



MARTIN RAY WINE CLUB

YOUR SEPTEMBER WINE CLUB SELECTION!

Mixed ~ Red & White Club

- ☆ Martin Ray 2011 Chardonnay, Un-oaked
- ☆ Martin Ray 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon
- ☆ Angeline 2011 Reserve Pinot Noir

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- ☆ Courtney Benham 2011 Napa Valley Merlot

TASTING NOTES

2011 Martin Ray Un-oaked Chardonnay, Los Carneros
Mouthwatering aromas of green apple, Meyer lemon and savory green herbs are enhanced by clean mineral notes. This refreshing Chardonnay is clean and crisp in the mouth, with lingering flavors of apple, citrus and herbs. Zesty!

Angeline 2011 Pinot Noir Reserve This pretty Pinot is loaded with aromas and flavors of fresh, ripe cranberry and dried red cherry, with a soft berry mouth and a long, delicious finish.

Martin Ray 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County
Soft, sweet clove overtones back aromatics thick with smoky vanilla and a whisper of anise. This pretty and intense wine is full of dark, lightly smoked, sweet fruit, layered with rich texture.

Courtney Benham 2011 Napa Valley Merlot Complex aromas of plum, spice potpourri, dried rose petals, coffee and vanilla continue as flavors in the velvety soft mouth and linger through the finish.



Our new estate Pinot Noir vineyard!

WINEMAKING & VINEYARD NOTES

For the 2012 vintage, we are adding some new vineyards into our program. We have some new Dry Creek Valley, Green Valley, and Sonoma Coast Chardonnay in the mix, as well as some Green Valley and Russian River Valley Pinot Noir and a new Atlas Peak Cabernet vineyard. We are very excited about these sites and are thrilled at the prospect of bringing in more high quality fruit.

Our own vineyard is being re-established this year. The focus for replanting is to create a high-end, traditional Dijon-clone Pinot Noir vineyard on our beautiful estate soil. We have changed our row orientation to a more appropriate diagonal design, and we planted dormant bench grafts on 101-14 Millardet et de Grasset rootstock.

In striving for complexity in our estate Pinot, we have planted various clones. While our vineyard will predominantly consist of tried-and-true Dijon clones 115, 667, and 777, we are also experimenting with a small amount of a more recently recognized clone, 943. This 943 is another traditional Burgundy clone with a long history of excellent quality in France, but has only recently been imported to the U.S. It is typically described as having tiny berries with more concentrated color and red berry flavor, yet creates a smoother, balanced wine.

On another exciting note, our small block adjacent to the new event pavilion is being planted to UCD Clone 37, which is also known as the Mount Eden Clone or the Merry Edwards Selection. This clone is special to us because it was originally planted at Paul Masson's Martin Ray vineyards, now Mount Eden estate vineyard, in Santa Cruz Mountains AVA.

In other news, we have fully renovated a portion of our winery for use as a high-end "micro-winery". We have also invested in an egg-shaped tank to be used in small lot fermentation experiments, a new bank of open top tanks, another fruit sorting table, and other exciting equipment, to make our 2012 harvest all the more interesting and geared toward detail.



Introducing

VP OF SALES SUE STRAIGHT!



Sue Straight joined Martin Ray Winery as Vice President of Direct Sales on June 1, 2012. She is currently implementing new direct-to-consumer programs, managing all wine club and tasting room activities and updating and managing all social media programs. She is also writing label and tech sheet text and creating new website content.

Sue brings with her several years of diverse wine industry experience, having worked for a handful of wineries including Windsor Vineyards, Lambert Bridge, Limerick Lane, Hop Kiln and J. Rickards. She is also a professional wine writer and wine judge. She helped create and provided content for the San Diego Union Tribune's online wine guide for many years. She also contributes editorial content to www.winecountrythisweek.com and her own website, www.wine-wench.com.

The next time you are in the neighborhood, stop by the tasting room and say hi to Sue!

Please let us know if your billing, shipping, or contact information has changed and we will update your records right away.

Thank you so much for your on-going support!

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*Where good wine
meets good company*

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3 & 4, 2012, 11AM-4PM

WINE & FOOD AFFAIR

Join us for a weekend of wine and food pairing in the Alexander, Dry Creek and Russian River Valleys. We'll be featuring Wild Mushroom Ragout, paired with our 2010 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir.

November 17, 2012 5-8PM

HOLIDAY WINE CLUB PICK UP PARTY

The perfect opportunity to celebrate the holidays with the Martin Ray team! We will be serving festive fare paired with our delicious wines. We'll have library wines and large format bottles available for tasting and purchase—perfect for your holiday celebrations!

January 14-15, 2012, 11AM-4PM

WINTER WINELAND

February 16, 2013, 5-8PM

VALENTINE'S DAY

WINE CLUB PICK-UP PARTY

March 1-3 and March 8-10, 2013

35TH ANNUAL BARREL TASTING

TWO WEEKENDS, 100+ WINERIES!

May 4, 2013, 5-8PM

CINCO DE MAYO

WINE CLUB PICK UP PARTY

Stay tuned for more details on these and other fun upcoming events!