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WINE CLUB WINTER 2016

COME FOR THE WINE, STAY FOR THE EXPERIENCE.



OUR ENCHANTÉ IS BACK!

I am so very excited about the February Wine Club Selections. They represent some of the finest wines that I have ever had the privilege to grow, ferment, age and bottle. We have three wines from the 2014 Vintage, which was an ideal growing year in Los Olivos. It was warm and dry with cold nights that resulted in moderate yields of richly concentrated fruit. The 2014 Vintage was particularly great for Rhône and Bordeaux varieties because they ripened later and benefited from a longer hang time, in spite of the early start to harvest. Our Cinsault bottling continue to surprise and delight our long-time fans, while inspiring throngs of new devotees. The 2014 Cinsault will not disappoint, as it delivers the most interesting balance of bright fruit complexed with just the right amount of spicy and savory notes. It is sort of like a Zinfandel blended with Malbec. Next up is the 2014 Watch Hill which is impossibly dark, yet remarkably light and nimble in its weight. It tastes of a classic Northern Rhône Syrah, but with more fruit notes that remind you that the wine is from the Los Alamos Valley of California. Just like we always do, we co-fermented 3-6% Viognier in every fermenter, with a large percentage of whole cluster fruit. The wine has rich, mouth-filling tannins that point to a long life in the bottle. We have been sold out of our white blend, Enchanté, for some time now, so I am very happy to have it back in stock, especially from such a great vintage. The 2014 Enchanté is a rich and complex blend of Roussanne and Grenache Blanc that we fermented and aged in a mix of stainless steel and French Oak Burgundy barrels. This wine has the white Rhône fruit profile (honey, melon, and apricot, citrus) with the body of a great Chablis. It is a great alternative to Chardonnay if you find yourself in a white wine rut. The Enchanté is a wine that will age really well for the next decade, gaining weight and richness along the way. Lastly, we are finally releasing the 2013 Syrah from the Thompson Vineyard, which tastes like a mix between an Hermitage and a Cornas, while remaining 100% Californian. The fruit leans towards bright, ripe black cherries and the spicy notes are white pepper, cinnamon, and vanilla. This is a classy, new-world version of an old-world Syrah. As always, I just hope that you enjoy all of them as much as we have enjoyed growing them for you. Finally, please remember that one of the best places on earth to enjoy these wines is at the winery where we strive to provide a fun and educational spot to experience our wines. If you plan ahead, we can arrange private sit down tastings, informative tours, cheese plates, sensory experiences, lunch in a private room or on the terrace... We look forward to taking care of you soon!



RESERVE OUR LIBRARY ROOM

Cheers,

Andrew Murray

THE E11EVEN WINES ARE A HIT!



Our E11even lineup continues to expand with the release of few new wines in 2016. We have just released “SONOROUS”, our first ever sparkling wine that was a big hit over Valentine’s. We will be releasing a Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir from Rio Vista Vineyard and a Petite Sirah from the Los Olivos District (a newly created AVA just south of Ballard Canyon). Our Los Olivos Tasting Room is now dedicated exclusively to these fun yet serious wines. I urge you to give them a try, before they are all gone. While you are there, you can ask about the new E11even Fan Club, a fun twist on a Wine Club that allows you to pick only what you want...

FEATURED WINES

2014 ENCHANTÉ, ESTATE GROWN

Classic white Rhône aromas and flavors with a rich long finish make this the perfect Chardonnay replacement...

2014 CINSAULT, ESTATE GROWN

This wine continues to surprise and delight old and new fans alike...

2014 SYRAH, WATCH HILL VYD

Syrah co-fermented with a touch of Viognier yields a stunning Northern Rhône Syrah knock-off with lots of California fruit...

