



Hello

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were filled with love, laughter and joy.

As we ring in 2019, we're celebrating the 10th anniversary of launching Cartograph in Healdsburg, as well as two great pieces of news: First, our Brut Zero sparkling got a lovely write-up in the [Robb Report](#). And we found out that we've been accepted into the 2019 International Pinot Noir Celebration ([IPNC](#)) — an invitation-only event, now in its 33rd year, that features 70 of the world's best Pinot producers.

We'll be pouring our inaugural release of the Cartograph Estate Pinot noir at IPNC. We're incredibly honored, and are looking forward to this wonderful three-day event in July. You'll hear more from us about this, but tickets do sell out — so take a look at their website and let us know if you have any questions about attending, because we'd love to see some friends in the crowd.

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NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR: ANNIVERSARY TASTING MENUS, MICHIGAN SHIPMENTS, ESTATE OLIVE OIL

We're showcasing our 10 years of winemaking at Cartograph with special tasting room menus: One Saturday each month, we'll have a second tasting menu available from noon to 4 p.m. We're excited to taste these wines with you! Here's what we have planned.

Jan. 19: Libray Pinot Noir tasting, featuring the following wines (click to see updated tasting notes:

- [2009 Floodgate Vineyard Pinot Noir](#)
- [2012 Leonardo Julio Vineyard Pinot Noir](#)
- [2013 Choate Vineyard Pinot Noir](#)
- [2014 Perli Vineyard Pinot Noir](#)
- [2015 Saltonstall Vineyard Pinot Noir](#)

Feb. 16: Russian River vertical focusing on 2012–2016

March 16: 2016 Estate Clonal Pinot Noir tasting

April 13: 2018 North Coast Rosé preview (tentative)



May 18: Library Pinot Noir tasting

June 15: Dry White Wines

July 20: Green Ranch Riesling vertical

Aug 17: Starscape Vineyard Pinot Noir vertical

Sept: Wines TBD, depending on what's happening with harvest

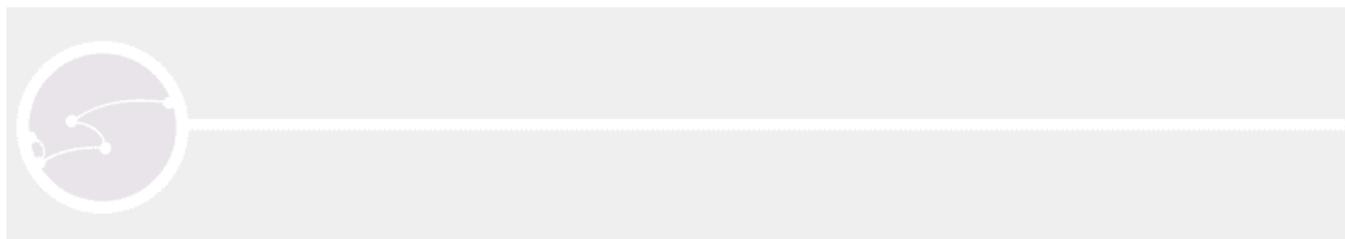
Oct. 12: The 2015 Pinot Noir Magnum release

Nov. 9: Perli Vineyard Pinot Noir vertical

Dec. 14: Sparkling tasting (if we have any left!)

And a couple of other news items:

- Our license came through at the end of the year, and we can now ship directly to Michigan! [Michiganders, place your orders.](#)
- We're planning a Cartograph Estate olive oil release this year so you can enjoy the fruits of our other labors — watch this space for details.
- And the Cartograph winter garden is in full swing, so we'll be bringing a lot of citrus into the tasting room to share in January.



SPRINGTIME IN THE CARTOGRAPH CIRCLE

Save the date! We love seeing as many Cartograph Circle members as possible throughout the year. Here are the dates for upcoming Circle release events — hope to see you at one of them. We will email invitations in March.

- April 3: Minneapolis spring release party
- April 4: Winemaker dinner at Chez Moi, Chicago
- April 5: Chicago spring release party
- May 4: Healdsburg spring release party



FROM THE WINEMAKER REPORTING AND REPLANTING

On the winemaking front, not a lot goes on during these cold winter months. The Pinot is topped up and resting nicely; the whites are basically all prettied up and will get bottled early in the new year.

However, things are a bit more frenzied elsewhere. The end of the year gets busy as you wrap up those tasks you promised to complete so you can go into the new year organized and set for success. Right? (Serena adds: Don't forget your promise in the last newsletter to get the olive oil labels designed!)



The other big task we're currently organizing is our plan to replant the Cartograph Estate vineyard this year. While the vineyard is healthy for the most part, the replant will help in a couple of ways. First, we'll plant more densely so we can get more fruit per acre without stressing the vines; right now, we have to work really hard to get three tons per acre. Second, we're changing the rootstock to which the vines are grafted, which will boost the drought tolerance of the new vines.

The plan requires us to remove all the vines, the trellis system and the water and technology infrastructure, so we can put new infrastructure in place. This spring, we'll tear out rows 1–28 to prepare for vines that will go in the ground in the spring of 2020. Every choice we make will be one that we live with for

decades, so we have to make sure we get it exactly right on paper before we start digging things up.

We're really excited that the replant will enable us to add Riesling vines to the vineyard, and to increase the quantity of Pinot vines we can plant. We'll have some new clones going in as well. This is a five-year project, so we'll definitely be documenting the process and sharing it with you.

If you're hankering for more information about government reporting, go check out the [Report of Wine Premises Operations, TTB F 5120.17](#), and revel in the minutiae that we have to track just to get a bottle of wine into your hands.

Cheers,

Alan



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our wonderful partnership with the [Green Music Center](#) at Sonoma State University continues; see below for upcoming Cartograph–sponsored events. Cartograph Circle members receive special pricing on all 2018–2019 events at the center, as well as access to the donor lounge for wine and nibbles before the concert and at intermission. If you're planning to join us in the lounge, please [RSVP to Serena](#).

- Jan. 19: [Library Pinot tasting](#), Cartograph tasting room
- Feb. 16: [Russian River Pinot Noir vertical](#), Cartograph tasting room
- Feb. 22: [Wild Up](#) at the Green Music Center
- Mar. 15: [Pigs and Pinot](#), Dry Creek Kitchen
- March 16: [Estate Clonal Pinot Noir tasting](#), Cartograph tasting room
- April 13 (tentative): 2018 North Coast Rosé preview, Cartograph tasting room
- Apr. 26: [Gil Shaham, violin & Akira Eguchi](#), piano at the Green Music Center
- May 9: [Kronos Quartet](#) with Masha Vahdat at the Green Music Center

Get the most up-to-date info on our events page: www.cartographwines.com/events



BACK TO WORK WE GO

We've definitely buried the lede here, but we have a new answer to the question we get asked the most: Are you two married? We can finally say yes! We tied the knot on Dec. 12 in a private ceremony (just the two of us and the officiant), and celebrated with a bottle of sparkling at the vineyard. In true Cartograph style, we inscribed our longitude and latitude inside our rings.

Have a wonderful 2019! We look forward to catching up with you.

Cheers,

Alan and Serena



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