



# MARTIN RAY WINERY

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SUMMER 2011

**THE LEGACY CLUB**

707 829 6156

## *In this shipment:*

### CELLAR

- 2009 Courtney Benham Reserve Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2008 Courtney Benham Reserve Diamond Mountain Cabernet Franc

### RED / WHITE

- 2010 Courtney Benham Santa Barbara Dry Gewürztraminer
- NV (no vintage) Courtney Benham Lucca Red

### RED ONLY

- 2010 Martin Ray Russian River Dry Rosé
- NV Courtney Benham Lucca Red

## *Greetings Legacy Club Members!*



*Bill Batchelor, Winemaker*

### 2011 GROWING SEASON

This Spring started out like last year with heavy rains late in the season keeping the vines from budding and vineyards on foot because the soils were too waterlogged for tractor equipment. Though we hoped for dry, warm weather to jump start our growing season, the rain has kept our fears of drought at bay, at least for now.

### 2010 VINTAGES

Meanwhile at the winery we are busy blending and bottling some of our young and exciting wines from the 2010 harvest; Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer (Mix Club shipment) and Rose (Reds Club Shipment). The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon is raked and is finishing its second fermentation. So far we have been thrilled with the 2010 vintage and are particularly eager to present the new Pinot Noirs. We are also in the process of installing a new “crossflow” wine filter—ultra modern technology that we believe is the best way to filter wines as it maintains flavor, color and aromatics better than traditional filtration methods.

### WINEMAKERS

We are delighted that local Healdsburg winemaker Megan Hill has joined our winemaking team. After graduating from UC Davis with a degree in Enology and Winemaking, Megan worked multiple harvests in California, New Zealand and Italy and most recently worked in Napa for Cuvaison. Megan will play an active role in all of our winemaking operations as well as lend her expertise to the growing team.

## *Enjoy!*

Bill Batchelor, Winemaker—Martin Ray Winery, Angeline Wines and Courtney Benham Wines

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