

#### **SPRING 2021**







Hi everyone, hope all is well with you and your families. We're enjoying a beautiful spring and are feeling hopeful about what this year holds in store for all of us. We're also grateful for the good things happening now:

### IN THE CELLAR

### SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH ROSÉ-COLORED (WINE)GLASSES:

After the positive response to our first Rosé bottling last year, we tripled down to create three Rosés in 2020: Rosé of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, all using the traditional French method known as saignee. These wines are made by siphoning off some of the juice after it's been in contact with the skins, resulting in the beautiful pink hue and a delicious variation on the varietal. These were bottled in February and released March I, as a trio and for individual sale.

**THE NEW LINEUP:** In addition to the 2020 Rosés, our spring releases include the 2017 red wines and 2019 Sauvignon Blanc (see next page).

**LOOKING FORWARD:** We recently tasted through the 2019's and 2020's with our winemaker Kristof and his wife, Jennifer. The 2019's are shaping up beautifully and will be bottled in July. The 2020's are still young, but we are pleased with how they are progressing.

### IN THE VINEYARD

**READY, SET, GO!** The vineyard is pruned and mowed, and will be disked, and the mustard came back this year with a vengeance amongst

the cover crop, which made for a beautiful display of scenery.

### AROUND THE ESTATE

A LITTLE HELP FOR OUR FRIENDS: After the holidays, we made donations to three local charities that really made a difference behind the scenes during the wildfires last year, helping fight the fires and rescuing and feeding livestock and other animals during and after the fires.

**OUR NEW SCIENCE EXPERIMENT:** We've launched a new wine vinegar project. It's critical to keep the vinegar starter away from wine (or you'll end up with way more vinegar than you planned for), so it's located across the vineyard. The xterior is being rocked with field stone from our property. We currently have two barrels of red wine vinegar in the works.

# MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE'RE OPEN!

We are pleased to be open and hosting visitors again! Tastings are currently available only outside, but with the mustard showing off among the vines right now, our patio is a gorgeous place to sit back, relax and enjoy the wine. Hope to see you here soon.

## THE 2021 SPRING LINEUP

Ready for a restock after a long winter? We have ten new wines—including two never offered before—releasing this spring, from white to rosé to red that'll brighten your glass, liven up dinner and upgrade your cellar. Stock up on some favorites while trying some new options.



### THE NEW LINEUP:

2019 Sauvignon Blanc 2020 Rosé of Merlot 2020 Rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon – NEW 2020 Rosé of Cabernet Franc – NEW 2017 Merlot 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

2017 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

2017 2+3 Proprietary Red Wine

2017 Cabernet Franc

2017 Malbec

Quantities produced range from three dozen to three hundred cases, so order now to ensure availability. Available on our website, or call or email us to order.

# JOIN US FOR OUR WINE CLUB PICK-UP PARTY!

Sunday, April 11

Wine club members, save your shipping costs and join us for a spring afternoon gathering from 12-3 pm. We'll fire up the woodburning oven and provide pizza and other bites to enjoy with a glass of wine or two. No charge to club members, and bring a guest.





# KEEP YOUR COOL WITH RFV TUMBLERS

As weather turns warmer, we find that we love having these metal tumblers for keeping drinks—from white and rosé wine to water—cool while we enjoy them. They're also sturdy, perfect for taking to the beach or lake, sipping while playing bocce or cornhole or for any outdoor entertaining. Visit our website to purchase.

