

Mount Saint Joseph Wines

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Busy Spring - Vineyard and Tasting Room Are Coming

The two most common questions we get asked are....“When will the vineyard be planted?” and “Do you have a tasting room?” Well, patience is rewarded as we will have both a vineyard and tasting room this Spring.

The vineyard will be planted in May once the danger of frost has passed. Over the next two months you will see the end posts, stakes and vineyard wire installed. In fact, all these materials were delivered last week (photo above). Soon after that, the irrigation system will go in followed by the planting of 3500 vines (Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Petite Syrah). These vines have been maturing in the nursery and will be delivered already grafted to premium rootstock.

We have planned and tentatively scheduled a very special event – **The Blessing of the Vineyard Ceremony and Celebration for June 4** – so save the date!

Our search for a permanent tasting room location continues but we have found an interim home for our wines at Sip in Old Town Auburn. Sip is a charming multi-winery tasting room. It is located in a historical landmark building originally built in 1850 (photos above). Most of our wines will be featured and can be purchased by the glass, bottle or case.

Our “grand opening” date at Sip is contingent upon the timing of the approval of our California ABC tasting room license. We project that we will be able to pour in April – so stay thirsty my friends!

While awaiting the planting of the vineyard and opening of the tasting room, our Wine Club members have been enjoying great events such as our wine club dinner at La Fornaretta in Newcastle last month where 60 club members enjoyed some terrific Sicilian cuisine with our Mount Saint Joseph wine. If you are not already in the Wine Club, please sign up and join the fun!

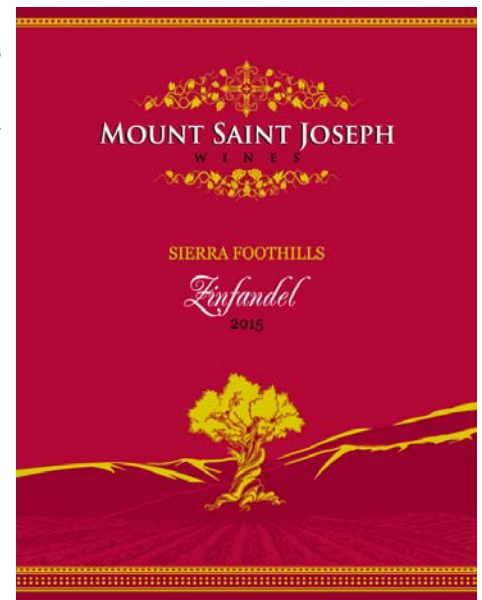


New Restaurants Added and New Wines Released

Mount Saint Joseph wines are now featured in 15 local restaurants and clubs. The latest to add our wines to their wine lists are Monk's Cellar and Il Fornaio – both in Roseville.

Il Fornaio will be pairing our Mount Saint Joseph wines with five amazing courses at their Winemaker's Dinner on March 30. Co-starring with our wines that evening will be our winemaker, Peter Story. This is an Il Fornaio event (not a Wine Club event) so reservations can be made by calling Il Fornaio (916-788-1200).

In February – Peter bottled four new wines including our very first Sierra Foothills series wine – the 2015 Sierra Foothills Zinfandel (new label at right). Blended with just a bit of Syrah and Petite Syrah, this Zin has ripe raspberry and black cherry fruit – lush, silky and round - with a dry finish. We also bottled our 2015 California Series Zinfandel as well as two terrific new white Rhone style wines – the 2016 Viognier (photo above) and the 2016 Avignon – a blend of Viognier, Marsanne and Roussanne wines. Wine club members now have these wines and we will soon release them to the general public.



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