



Koehler

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Dear Koehler Wine Club Members,

After a very wet winter, we are grateful for the arrival of spring. April showers have indeed brought May flowers - wildflowers are blooming, the days are longer and warmer, and new growth on the vines has lent our beautiful canyon a verdant hue once again.



Yellow roses bloom outside our tasting room.

The ground cover between the vineyard rows has been plowed under to add nutrients for the vines' growing season, and our vineyard team is hard at work on vine management for the new growth. We are looking forward to a very good harvest starting in September.

Our winemaker has been busy with new bottlings. We recently bottled three 2009 whites and three 2008 reds, and plan to have the rest of the '09 whites and '08 reds in the bottle before our barbecue next month.

UPCOMING RELEASES

We plan to release our 2009 Riesling in early June, and the 2009 Chardonnay will be ready for the August Cabinet Club shipment. The new vintage of our very popular Quartette white blend will be an early fall release.

Red releases in the fall will include the 2008 Sangiovese and Grenache, the 2007 Magia Nera Super Tuscan blend, and, new for us, the red Rhône-style variety Mourvèdre.

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IN THIS SHIPMENT

This shipment includes two of my favorite red wines, the 2006 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and the 2006 Magia Nera Tuscan-style red blend.

The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits a bright yet earthy bouquet with hints of pepper, chocolate and a slight oak impression. On the palate the elegant tannins help round out the blackberry jam and currant flavors which leads to a soft finish. This is a wonderful wine to enjoy now or hold onto another 3-5 years. Pair with grilled pork tenderloin, roasted baby fingerling potatoes

rubbed in fleur de sel, and oven baked vegetables drizzled in olive oil and shallot pepper seasoning.

The new vintage of our Super-Tuscan blend is 65% Sangiovese and 35% Cabernet Sauvignon. We detected amazing scents of cocoa, dried cherries, lavender and lilac. These delightful aromas progressed into layered flavors of crushed dark berries, light oak, and a touch of spice. The structured yet balanced finish will surely please all. This wine should drink well for many years to come.

COMING EVENTS

It's barbecue time again! This year's Annual barbecue will be held here at the winery on Saturday, June 5th, from 11 am to 3 pm. A full spread of appetizers, food, and wine will await your taste buds! For a \$10 per person fee you can bring yourself and up to four friends. There will be extra discounts, and we will be pre-tasting some of the 2009 white wines along with all the current releases. RSVP to me at danz@koehlerwinery.com or 805-693-8384.

Join us Saturday, June 26 at the next Santa Barbara Wine Festival. About seventy wineries are set to participate in this very popular annual festival, held at the picturesque Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Visit sbnature.org/winefestival for more information and to order tickets.

Check the Foxen Canyon Wine Trail website at foxentrail.com for information about events here and at the other wineries of the Trail.

Do join us for our spring and summer events!

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