

## Cartograph Newsletter: January 2023

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#### Hello

Happy new year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season filled with laughter and joy. The Cartograph team celebrated together last week by going out for a delicious lunch and then learning how to make ricotta cheese. We had such a great time that we're looking into bringing this experience to our Cartograph Circle members.



**JANUARY 2023** 

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(Photo is our team after making ricotta at Epicurean Connection)

### NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR

### **Staff picks**

One of our new offerings was inspired by our team: At our monthly staff meetings, we always pick a wine to taste and review together.

The exercise helps us see how the wine is aging, gives us info for assessing and updating the tasting notes, and highlights how each of us on the team tastes and describes our wines.

The information that results is always really interesting, so we thought that this year we'd start sharing it with you. Each month beginning in February, you'll get a brief email highlighting the new staff pick, which we'll have available by the glass in the tasting room.

### Complimentary glasses for Cartograph Circle members

Now that we're all beginning to gather more frequently, we thought it would be great to give Circle members visiting the tasting room the choice of a complimentary glass of wine or a complimentary tasting.

You'll be able to have the experience you want: Hang out and enjoy a glass, or go for the full-on tasting. We'll also be making the Cartograph Circle member discount available on by-the-glass purchases.





## FROM THE WINEMAKER

Holy downpour, Batman!

You may have heard goofy phrases like "bomb cyclone" and "atmospheric river" in the news lately. As crazy as the weather has been across the country — especially the supercharged systems hitting the West Coast right now — for the moment we're saying so far, so good.

Here in Healdsburg, we received 15 inches of rain late in 2022, and this year is off to a great start with thirteen inches so far in January. Obviously, this rain brings challenges to those near the Russian River and its tributaries. We're watching the rising waters, and we're getting a few breaks in the weather that should help downstream.

Fingers crossed that the consistent series of storms coming toward the northwest stay in the moderate range to recharge our groundwater. I don't remember a time when I've celebrated feeling soggy and cold while I'm out and about, but this rain feels like it's bringing a fresh, clean start to 2023.

Cheers,

## Alan





# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January: We've launched a new menu in the tasting room - come taste or enjoy a glass or two!

January 22: Celebrate crab season at Spoonbar with a three-course dinner featuring Cartograph Riesling and Dungeness Crab. It's a three course dinner and we just saw the draft menu and it will be delicious! (\$59 per person). Make reservations via Spoonbar.

January 29: Bang on a Can All-Stars at the Green Music Center in Rohnert Park. Please let us know if you're coming so we can add you to the donor lounge guest list. Stop by the lounge to relax with some small bites and Cartograph wine before the show and at intermission.





## BACK TO WORK WE GO

May this new year bring you much happiness — we hope we get to see you in person soon!

Cheers,

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