



## Cartograph News: February 2020

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### Hello

How about starting February with some fun news! We're excited to share that Virginie Boone at *Wine Enthusiast* [awarded our 2017 Russian River Valley Pinot 92 points!](#) "It is light bodied in style, with elegant, silky tannins and shows bright acidity alongside flavors of rhubarb, pomegranate and red cherry," she writes.

This age-worthy Pinot is beautifully balanced and will gain palate weight as it ages. Do you need to [restock?](#)

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## THE LOWDOWN ON LIBRARY WINES

A library wine is a wine that has been cellared for the purpose of enjoying a vintage well after its initial release. So how long can Pinot age? We believe Cartograph Pinots can typically age for 10 years or more — in fact, we're still enjoying our 2009 Floodgate Pinot.

As a Pinot ages, the bright fruit flavors that are present when it's young fade to the background and its earthy, mushroom characteristics emerge. Some wines get more subtle as they age, while some wines get bolder. We've noticed that the majority of Cartograph Pinots tend to gain palate weight as they age.

We've been tasting through our library and have been updating the tasting notes on our website. If you have a question about how an older vintage tastes, check the website for our most recent notes. We mark updated notes with the date on which we last tasted the wine.

If you're thinking that you'd like to come taste some Cartograph library wines so you can purchase them at their peak loveliness, you're in luck: Read on for info about our new #LibraryFriday events.





## JOIN US FOR #LibraryFriday

Every Friday in the Cartograph tasting room, we're opening a library wine! Join us for a glass, and then pick up some bottles for your collection!

- Friday, Feb. 7: [2013 Transverse Pinot noir](#)
- Friday, Feb. 14: [2015 Mendocino Ridge Pinot noir](#)
- Friday, Feb. 21: [2012 Leonardo Julio Vineyard Pinot noir](#)
- Friday, Feb. 28: [2014 Russian River Valley Pinot noir](#)



## FROM THE WINEMAKER

In addition to our new #LibraryFriday tastings, we'll also be hosting a Perli vineyard vertical tasting on Saturday, Feb. 15. We're having fun exploring older vintages to share with you.

In the vineyard, we're queued up in the starting blocks for the growing season: We've had our pruning strategy session, and I'm setting up delivery dates for the rootstock we'll be planting in March for our new vines.

The winter has been fairly cool and quite cloudy, making early budbreak unlikely, so it seems like we have a while to wait. However, seeing the first daffodil bloom this morning in the Cartograph garden reminded us that we'll be scrambling to keep up with the vineyard soon enough.



Cheers,

Alan



SAVE THESE DATES!

Cartograph Spring Release  
**SAVE THE DATE**



**MAY 6: WINEMAKER DINNER, CHICAGO**  
**MAY 7: CHICAGO RELEASE PARTY**  
**MAY 11: ST. PAUL, MN RELEASE PARTY**  
**MAY 17: HEALDSBURG RELEASE PARTY**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Every Friday:** #LibraryFriday (details above)

**Saturday February 15:** Perli Vineyard Vertical Pinot Noir Tasting

- Join us at the tasting room to taste a selection of library Pinot noir from Perli Vineyard

**Saturday March 21:** Cartograph Estate Clonal Tasting

- Join us at the tasting room for the final tasting of the four 2017 clones from the Cartograph Estate

**Wednesday April 1:** [Bang on a Can All-Stars](#), Green Music Center

- Cartograph Circle members use your membership code for a discount on tickets
- [Email Serena](#) to join us in the donor lounge for Cartograph wines and bites before the show

**Saturday April 18:** [Cantus](#), Green Music Center

- Cartograph Circle members use your membership code for a discount on tickets
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**Every day:** Reserve a [seated tasting!](#)



## BACK TO WORK WE GO

Our citrus has just hit its sweet spot, which means that we'll be bringing oranges into the tasting room — please come get some! And seeing our first daffodil open up is an exciting sign of spring. We hope those of you who have snow are enjoying its beauty ... and for those without snow, maybe you too are seeing flowers growing.

Cheers,

Alan and Serena



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