



Hello

The weather this spring and summer has been a winemaker's dream, the Cartograph Garden is growing like crazy and we're enjoying welcoming so many new visitors to the Cartograph tasting room. (In our continuing quest for world domination, we're also happy to announce that you can now find Cartograph wines at the Wilibeas shop in Santa Rosa and the Elephant in the Room pub in Healdsburg.)

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POP THE SPARKLING CORK!

It seems like a lifetime ago that we picked five tons of Chardonnay to make Cartograph's first sparkling wine. (In fact, if you're five years old, it HAS been a lifetime.) (Also, big congrats on your precocious reading comprehension!) We bottled in 2013, and we've spent the intervening years watching and waiting as the wine gained character aging on the lees. In February of this year, we disgorged the wine ... now, it's ready for release.

The fun part: We split the lot into two different lots of bubbles. One is a straight-up blanc de blanc with zero dosage (that is, no added sweetness). We call this one Brut Zero, and it's as bright and lively as we had hoped. To the other half, we added a bit of Pinot noir and a slight dosage, to soften the palate weight a bit and to give it a pretty pinkish hue. We're thrilled with both wines and are eager to share them with you!

Join us in the tasting room on July 14th for a special release tasting. [RSVP here](#) to attend or call the tasting room at 707-433-8270.

Details

Date: Saturday July 14th

Location: Cartograph Tasting Room, [340 Center St., Healdsburg CA](#)

Time: 12 - 3:30pm

Taste: 2013 Brut Zero Sparkling and the 2013 Brut Rosé Sparkling

Tasting fee: \$10



COME TASTE WHAT'S NEW

We've released seven new wines to Cartograph Circle members, and they're now on rotation at the tasting room! Here's a look at what awaits for your next visit.

Imagine drums, trumpets, Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man"... imagine whatever you'd like to accompany our announcement of the first Pinot Noirs from the Cartograph Estate Vineyard! The very first Cartograph Estate Pinots are now ready to drink. And because we are nerds, the first three Pinots from our Estate are clonal specific Pinots (more about that in the next newsletter): [2016 Cartograph Estate Pommard Clone](#), [2016 Cartograph Estate 777 Clone](#), [2016 Cartograph Estate 667 Clone](#).



We're also really enthusiastic about the wines from vineyards we've been working with for years. New this season are the [2017 North Coast Rosé of Pinot Noir](#), the [2017 Starscape Vineyard Gewürztraminer](#) and the [2016 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir](#). All three vineyards are perennial favorites that we absolutely love.

Finally, we're thrilled to introduce the [2014 Transverse Pinot Noir](#). This beauty is almost four years old, and it's now ready to release. We named it "Transverse" because to blend it, we ignored AVA and vineyard boundaries — which we celebrate in our other wines — to create a wine that truly represents the growing season across all of our vineyard sources.



FROM THE WINEMAKER

We tend not to discuss each year's potential crop because we're a bit superstitious ... but now that we're finishing up bloom with a splendid stretch of warm weather, we can share the good news that so far the season looks great. We've been watching the vines and smiling inwardly while keeping our fingers crossed that the good news keeps coming.

Warm temperatures in February threatened to push budbreak very early, but then we got a ton of rain in March followed by cold temperatures. That pushed budbreak well into late March at our estate vineyard — perfect because the new buds then pushed out as the temps became consistently warm.



Growth looks to be uniform across each vineyard, especially at the estate property. The elevation and wind patterns there tend to stretch bloom out for weeks, but thanks to another well-timed stretch of warm, mild weather, we pushed through bloom in about 10 days for most of the vineyard. The fruit set looks very solid and cluster size appears to be above average. This means that we'll thin clusters as needed to make sure we're balancing the crop load for each vine as we work our way through the summer.

It's a long road to harvest day, and Mother Nature always has a few curveballs for us, but from where we sit right now it looks like 2018 is going as well as we could hope, particularly at the estate vineyard.

Cheers,

Alan



EXPERIENCE THE CARTOGRAPH ESTATE

We're so excited to share our estate vineyard with you that we've created a new Cartograph experience: an intimate two-hour vineyard walk with Alan.

Walks begin at 10:30 a.m. with a discussion of vineyard practices. Then you'll set off with Alan on a tour of the vines, with a tasting of the estate Pinot from each block and plenty of time for Q&A. At the end of the walk, we'll gather on the patio for a tasting of our estate olives and olive oil. Each walk is limited to eight people, so we expect them to sell out quickly.

Details

Dates: July 15 and July 28

Location: Cartograph Estate in Sebastopol, Calif. (we'll send a map and directions when you make your reservation)

Reservations are required. To reserve, please call the tasting room at 707.433.8270 or [email Serena](#).

What you get: A guided tour of our estate vineyard with our winemaker, plus a tasting of three wines, olives and olive oil.

Fee: \$50 per person for Cartograph Circle members; \$65 for non-members



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our wonderful partnership with the Green Music Center at Sonoma State University continues; see below for upcoming Cartograph–sponsored events. And don't forget that Cartograph Circle members receive special pricing on all 2018 events at the center.

July 14: [Cartograph Sparkling Release](#)

July 15: Experience the Cartograph Estate

July 21: [Cartograph Estate Clonal Tasting](#): SOLD OUT

July 24, 26, 31 and Aug. 2: [Vino and Vibrato](#) at the Green Music Center

July 28: Experience the Cartograph Estate

August 11: [2013 Magnum Pinot Noir Tasting](#)



BACK TO WORK WE GO

We're headed back to the vineyards to raise the fruit wires and make sure enough wind and sunlight are getting through the vines. We're also watching the beans, tomatoes and apples to see when we can start picking them and bringing them in to the tasting room to share.

Cheers,

Alan and Serena

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