



MARTIN RAY WINERY

www.martinraywinery.com

MAY 2012

THE LEGACY CLUB

707 829 6156

In this shipment:

CELLAR

- 2009 Martin Ray Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2009 Courtney Benham Stags Leap Cabernet Sauvignon

RED / WHITE

- 2011 Courtney Benham Russian River Valley Gewürztraminer
- 2010 Martin Ray Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

RED ONLY

- 2009 Courtney Benham Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2010 Martin Ray Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Greetings Legacy Club Members!

THE VINEYARD Spring is finally here! After some much needed rain, the Russian River Valley is in full bloom. Bud Break began about two weeks ago and the vines are awakening. We are beginning to see the little grapes growing. Thanks to the few dreary weeks of rain, we are on our way to an excellent harvest season. It looks like 2012 will be a great year for wine in the Russian River Valley! We are particularly excited about our new Gewürztraminer, which is a lovely and refreshing treat as the warm weather approaches!

EVENTS Our sixth annual Salsa Barbeque is coming up on July 14th! We look forward to a delicious Latin- inspired meal and of course many glasses of wine to go along with it. A spectacular local salsa band, Batacha, will provide the entertainment for you to dance the night away. This party is truly too much fun to pass up! On August 25th, we will gladly participate in the Grill 116. This new and unique event will feature classic cars, a live rock band called Moxie, and sausages from Smokehouse BBQ. Yum!

EVENT CENTER Our new Event Center is officially up and running!

We hosted the 2012 Barrel Tasting there in March and it was quite a success. This beautiful open-air pavilion with a grassy isle and flowers galore would be the perfect place for a wedding or private event. If you have any interest, please give us a call so that we may direct you to our event-planner.

THE WINEMAKERS Recently, Winemaker Bill Bachelor and Assistant Winemaker Megan Hill got together with the rest of their team for a blind, comparative Pinot Noir tasting. Three flights of Russian River Valley Pinot were presented, comparing 2008, 2009, and 2010 vintages. They also included some from our neighborhood producers. In unveiling the wines at the end and reviewing bottle price, we found that most of our competitors are creating similar wines, yet at two to three times the cost of a bottle from Martin Ray. We are so happy to continue our pursuit of exceptional wines at affordable prices. As Martin Ray would say "To the good life!"

We hope you enjoy the exclusive wines in this shipment. Please never hesitate to let us know what you think!

Cheers! Karissa Cognata Temporary Wine Club Manager