2013 SYRAH, THOMPSON VYD

A classic 100% Syrah that is balanced and nuanced and rich and complex that will age for years to come





FEATURED WINES

2014 ENCHANTÉ, ESTATE GROWN

On one of my early trips to France, I fell in love with the white wines from Chateau de la Nerthe, in Chateauneuf-du-Pape, in the Southern Rhône. They were richly textured, yet dry, with aromas of honeysuckle and peaches, and melon de Cavaillon (local melons, almost like cantaloupe). They were hauntingly aromatic with flavors that persisted onto the palate. These were life changing whites for me. Our passion for Rhône may have started with a chance sip of Condrieu (Viognier), but it was these whites that taunted and inspired me. Our Enchanté was the name of the wine with the singular goal of re-creating these flavors from our own vines growing in Los Olivos. The 2014 Enchanté gets as close as we have ever come to delivering on my dreams from the lasting memories of those fantastic wines.

Very limited production \$28/btl

2014 CINSAULT, ESTATE GROWN

I must confess that for nearly 10 years I crafted our wines within a few hundred feet of the Cinsault block growing on the Curtis Estate. I naively saw these grapes as contrary to the normal wine-growing goals of small, concentrated berries and clusters. The Cinsault, rather, was always large berries with large clusters that looked worthy of Rose, but not red wine. I simply dismissed it as not worthy of my attention. When we took over the vineyard, I did some research and realized that the larger berry size was normal and that Cinsault was a very widely planted grape in France, in spite of the fact that you do not see varietal bottlings very often. Two vintages ago, we took a chance and tried crafting it into a red wine and were pleasantly surprised. Many of you all seemed to really enjoy the unique and special characteristics of these early “experiments”. Well the 2014 builds upon everything that I have learned about Cinsault and takes it to the next level with a richer and more full-flavored version. It is at once fruity and savory. It is quite simply delicious and it reminds me daily of why I love wine-growing and making so darn much. There is always something to learn...just a sip away. I hope that you give this very special wine the attention that it deserves rather than simply dismissing it. Yes, it is not chocolate or vanilla, but that is the beauty of the Rhône...it is unique and wild and fun. Enjoy this bottling over the next 5 years.

600 cases produced \$36/btl

2014 SYRAH WATCH HILL VINEYARD

We have been lucky enough to “farm” and source the same section of the Watch Hill Vineyard for over a decade. It is one of my favorite spots for Syrah in the Santa Ynez Valley. It is warm enough to get fun ripe fruit flavors, yet cool enough to retain fresh acidity (just look at the neon purple/black color) and some of the savory notes that are prevalent in Northern Rhône Syrah...pepper and forest floor. It is very full bodied, yet light on its feet. This wine is always a best seller and a wonderful age worthy effort, so please stock up on this one before it's too late.

Limited production \$40/btl

2013 SYRAH THOMPSON VINEYARD **

We continue to be lucky enough to farm about 1.5 acres out at the Thompson Vineyard. Yields are always ruinously low so we never are able to craft much wine, but what we do bottle up each year is some extremely special Syrah. These wines always have a perfect balance between the old and the new. This is a quintessential Syrah in every way...a Syrah for Syrah lovers. We aged this beauty and extra year in the bottle, so it is more than ready to grace your table tonight. But don't be fooled as it will age for another decade or more.

Limited production \$45/btl **Only included in select shipments.



LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!



To make a Reservation for any of our Upcoming Events, or to inquire about hosting your own special event at our Winery & Visitors Center, please call the winery at 805-686-9604 or email us at Visit@AndrewMurrayVineyards.com.

We look forward to making your next visit with us delicious, informative, and of course fun.

CURRENT RELEASES

2014 ENCHANTÉ

Retail Price: \$28.00/bottle

Wine Club: \$22.40/bottle

2015 ESPÉRANCE ROSÉ

Retail Price: \$20.00/bottle

Wine Club: \$16.00/bottle

2013 ESPÉRANCE

Retail Price: \$30.00/bottle

Wine Club: \$24.00/bottle

2013 MOURVÈDRE

Retail Price: \$36.00/bottle

Wine Club: \$28.80/bottle

2013 SYRAH THOMPSON VINEYARD

New and Limited Release

Retail Price: \$45.00/bottle

Wine Club: \$36.00/bottle