



MARTIN RAY WINE CLUB

YOUR NOVEMBER WINE CLUB SELECTION!

Mixed ~ Red & White Club

- ✧ Martin Ray 2011 Sauvignon Blanc
- ✧ Martin Ray 2009 Cab. Sauv. Sonoma Mt.
- ✧ Angeline 2011 California Pinot Noir

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- ✧ Courtney Benham 2010 Lucca Red

TASTING NOTES

Martin Ray 2011 Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley Mouthwatering aromas of grapefruit and savory green herbs are enhanced by clean mineral notes. This refreshing wine is bright and zippy in the mouth, with lingering flavors of citrus and green herbs.

Angeline 2011 Pinot Noir, California

This Pinot Noir has aromas of intense fruit, luscious vanilla and spice. Bright fruit flavors of fresh strawberry, cherry, raspberry and ripe plum are layered with creamy vanilla, earthy overtones, tea spice and sweet toasty oak on the finish.

Martin Ray 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, Reserve Sonoma Mountain This hearty, bold Cabernet has a deep ruby hue and rich aromas of cedar, plum and spices with a background of vanilla oak that lead into layered flavors of dark chocolate, toast, deep black cherry and smoke give the wine great depth and balance.

Courtney Benham 2010 Lucca Red, North Coast

This delicious blend of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petite Sirah is complex, yet approachable—rich with aromas and flavors of plum, black cherry, peppery spice and vanilla.



Pinot Noir vines losing their leaves

WINEMAKING & VINEYARD NOTES

We are really excited about the harvest of 2012!

All of the agricultural planets aligned and we have had a picture-perfect vintage, especially when compared to the last two years, both of which were very challenging.

This year, we have seen higher than normal yields and top-quality grapes, which we are carefully crafting into delicious wine for your future enjoyment.

After a relatively dry winter, bud break in most of our vineyards was earlier than normal, but fruit set was very good. This summer was warm and mild, nothing like the cool, foggy summer days of 2010 and 2011, which slowed grape development well into early fall.

The hot daytime temperatures that started in early September of this year continued through October, but the nights and mornings were cool. This contrast in temperatures led to a longer hang time, which resulted in optimum flavors and balanced acidity.

The main challenge we experienced this harvest was having lots of fruit ready to harvest at the same time—we had to scramble for tank space, but it ultimately worked out really well.

We can hardly wait for you to taste the wines from this fabulous vintage!

Cheers!

Bill, Megan, Kerry, Dan, Jerry and the rest of the winemaking team here at Martin Ray Winery



Winemaker
Bill Batchelor,
punching down
Reserve Cabernet
Sauvignon



**MARTIN RAY & ANGELINE
WINES SWEEP THE
2012 SONOMA COUNTY
HARVEST FAIR!**

Our Angeline 2011 Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc won SWEEPSTAKES (Best white wine in Sonoma County), our Martin Ray 2011 Russian River Valley Rosé of Pinot Noir won Best of Class, and our Martin Ray 2011 Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc and 2011 Russian River Valley Chardonnay each won Gold Medals!

The way that these wine competitions are judged is unbiased and actually very interesting—a panel of professional wine judges blind tastes several (sometimes up to 200) wines in a day.

The wines are broken down by variety and price point. Medals are awarded by group consensus: a Gold medal means the majority of judges felt that particular wine was worthy; a Double Gold medal means that every judge on a panel awarded a particular wine gold medals; Best of Class means that a particular wine was the best of all the double gold medals; and Sweepstakes means that a particular wine was the best of all Best of Class wines judged in the competition.

We are honored that our Angeline 2011 Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc won Sweepstakes in this prestigious competition!

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Thank you so much for your on-going support!

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*Where good wine
meets good company*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

December 1, 2012, 11AM-4PM

WINE CLUB APPRECIATION DAY

West County Wineries are joining together once again to let you—our wine club members—know how much we appreciate your loyalty. You will be treated to complimentary wine tasting, great food and all the privileges of being a member of all twelve participating wineries. It is a great way to enjoy beautiful West Sonoma County and do some holiday shopping at the same time. There is no charge for this fabulous event. It is our way of thanking you for your loyalty throughout the year. You are welcome to bring up to six guests to enjoy the same privileges for the day.

January 19 - 20, 2013, 11AM-4PM

WINTER WINELAND

February 16, 2013, 5-8PM

**VALENTINE'S DAY WINE CLUB
PICK-UP PARTY**

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

