



## Summer heat is making us crave dry Riesling!

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### Hello

July brings Independence Day and Bastille Day—two celebrations that we love! Even better, July is full-swing summer but still pre-harvest, so we have a little time to relax.

The Cartograph Garden is going gangbusters: So far, we've harvested the last 10 pounds of fava beans, more than 75 garlic heads, 6 pounds of purple potatoes and one artichoke (we're not good at these), and the garden is about to burst with peppers, eggplants and tomatoes! The folks who joined us for the Cartograph Estate vineyard walk last weekend were able to taste some of our garden treats (the potato salad was delicious!).



We're looking forward to the end of the month when we head up to Oregon for the [International Pinot Noir Celebration](#) and to immerse ourselves in 72 hours of Pinot bacchanal. We got into the wine business making Pinot, but we love our whites and rosés dearly, too ... and our 2018 Starscape Gewürztraminer got a nice mention recently in [Gayot](#). (Thanks Amy Reiley!)

We hope you have lots of fun planned with family and friends this month to share good food and just hang out.

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## THE CHICKENS HAVE HATCHED

We're not a particularly superstitious couple but we do try NOT to predict how the vines will set fruit in the spring. It always looks great until it doesn't. Don't tempt fate.

In our Estate Vineyard we were lucky to have bloom start after a series of cold and wet late spring storms. The temps went up and the sun came out at just the right time. As a result we can now start counting chickens, as they say. The cluster count is up and for the most part the clusters are full and pretty uniform. This is the result of warm weather pushing the vineyard through bloom in about 10 days. We'll end up dropping some fruit to even things out about the time the grapes start to take on some color. But for the moment, we are looking great. Also the crew just went through and moved the trellis wires up to capture the canes and any

errant canes were wrangled back into place so the vineyard is literally looking good with everything tucked in and tidy. These couple photos show the current state of things.



## FROM THE WINEMAKER

### **Green Ranch Riesling, Mendocino Ridge**

My wine epiphany happened by way of a Riesling. I pulled this mention of that moment from our blog: “Floating in a small kayak on a lake in northern Wisconsin with a calm breeze rocking my boat, I was surrounded by the North Woods as the sun bounced off the rolling water. I opened a bottle of 1998 Alsace Riesling. Once I pulled the glass to my nose, everything but the wine—with its cacophony of citrus blossom, pear, black tea and petrol aromas and flavors—faded to the background. I was in the wine. How could such a seemingly light and simple wine possess such an explosive combination of flavors and aromas that my remarkable surroundings simply faded into its shadow? It was that moment that somehow so engaged my senses and intellect that I embarked on a journey to learn all I could about wine, how it was made and how I might one day put such remarkable qualities into a bottle.”



Fast forward to 2013. At the Alsace Festival in Boonville, I was lucky enough to taste a 25-year vertical consisting of eight Rieslings from Greenwood Ridge. Allan Green, the winemaker and grower of these grapes at Green Ranch, was presenting the wines, and I was blown away by the quality of these aged beauties. I had been looking for quality Riesling for Cartograph since the beginning, so I took the opportunity to ask Allan if I could buy some fruit from him. After checking with a few folks in the area who knew me, he agreed—a little reluctantly, as this was a vineyard that was pretty much exclusively his for many years. That first Cartograph Riesling was, and still is, a special wine. Our relationship with Allan and his brother Frank has been strong from the start, and we have

continued to produce Riesling from the Green Ranch ever since.

Now it's our turn to present a vertical of Cartograph Green Ranch Rieslings. It might only be a five-year vertical, but we're excited to pull these wines together for a special tasting in the Cartograph tasting room on Saturday, July 13. I hope you'll come taste your

way through, from that 2013 wine all the way up to our current release, the 2017 Green Ranch Riesling, and get a feel for this vineyard and these very ageable wines. If you can't make it to the tasting room, these Rieslings are all available for a short time on our [website](#). I'm really looking forward to this tasting, and would love to see you there.

Cheers,

Alan



## FEATURED WINES

This month's featured wine tasting are the wines that will be in the Riesling vertical. Here's the lineup with updated tasting notes in each link.

[2017 Green Ranch Riesling](#)

[2016 Green Ranch Riesling](#)

[2015 Greenwood Ridge Riesling](#)

[2014 Greenwood Ridge Riesling](#)

[2013 Greenwood Ridge Riesling](#)

You can taste them at the vertical on July 13th at the tastign room from 12 - 4pm (no RSVP is needed) or if you are not nearby, you can purchase them online and we can either ship the wines via overnight air (at a discounted price for the summer) or hold them until the fall and ship them ground. Questions about shipping, just [email Serena](#).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Cartograph Circle members: Please save the date of Aug, 25th for the fall release party!**

July 13: [Featured Wine Tasting: Green Ranch Riesling Vertical](#)

July 20: [Live from here with Chris Thile, Green Music Center](#)

July 21: [Experience the Cartograph Estate](#)

July 23 – Aug. 1: [Vino & Vibrato, Green Music Center](#)

July 26–28: [International Pinot Noir Celebration](#) at Linfield College, McMinnville, OR

Aug. 10: [Experience the Cartograph Estate](#)

Aug 17: [Featured Wine Tasting: Starscape \(Floodgate\) Vineyard Vertical](#)

Aug. 25: Fall Release Party for Cartograph Circle members; Invitation and details coming soon

Aug 30: [Friday Nights at the Schulz Museum: Peace, Love and Woodstock](#), Santa Rosa, CA

Aug. 31: [Experience the Cartograph Estate](#)

Sept. 14: [Featured Wine Tasting: Library Pinot noir for fall dinners](#)

Oct. 5: [Featured Wine Tasting: 2015 Pinot Noir Magnum Release](#)

Nov. 9: [Featured Wine Tasting: Perli Vineyard Pinot Noir Vertical](#)

Nov. 16: End of Harvest Lunch Celebration, Healdsburg; Details coming soon

Dec. 14: [Featured Wine Tasting: Sparkling for your holidays](#)

Get the most up-to-date info on our [events page](#).



## BACK TO WORK WE GO

We're back to watching the vines grow and getting them tucked into the wires and trimmed. We hope that many of you will join us on Cartograph Estate walks this summer so you can see what we're up to in the vineyard.

Cheers,

Alan and Serena

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