



Wine Club Newsletter Fall 2023

Dear Wine Club Members,

After a long, hot summer we here at the vineyard are so glad to finally be sending you your fall club shipments. Cheers to the wine club! As I write this in late September, we have not yet harvested the grapes, but you will not be surprised to hear that we are in the midst of harvest time in Paso Robles. In recent years we have harvested anywhere from very late August up until mid October. For the first time in our history, Wilson Family Vineyard will be harvesting four varieties: Syrah, Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Grenache. The new Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache vines are now three years old and ready for their first harvest. We expect to keep two tons of each variety (8 tons total) for our winery production, with each ton of grapes yielding 160 gallons of wine, or approximately 70 cases. Thus, 8 tons of grapes translates into 560 cases. As a small central coast producer, this will be sufficient for our customer base and allows us to focus on quality rather than quantity. We are able to sell the excess harvest amounts to other local Paso Robles wineries.

The picture included here was taken on September 21st and shows ample clusters of grapes this season.

We did cut and remove grapes, called "dropping fruit", due to the amount of grapes this year, which improves the quality of the remaining grapes.

You will see green netting in the photo as well. The netting is placed over the vineyard rows as the grapes start to mature as a preventative measure so that swarms of birds do not feed on the ripening grapes.



September 2023 Vines with Netting



Your Shipment

We are very pleased to offer the 2018 Hilltop Syrah with your shipment. This was bottled on July 28, 2021, and we produced 139 cases. We have not marketed this wine up to this point, but rather we let it age a few more years in cool storage. It is now being released. The bouquet of this wine shows prominent plum and black berry fruit, the texture is soft and medium-bodied, and you will find it to be very lively on the tongue and mid-palate. As with most good Syrahs, it pairs very well with a range of foods and is an excellent wine to have with your special dinner night. You are also receiving the 2018 Epic Red, a special blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Petite Sirah. The vineyard bottled 62 cases of this in September 2022. You will find the Epic Red to live up to its name as a very full-bodied wine, savory and delicious with dark fruit. This is a big wine, and it is best to allow it ample breathing time before drinking. We hope you enjoy.



2018 Hilltop Syrah Harvest

Your Fall Club Shipment

2 Bottle Club: 2018 Hilltop Syrah, 2018 Epic Red Blend

4 Bottle Club: 2018 Hilltop Syrah, 2018 Epic Red Blend, 2019 GSM, 2017 Eclipse

6 Bottle Club: 2018 Hilltop Syrah (2), 2018 Epic Red Blend (2), 2019 GSM, 2017 Eclipse

For Wine Club Members Only

Use discount code WFV20 when placing orders on the website at www.wilsonfamilyvineyard.com. This provides a 20% discount on all wines.

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