

CLUB MUTT Fall 2017 News



Friends of the Mutt.



Mingle, Sniff, Mingle!

In my walks around town with my dog, polite conversation with other dog owners always seems to include some sort of grudging comment about the day's weather. But to winemakers and farmers of all kinds, the weather is so much more than an inconvenience to one's personal thermostat. It can be the difference between boom and bust. It can trigger hopes and fears of the most irrational kind. And although technological advancements can give us precise meas-

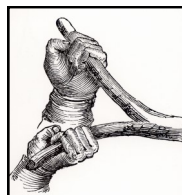
urements and predictions that should allow us to feel in much greater control, in many ways it feels like we're not much farther along than the days of putting your faith in dowsers and the use of divining rods. And so we wait (not so patiently) to see how things well beyond our reach will unfold.

We are delighted to report that in 2017 things have unfolded rather nicely. Early in the year there was record rainfall. This was followed by a mild spring and now a summer of extremely high temperatures. It's a pattern predicted to yield us excellent quality and tonnage in Sonoma County. In the vineyards you can almost hear a collective sigh.

Whatever deals made with the wine gods have been honored. And just for a moment, for one exhale of a breath, we can put aside our concerns for next year. There is joy in what had previously been droughtville and we are so very thankful--may it last and last.

We'll still keep those divining rods handy. You never know. You just never know.

Brenda, Chris & Violet



Brenda's Selection.

Bark Less, Wag More.

The Fall 2017 club selections should provide you with an embarrassment of riches. Included are: three mbf wines - 2014 Chardonnay, 2014 Charbono and 2013 Petite Sirah and one of our very special and extremely limited production wines - 2015 Nectar of the Dogs Late Harvest Zinfandel. There really is something for every palate and occasion in this collection.

Fall is upon us and once again, we are very thankful for you, our most valued club members!



2014 mbf Chardonnay

Our 2014 mbf Chardonnay is delicious, elegant and balanced. It has lovely notes of citrus, great acidity and structure. You'll want to race to order more!

\$21.00 (before club discount)

2014 mbf Charbono

Limited in production and from the famed Frediani Vineyards, our 2014 mbf Charbono is a rare breed indeed. Think deep and dark, black fruit and plum. If you haven't yet tried this varietal you're in for a treat!

\$32.00 (before club discount)

2013 mbf Petite Sirah

Our 2013 mbf Petite Sirah is big and bold with flavors of pepper, plums and chocolate. You just have to love a big dog!

\$30.00 (before club discount)

2015 Nectar of the Dogs Late Harvest Zinfandel

This flavorful elixir is our dessert wine that's similar to a port. It's got jammy blackberry, notes of chocolate and oak, and a long finish. The 2015 Nectar of the Dogs is a potent delight that will take you on high and beyond.

\$32.00 (before club discount)

Dog Treat.

Wagster Apple & Toasted Almond

Dog Treats: The recipe for these delicious treats is vegan and is gluten, corn and soy free. With only six healthy ingredients, they promote skin, coat and overall health. Please see our detailed profile of this fantastic local company on page 2.



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Wines That Give Back.

IT'S ALL IN THE LABEL! We're delighted to announce the debut of our newest "Wines That Give Back" label developed for the Sonoma Humane Society. Each sale from this series generates 25% of the purchase price for the featured organization. It's a great way to show you care and makes for a most thoughtful and unique gift. We're delighted to bring you this new option and thank you in advance for your support.



These wines are currently made from a spectacular 2014 Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon that will have you pouring your heart out with every glass. \$25.00

Yappy Hours!

Scheduled the second Friday of every month from 4-7 p.m. our Yappy Hours are a lot of fun. Please join us! **Just \$10 at the door with 100% going to our designated beneficiaries.**

September 8 - Sonoma Humane Society/Label Launch Party

October 13 - Green Dog Rescue Project/Howl-O-Ween Spook-tacular

November 10 - Greyhound Friends For Life/Mixer

December 8 - Bergin University of Canine Studies/Holiday Ugly Sweater Contest

Partners in Passion.

USING THE SECRETIVE ADDITIVE OF LOVE...

Wagster is a unique organization that demonstrates their love for dogs by baking dog treats made with real ingredients for healthy, happy dogs. But that's not the end of their story. In addition to ensuring the elimination of chemicals, preservatives and other funny-sounding stuff from their baked goods, they have a passion for community involvement as well.

The Wagster kitchen is part of an award-winning non-profit called Homeward Bound of Marin, which helps homeless and low-income people gain employment skills for a more stable and happy future.



The Wagster folks never use more than six simple ingredients in their baking. In the case of the Apple & Toasted Almond Treat included with your club selections the ingredients are: oats, oat flour, flax meal, molasses and apple.

But as the Wagster folks say "while we use six simple ingredients, the secretive additive is love--for real food, for dogs and for the opportunity to make a better future."

www.wagsterdogtreats.com

WINE ROAD'S WINE & FOOD AFFAIR 2017

Saturday and Sunday, November 4 & 5 from 11am-4 pm. Mutt Lynch is delighted to be among the many wineries participating in this great event. Join us for the "Great Chili Smack Down: Round 2." It's Mutt Lynch vs. Deux Amis. Don't miss it!

Prices: \$80 Weekend, \$60 Sunday \$30 DD.
Tickets go on sale September 1.



For more information and ticket purchase:
www.wineroad.com/events/ticket-to-the-wine-road/

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