



Cartograph Circle News: June 2021

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Hello

Summer has arrived, and we're looking forward to picnics, baseball games, farmers' markets and watching the vines grow. There are about five tomatoes on our Early Girl plant and tons of blooms on the peppers right now. What do you have planned as restrictions ease and life starts to open up again? Here's a fun [teaser](#) to encourage you to plan a visit to Healdsburg.

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COME ON INSIDE!

On June 16, the Cartograph tasting room will re-open for indoor tastings! We'll continue to require [reservations](#) so we can manage the flow of guests. There will be four seating areas for you to choose from; we won't be doing any tasting at the bar. In addition, we'll keep our outdoor patio open — but, given the summer heat, we encourage you to use it as a space where you can relax and have a cold glass of Rosé or Riesling.

If you make a reservation for June 18 or 19, we'll have a special treat for you to celebrate the re-opening. Book your seating area and come see us!

We're also hiring, so if you know an enthusiastic hospitality pro who's interested in part-time hours, please send them our way.



SPRING RELEASE: THAT'S A WRAP

We hope you've opened some of the [new wines](#) and are enjoying them — we had a great time tasting all four new wines on Zoom with our Circle members. If you haven't received your wine yet, you can pick it up at the tasting room (please give us a call so we can have it ready for you) or we can ship it to you ([email Serena](#)). We're running low on the 2019 Brooks Riesling, so if you enjoyed that one, order more soon!



CARTOGRAPH ESTATE VINEYARD UPDATE

The wait is finally over: After years of planning and permitting, we're ready to field graft the first two blocks of our estate vineyard replant. It feels good to shift to this new phase; watching rootstock grow isn't very exciting.

This rootstock was planted in the spring of 2020 and will be grafted the first week of June 2021. I could get very nerdy on the topic, but the upshot is that this rootstock (420A) is much more drought-tolerant and will allow us to hang on to our canopy later in the season. That will help us ripen crops in cool seasons. The images below show the last steps before grafting, where we remove the protective carton and trim the canes back to give the crew easy access to the trunk.



We'll have about 1.5 acres of Riesling and the same amount of Pinot noir clone 115. We'll get a tiny bit of fruit next year, but because we really want to focus on building the strength of the roots and trunk to prepare us for success in the future, we'll put vine health ahead of yield — always a smart move.

Here's looking forward to Cartograph Estate Riesling!

Cheers, Alan



SUMMER SHIPPING SPECIAL

We've partnered with UPS to offer a summer shipping solution. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we're able to ship next-day air at a significantly reduced rate (shipping a case of wine is about \$70 instead of \$200). UPS picks up the wines from us in a refrigerated truck to ensure that they stay at the correct temperature until they arrive at your location the following morning. If you would like us to ship ground, we'll keep an eye on the weather and ship when we can but it may not be until the fall.



BACK TO WORK WE GO

We're busy in the tasting room getting furniture back in place and doing a final deep clean before we open up fully later this month. After spending so much time improvising our way through each change in conditions, it feels good to be going back to something familiar. We're very optimistic about the coming summer. Come see us!

Cheers,

Alan and Serena



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