



Cartograph News: May 2025

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Hello

It's been a while since we reached out, as we've been busy wrapping up the spring release and enjoying a trip to share Cartograph wines in Minnesota. We want to get you caught up on what's happening this month, and in June we'll be back with a big update on Cartograph's future home.

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NEW SPRING WINES ARE HERE!

The new wines for spring are available in the tasting room! And from the “who’d have thought?” department: We only have two Pinots on the tasting room list right now. Stop in to check out the new wines — we’re especially excited to have you taste the very first vintage of Cartograph Cabernet Franc.

If you’re a Cartograph Circle member picking up spring wines, you have until the end of the month to come in, taste and make your selections.

Current tasting menu:

- 2024 Rosé of Pinot Noir
- 2023 Sonoma County Riesling
- 2021 Transverse Pinot Noir
- 2023 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir
- 2023 Cabernet Franc



FROM THE WINEMAKER: VINEYARD UPDATES

We've had a glorious spring in northern California. Good rainfall over the winter months and a nice, slow start to the growing season have our vines looking great right now. We'll get our second crop of Riesling and Pinot noir from the Cartograph Estate vineyard this year, with two blocks of vines remaining to be grafted next year. While we're remodeling our new property in Dry Creek, we'll farm the Syrah there for one more year before looking at a replant ... we're thinking Sangiovese might be a good fit for that location. For now, we're scrambling to keep up with the canopy that is trying its best to stay ahead of our ability to keep it all tucked into the wires. We're looking forward to bloom in the next few weeks, and we have our fingers crossed that we continue this beautifully mild streak of weather.

Cheers,

Alan



## NEW TASTING EXPERIENCE: PASSION FOR PINOT

We'd like to invite you to a new experience at the tasting room that we're pretty excited about. "A Passion for Pinot: Inside the Winemaker's World" pulls back the curtain on how we make exquisite Pinot noir. It gives you a front-row seat to all the steps in the decision-making process that shapes Alan's work in the vineyard, through the harvest process and into the winery as we get juice into the barrel and shepherd it into a finished wine.

You'll taste juice and wine exactly as they taste at every stage of the journey, learn the insider vocabulary of the winery, see the tools we use and take a deep dive into the winemaker's decision-making matrix. And all along the way, you'll swoon over a love story that echoes the Cartograph winemaker's passion for dealing with this capricious but incredibly rewarding grape.

You can join us for a Passion for Pinot session on select Saturdays from now through Aug. 9. Once we're through harvest, we'll offer more sessions. If you have a group of four to six people and would like to reserve a specific date, email Serena.

Read more [here](#) about A Passion for Pinot.



## SUPPORT COMMUNITY CARTOGRAPH PARTNER: TRUE WEST FILM CENTER

Have you heard about [True West Film Center](#), the state-of-the-art cinema complex that's being built in downtown Healdsburg? Its three big-screen cinemas, education studios and social spaces will open this fall. Please consider participating in their fundraising efforts by buying a brick.

For those of you with kids who are planning a visit to Sonoma County, check out the amazing [youth camps](#) that True West offers throughout the summer.



## BACK TO THE SOIL

We're heading back to the vineyard to finish planting the spring vegetable garden and prune the olive trees! If you're local, we hope to see you at the [Twilight Parade](#) on Thursday. It will be the last parade we can watch from the tasting room while enjoying a glass of wine.

Cheers,

Alan and Serena

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