four Clones Vineyard - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$42.00	\$33.60	\$378.00
2014 Estate Zinfandel - Spencer's Hill Vineyard - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$360.00
2014 DCV9 Estate Petite Verdot - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$360.00
2014 Cabernet Sauvignon - Wolcott Vineyard - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$450.00
2014 45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$60.00	\$48.00	\$540.00
2013 Endeavour Cabernet Sauvignon - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$70.00	\$56.00	\$630.00

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## HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017**

12:00 - 2:00pm • 2:00 - 4:00pm

Two (2) complimentary tickets for Club members  
\$25 per person for up to two (2) guests

This wonderful Thanksgiving weekend tradition is the perfect way to spark your holiday spirit. Enjoy the festive nature of our cellar as you taste through your delicious club wines, mingle with fellow club members and listen to holiday carols.

Sample some delicious bites while you stock up on your favorite wines and charming stocking stuffers for the wine lover on your gift list.

To reserve your tickets, please contact Salina Littleton at [wineclub@drycreekvineyard.com](mailto:wineclub@drycreekvineyard.com) or call **800-864-9463 x123**.



## HOLIDAY WINEMAKER DINNER

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017**

6:00pm • \$150 per person

Seating is extremely limited.

Maximum of two (2) tickets per membership.

Join Proprietor Kim Stare Wallace and Winemaker Tim Bell for an incredible evening of food and wine to celebrate the holidays! Exclusively for our wine club members, this intimate affair features a decadent four-course meal, created to pair with our limited production Dry Creek Vineyard wines.

Enjoy the elegant ambiance of our cellar while you toast the holiday season with the Dry Creek Vineyard family.

To purchase tickets, please contact Salina Littleton at [wineclub@drycreekvineyard.com](mailto:wineclub@drycreekvineyard.com) or call **800-864-9463 x123**.

## ◀ THAT WAS THEN - THIS IS NOW ▶

### 45 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING: 1972 - 2017

#### 1972

- Cost of a bottle of Fumé Blanc: \$3.25
- Cost of a movie ticket: \$1.70
- Cost of a gallon of gas: \$0.55
- Cost of a new house: \$27,600
- Cost of a new car: \$3,853
- The price of one acre of land in the Dry Creek Valley was approximately \$2,500
- In 1972 there were three wineries in the Dry Creek Valley

#### Today

- Cost of our 2016 Fumé Blanc: \$15.00
- Cost of a movie ticket: \$11.00
- Cost of a gallon of gas: \$2.49
- Cost of a new house: \$489,000
- Cost of a new car: \$33,560
- In 2017 that same acre would sell for approximately \$90,000
- Today, there are over 70 wineries in the Dry Creek Valley