

Sand Castle Newsletter

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Vineyard

Pinot Noir was harvested after foggy mornings and dry sunny days and it is showing its superior quality in the freshly made wine. Chardonnay harvest was like a dream. The grapes falling off the stems with minimum shaking during the harvest with the mechanical harvester. Riesling held its own until October and we will have great Late Harvest. We will finish harvest of Cabernet Sauvignon this week and the vineyards will start a new season with pruning, tying, hedging, cultivating etc.

Good News

Route 32 River Road will be open Friday October 25th and FINALLY you can go from the winery north on Rt. 32 to Rt. 611 and vice versa!

Attention Home Wine Makers

We just finished harvest. Come and help yourself. You are welcome to pick grapes which are left in vineyard and make yourself the Late Late Harvest wine.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 25-26	South East PA Home Show Ag Hall Complex Allentown, PA
Nov 8-9	*Bonfire Celebration
Nov 22-23	PA Taste of Food & Wine York, PA
Dec 6-7	*Country Holiday
Dec. 11,12,13	Christkindl Market Mifflinburg, PA * at Sand Castle

Wine for Thanksgiving

What wine should you serve with Thanksgiving dinner? This is a popular question this time of the year. Let's break down what makes up a typical Thanksgiving Dinner: some appetizers before dinner, turkey both white and dark meat, gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, bread stuffing, squash, and dessert.

Before dinner to accompany appetizers two wines work very well **Sand Castle Classic Chardonnay**, for the dry wine lovers and **Sand Castle Cuvee Blush**, for the semi-sweet wine drinkers. Both wines do not over power appetizers and will stimulate the taste buds. Also both wines are medium in body; the last thing that is needed is a big red, with such a filling dinner planned.

The perfect wine for dinner would be **Sand Castle Pinot Noir**, most wines do not have the ability to accompany such a variation of flavors presented at a Thanksgiving dinner. The wine must be able to pair with turkey that is not overly powerful, gravy that is rich and fatty, dressing that is powerful with loads of herbs, cranberry sauce that is sharp tangy. Pinot Noir does all that and remember when your drink wine with food the wine does not taste as dry as when you drink wine without food.

Sand Castle Late Harvest Johannisburg Riesling is the wine to complete the perfect meal. It pairs wonderfully with sweet desserts be it pumpkin pie, rich chocolate or cream covered dishes. We hope your holiday is a wonderful and thankful event.

Private Labels

If you are thinking about wine gifts with private labels for the Holidays please contact the winery. UPS can deliver to about 40 states directly from the winery. If you never had a private label done our staff can help you to create one.

Sand Castle and Montgomery Mall

Sand Castle will have a kiosk this holiday season at Montgomery Mall in North Wales, PA. We will be centrally located on the first floor. Look for the Sand Castle Banner. Stop by and taste our famous hot Alpine Spice Wine.