



## 2016 Harvest Season – Sangiovese & Syrah Are In

The 2016 harvest season has begun. First in was the Negroamaro from Peter's personal vineyard on September 3. As it was the very first harvest, it was a small lot of this very special varietal originally cultivated in the "heel" of Italy (about 500 pounds). It will be exciting to see how Peter blends this wine in 2018.

Next in were the Syrah and Sangiovese on September 8 and 17 respectively - a combined eight tons. You can expect to see these in our 2018 Sierra Foothill Marengo. We also harvested a ton of Petite Sirah and two tons of Cabernet Sauvignon last week. Still on the vine are our Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Mourvèdre.

The Negroamaro was pressed on September 15 and removed on September 20. The Syrah was pressed on September 20 and the Cabernet Sauvignon crushed on September 22. Sangiovese and Petite Sirah will be pressed this week. By late October all varietals will be barreled down in Napa in a combination of around 50 French oak barrels next to our 2015 harvest wines (which have about 9 months to go in their barrels). All told we will have just over 100 barrels of 2015 and 2016 harvest wines at our Napa winery by November. The waiting is the hardest part!!!



## Vineyard Irrigation System Installation

Vineyard development has continued this month with the installation of the irrigation system at Mount Saint Joseph. The system features 2HP pumps that will move water from the Placer County Water Authority irrigation canal that runs just a few yards north of the vineyard.

The irrigation system has been specifically designed and spec'd so that the exact amount of desired water is delivered to each and every vine in the vineyard. Recall that our Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc vines have all been grafted to special rootstock and are developing in the nursery pending planting in Spring of 2017. Next up will be some winter erosion control measures that will be completed prior to the coming rains.



## New Restaurants With Our Wines

The list of local restaurants now featuring Mount Saint Joseph Wines continues to grow. **Farmhaus** in Granite Bay, **La Fornaretta** in Newcastle, **The Monk's Cellar** in Rocklin, **Granite Bay Golf Club** in Granite Bay and **Sierra View Country Club** in Roseville are all now pouring our wine.

We will have a wine club dinner at **Global Source Tapas** in Granite Bay (our first restaurant customer) on Thursday, October 6.

*Join your friends, join the fun, join our wine club!!!*

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