



Greetings and News from Frostwatch Vineyard and Winery

Hello to customers and friends. We thank you for your support over the years and especially this last year. It was a difficult year for everyone but hopefully the light at the end of the tunnel is finally visible to us all! In this newsletter we are offering a single pre-release wine and the chance to purchase some of our current releases. All wines, qualify for a 10% discount on orders of 12 or more bottles thru August 7, 2021. Orders can be picked up at the winery or vineyard by prior arrangement but if that doesn't work for you we are offering \$20 flat rate shipping in states served by GSO and \$40 dollar flat rate shipping elsewhere.

The 2020 vintage was again made very difficult by a number of fires. While Napa and some Sonoma appellations were heavily impacted, smoke conditions in Bennett Valley were fairly light. We were able to harvest our white varietals without problems. Accordingly, a 2020 Kismet and 2020 Chardonnay are in the pipelines. We are undertaking some significant projects in the vineyard, most importantly the removal of some older blocks that were showing increasing leaf roll virus and deteriorating trellis supports (mainly end-posts). Leaf roll virus makes it difficult to achieve the desired ripeness in wine grapes. The quality-driven grower must identify any vine with leaf roll and remove the fruit on those vines prior to harvest. If that is not done, there is no guarantee that the crews will not pick fruit from those vines (no matter how well marked the vines are) in the hectic activity of a night-time harvest (all our picks are night picks). Given the ever-increasing labor costs, the blocks became economically non-viable. We will pull them this summer and decide how to proceed next year. We are planning on converting one small block that is being removed to solar panels in an effort to reduce our reliance on electricity produced with fossil fuels. While it is emotionally hard to remove vines you planted 25 years ago (when your oldest child was not yet one year old), it reflects the sometimes harsh realities of farming. On a brighter note, we want to make sure that you are aware that you can taste and purchase many of our wines at Region at the Barlow in Sebastopol. With Covid hopefully in the rear view, like us, you may be looking for safe, fun tasting experiences in and around wine country. Region fits that bill with great outdoor seating and menu items from some of the Barlow's best restaurants.

New Pre-Release Wine

2018 Frostwatch Bennett Valley Chardonnay: The 2018 vintage was a good one. It was a warm growing season, but not hot. There were no unseasonable rains and the frost season was light. While fires again tragically ravaged so much of California, there were no appreciable smoke problems in our valley that might impact grape quality. The result of the favorable local conditions were some very nice wines from Bennett Valley. The 2018 Frostwatch Chardonnay is no exception. The wine recently won the Sweepstakes White Wine Award in the prestigious 2021 North Coast Wine Challenge sponsored by the Press Democrat, garnering a score of 98 points. The wine is a blend of our two Chardonnay blocks (80% Platt Wente Clone and 20% Clone 4). The wine is a



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typical Frostwatch Chardonnay, loads of fruit, with an unctuous midpalate but a crisp-yet lengthy finish. It is still developing and will continue to improve for years to come. With only 200 cases produced Chardonnay fans should get this wine while they can!

200 Cases Produced TA: 5.2 g/l pH: 3.55 Alc: 14.8%

Previously Released Wines

2017 Semillon: This 100% Semillon continues to improve with age, getting more unctuous and displaying notes of stone fruit and figs, as well as hints of honeydew and watermelon. The wine makes a fine aperitif or a great sipping wine on your deck or patio. Best of Class San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, Gold Medal American Fine Wine Competition, 90 pts. The Wine Enthusiast.

2016 Ophira Reserve Chardonnay: Due to an inventory error at our storage facility, we have discovered six cases of the 2016 Ophira, a wine we had believed was sold out. This mistake is your good fortune! As you know, the Ophira is a barrel selection of the best barrels from the best vintages. This wine got great reviews and is drinking beautifully. 94 pts, Double Gold American Fine Wine Competition, Double Gold San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, 90 pts, The Wine Advocate.

2016 Pinot Noir: A wine with impressive density yet displaying the delicacy one expects in great Pinot. It displays notes of red cherry and plum flavors, along with structure that will promise years of future enjoyment. 94 pts, Gold Medal Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge, Gold Medal American Fine Wine Competition.

2016 Merlot: Another great 2016 red, the merlot exhibits great density, coupled with raspberry and spice notes on the nose, with ripe cherries, plums and blackberry on the palate. The wine also has incredible texture, with a silky mid-palate and just the right amount of acidity to pair well with a variety of foods. 97 pts, Best of Class Gold Medal Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge, 91 pts Gold Medal American Fine Wine Competition.

Notes about Ordering: In addition to using our order form (via mail/email) and ordering by phone, you may use our secure online purchasing option. We will ship promptly weather permitting but we are also happy to hold your wine until the weather cools a bit. Your shipping address should be a business or a residence where someone will be available between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. An adult signature will be required. (All wines are sold in California and title passes to the buyer in California. We make no representations as to the legal right of anyone to ship or import wines to other states.)

Hope to see you soon in wine country! Brett Raven & Diane Kleinecke

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NOTE: Orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Pre-release pricing offers are valid through August 7, 2021. After that our wines are available at the General Release price. To insure prompt delivery of your wine, your shipping address should be a business which keeps normal weekday hours, or a residence where someone over 21 is present from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. An adult signature will be required. All wines are sold in California & the title passes to the buyer in California. We make no representations as to the legal rights of anyone to ship or import wines to other states.

Selection	Your Order	Pre-Release	General Release	Total
Pre-Release - 2018 Frostwatch - Bennett Valley – Chardonnay		\$26	\$32	
2017 Frostwatch - Bennett Valley – Semillon			\$26	
2016 Frostwatch - Bennett Valley – Ophira Reserve Chardonnay			\$45	
2016 Frostwatch - Bennett Valley – Pinot Noir			\$40	
2016 Frostwatch - Bennett Valley – Merlot			\$35	
Wine Subtotal:				
Apply Discount 10%:				
Subtotal:				
CA sales tax (8.25%):				
Shipping:				
Total Order:				

All wines qualify
10% off on orders of 12 or more bottles

Payment

Check: Please mail this order form along with a check payable to Frostwatch Vineyard & Winery, 5560 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

VISA

MASTER CARD

Credit Card: Please mail this form to the address above or scan and email it to wine@frostwatch.com

Card Number Exp. Date Security Code Billing Zip

Name of Cardholder Signature of Cardholder

Shipping Rates

States	12 bottles or less	Additional bottles
CA, NV, AZ, OR, WA, ID	\$20	\$20
All other states	\$40	\$40