

SARAH'S VINEYARD WINE CLUB NEWSLETTER



Hello Friends,

This year Megan, Ella, and I welcomed the birth of our second daughter, Madeline. My new occupation as a jungle gym and bassinette has kept me busy, and I have not been as involved in harvest as I want to be. So, for this newsletter, I am turning it over to our winemaker, Jonathan, to tell the story of our 2024 harvest at S.V.:



*Tim Slater
Winemaker / Proprietor*

Winemakers, in general, do not like to be surprised. So you can imagine my consternation as I casually walked the vineyards in mid-August, sampling a few berries, and noticed some were slightly sweeter than I expected them to be. Within the next few days, we were picking pinot noir and chardonnay for our sparkling wines. All of our estate pinot noir and chardonnay were off the vine and fermenting by the first week of September — one month earlier than last year. Needless to say, it was a surprising start to the picking year.

The surprises have leveled out since then, and the remaining grapes on the vine weathered the autumn heat wave thanks to the hard work of our vineyard manager, Frances, and her crew. A few of our varietals, primarily grenache and nebbiolo, we'll let hang on the vine until early November to make sure they develop the tannins and flavors we are looking for.

The early rush means a more laid-back latter half of the season. In the cellar, we have put all the pinot and chardonnay in barrel to rest for the winter while we tend to the later-ripening varietals. We look forward to bringing some new styles of wines into the tasting room from this harvest, as well as resurrecting old favorites. Stay tuned.



*Jonathan Houston
Winemaker*

Member Appreciation Week



We love our members! We are so thankful for the dedication from our wine club members which is why we are excited to set aside an entire week to recognize you! As a thank you for your support of our winegrowing efforts, we will be offering 'members only' specials! Watch your email in-box for details on our week of gratitude. This is a perfect time to stock up your cellar for the upcoming holidays!

Fall Wine Club Party



Save the Date for November 14th for our fall wine club member party. We'll taste through our brand-new wine club releases — all from our estate. Winemaker Jonathan will be joining us to answer questions about the wines and how this year's harvest has been going. We look forward to seeing you all here for a fun evening. Check your email inbox for details.

Holiday Sip & Shop



We are excited about our annual Holiday Sip & Shop taking place on Sunday, November 10th from 11:30-4pm. Get a head start on your holiday shopping! Browse the unique artisan-made local gifts while enjoying live music, food from Waffle Roost, and your favorite Sarah's Vineyard wines. Check the Events page of our website for details and the list of vendors at this free event.

As the holidays rapidly approach, please let us know if you are looking for a place to host your holiday event, special occasion, or corporate team building activities. Contact events@sarahsvineyard.com for more information.



MEMBERS' FALL RELEASES



2022 Chardonnay, Estate

The Sarah's Estate Chardonnay is our most historic wine. From our very first vintages in the late 1970's, this label has been responsible for our world-class reputation growing this noble grape. Barrel fermented with secondary malolactic conversion induced. The wine was aged for 11 months in French oak cooperage with twice-monthly stirring of lees. The '22 Estate Chardonnay displays bright citrus, orange peel, apricot, and stone fruit. It has a long lingering finish with a touch of honey. The time in primarily neutral French oak barrels lends a hint of vanilla and lends a soft creamy texture to this bright, complex wine. Pair with Tim's recipe for Shrimp on Orzo.

Only 178 cases were produced | Tasting Room List Price \$38



2022 Pinot Noir, Estate

Our S.V. Estate Pinot Noir adds new meaning to the term "homegrown," as some of the vines from which it is drawn are mere steps from the tasting room. Having complete "dirt to bottle" quality control ensures this limited release is a special one. The Pinot Noir we picked off the various home ranch blocks in early September 2022 was of excellent quality, with near perfect flavors and acids and deep rich color. After a cold soak, fermentation began using yeast RC212 in a stainless-steel tank. Pump overs of the cap occurred twice daily prior to pressing and "barreling down" for eleven months aging in small French oak cooperage, thirty-five percent of which was new wood. The wine was bottled in August 2023 and allowed a year-plus of bottle age prior to release to our members. The 2022 Estate Pinot Noir is a delightful balance of soft dark red and black fruits and spice. On the nose dark cherry, black plum, and blackberries are layered with baking spice. The palate echoes the aromas as well as clove and cinnamon. Serve this with turkey breast with gravy and a cranberry relish.

Only 141 cases were produced | Tasting Room List Price \$55



2021 Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate

Our fifth Estate Cabernet Sauvignon release to our S.V. members is a tribute to the early winegrowing days of our region. This grape was one of the first varieties planted in the Santa Clara Valley well before the Civil War. We grow these grapes with great care and attention, with a highly restricted yield, to develop the excellent concentration we find in the wine. This limited estate release was hand-harvested, saw extended maceration to create depth of flavors, color, and tannins. It was then fermented in small lots and matured in 25% new French oak for 15 months. The light percentage of new oak adds a delicate enhancement to the wine without overshadowing the natural deliciousness. The result of meticulous winegrowing is a very well-balanced wine with a burst of rich ripe blueberry, and olallieberry with violet aromas and flavors. Hints of cinnamon and baking spice round out this wine that has a smooth finish and tannins. The 2021 Estate Cabernet is the perfect complement to a hearty braised beef stew or just enjoy a glass with a piece of dark chocolate by the fire.

Only 105 cases were produced | Tasting Room List Price \$48

Happy Holidays at SV



**Save the Date!
Sunday, Dec. 22nd**

Join us for a fun day of relaxing and taking a break from all your holiday preparations.

We will have wine, music, food available for purchase, crafts and hot cocoa for the kids! Keep up-to-date on all events by checking the events page on our website often!

Latest Press



We are excited to announce that our 2022 Tondré Grapefield Pinot Noir garnered 91 Points from Wine Enthusiast and 90 Points from Vinous!

While the great reviews are appreciated, what truly matters is that our members love our wines. Thank you as always for your support! If you've already enjoyed this wine from our spring release wine and would like to purchase more, it's available at the SarahsVineyard.com online shop or by contacting us at the Tasting Room.

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POINTS

2022 SARAH'S VINEYARD
PINOT NOIR,
TONDRÉ GRAPEFIELD

"The 2022 Pinot Noir Tondré Grapefield was bin-fermented with frequent punchdowns, yielding a wine of extraordinarily dark color and rich fruit. Milk chocolate, sweet dark cherry, cinnamon and black licorice...earth and tobacco tones emerge with time in the glass...Enjoy now through 2030."

— Billy Norris | *Vinous*, August 2024

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