

Cartograph News: August 2020

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Hello

“Pivot” is officially the word of the year for 2020. It seems like each day offers a new twist that requires us to improvise a solution to an unforeseen problem. Our guess is that many of you are feeling the same way, especially as the new school year starts. Even so, we’re glad to have some updates to share about the tasting room, events and the upcoming harvest season. We’re now focused on harvest preparations, which means we’re scrubbing down bins and tanks, sharpening our pick knives, and breaking in our new harvest boots. We’re feeling excited as we watch the grapes start to color up. #bringonharvest2020

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TASTING ROOM PATIO UPDATE

Our outdoor furniture has arrived! The Cartograph tasting room patio is now fully open, which means we can seat 12 people at each tasting time (10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.). Each table can seat up to six people. Insider tip for Cartograph Circle members: If reservations are full, we have a “hidden” members-only table that seats two.

We’re now set up on OpenTable, so you can make a reservation via [opentable.com](https://www.opentable.com). You can also reserve on our [website](#), or just give us a call (707.433.8270). Reservations are required, and we’ll continue to be closed on Mondays. Just a gentle reminder: Masks are required, and because the patio faces a busy downtown street, we’re asking that you please leave your (awesome) kids at home.

We have some special tasting menus coming up, so be sure to keep an eye on our events listings (below and [on our website](#)).



END OF VINTAGE ALERT: PINOT NOIR

Every summer we do an inventory of everything in the cellar and let you know of any wines that are at 20 or fewer cases. Get them while you can! You can place your order online, or give us a call at 707.433.8270.

- [2012 Leonardo Julio Vineyard Pinot Noir](#), Russian River Valley
- [2012 Roma's Vineyard Pinot Noir](#), Anderson Valley
- [2012 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir](#)
- [2013 Transverse Pinot Noir](#), North Coast
- [2014 Perli Vineyard Pinot Noir](#), Mendocino Ridge
- [2015 Mendocino Ridge Pinot Noir](#)
- [2015 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir](#)



FROM THE WINEMAKER: VERAISON

Every year offers a different path to the finish line, and this year we're extremely optimistic about our chance to nail a special harvest. We had great weather through bloom and fruit set, and have an abundant crop on the vines.

Now that veraison is underway and we see the Pinot start to turn from green to purple, we begin to understand how uniform the maturation of the grapes will be — and at the moment, things are very much in sync. As we move into fall at the estate vineyard, we'll see the cool air drain down to the bottom of the hill and settle there, which will slow down those vines. In years past, we've worked hard to have all of the vines across the vineyard ripen at close to the same time, but this year I'm looking forward to those low-lying vines slowing down so we don't have to pick the whole vineyard in a couple of crazy days. For now, let's keep these sunny days coming!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Blackberry picking at the Cartograph Estate

We have a bumper crop of blackberries at the estate vineyard this summer, so we're inviting you to share the bounty! When you buy six bottles of Cartograph wine, we'll deliver them to you in a cooler at the vineyard while you pick as many blackberries as you'd like. You choose the date and time, and we'll make sure you have the vineyard to yourself. (Note: If you pick in the morning, you'll be in the shade; if you pick after lunch, be sure to wear a hat, because the bushes are in full sun.) Give us a call at 707.433.8270 or [email us](#) to place your order and schedule your picking time.

Photo courtesy of Ryan King



Library Fridays are back!

We're putting a special library wine on the tasting room menu every Friday.

- Aug. 7: 2013 Transverse Pinot Noir, North Coast
- Aug. 14: 2014 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley
- Aug. 21: 2015 Starscape Vineyard Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley
- Aug. 28: 2016 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

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Special tasting menus: Library Flights

- Aug. 22: Starscape Vineyard Pinot Noir vertical, 2014–2017
- Sept. 19: Deep dive into 2016 Pinots, with the Cartograph Estate, Saltonstall Vineyard, Perli Vineyard, Transverse
- October, date TBD: Focus on the new wines we'll release this fall

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Virtual tastings with Alan

We're continuing our virtual tastings and are doing some tastings that are focused on vineyards and specific vintages. We know you probably won't want to open a bunch of wines at once but if you purchase, or have one of these in your cellar, join us to sip and chat about how they are tasting. We'll provide the Zoom link when you make a reservation; email info@cartographwines.com or call us at 707.433.8270 to reserve your spot. All tastings start at 4 p.m. PST. We encourage you to purchase the wine at least two weeks ahead, so it has time to recover from shipping.

- Aug. 21: [Starscape Vineyard Pinot Noir vertical, 2014–2017](#)
- Sept. 18: [Deep dive into 2016 Pinots](#), with Cartograph Estate, Saltonstall Vineyard, Perli Vineyard, Transverse



BACK TO WORK WE GO

We hope you and your family and friends are staying safe during these times. We're thinking of you and miss seeing you. As the summer light starts to fade, we're trying to spend as much time as possible outdoors enjoying the summer sunshine before the chaotic energy of harvest kicks in.

Virtual hugs and cheers,

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