





Featuring the McClain Vineyard | Pictured above: The McClain Vineyard at sunset

## Vineyard Zin Club Newsletter Contents

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We appreciate your club membership. Cheers, from our cellar to yours!

-Diane Wilson E the Wilson Team

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## Wines Included in February Club Shipment

2 BOTTLES EACH:

2015 Ellie's Zinfandel

2015 McClain Primitivo

2015 Nolan Zinfandel

2015 Florence RSV Zinfandel

2015 Rockpile RSV Zinfandel

2015 Treborce RSV Zinfandel





# **VINEYARD ZIN CLUB NEWSLETTER**



# Club Corner



Above: Angie and Jane at our last event of 2017, the Club Wilson Holiday Party

## Like many others in Sonoma County and beyond, I am ready to say goodbye to 2017 and start a fresh new year in 2018!

#### Early 2018 Events

We began our new year in January with a bang, having two events that month. Winter Wineland took place over the second weekend in January, and transported our guests to the Wilson Winter Olympics! Of course, we afforded the opportunity to warm up after winter sports with red wine and Chef Heidi West's Tuscan Ribollita Soup! This has proved to be an extremely popular dish with both guests and staff, and Chef Heidi has been gracious enough to share her recipe, copied on the next page.

Also in January was our second-annual Wilson Artisan Wines Chili Taste-Off, where guests were able to travel among all nine Wilson Artisan properties and taste chili paired with that winery's wines. Although Wilson did not offer chili, we did have a full tasting of all our San Francisco Chronicle Gold winners! Speaking of Olympic Gold, we received the results of the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition in mid-January! As usual, Diane took home several medals, 5 double golds and 8 golds. Several of these medal winning wines are in your February club shipment! Check the Winemaker's Notes for more details.

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February means that Alexis and Emily will once again travel to Texas for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. This year we have two Best of Class winning wines in the 2015 Carl's Reserve Zinfandel and 2015 Nolan Zinfandel. Last year Alexis and Emily returned in boots, belts and cowboy hats... can't wait to see what new versions of them we'll get back this time around!

#### Summer Club Shipment

You will also notice an announcement in your shipment about our Summer Club. The inaugural shipment arrived last year, and will be much the same this summer. This is our only customizable shipment for members during the year, as well as our only shipment which includes white wines as an option! We hope that you'll enjoy our new Summer Club as much as we've enjoyed putting it together for you.

## **Club Recipe Challenge**

With the help of the recipe on the following page, we wanted to put forth a challenge to our members: take a photo of your Ribollita with the Wilson wine that you chose to pair with it and send it to us via email, Facebook or Instagram (@wilsonofdrycreek). We'll pick a few of our favorites and send you a special prize if your photo is chosen. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Happy cooking!

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Club Wilson





TUSCAN RIBOLLITA SOUP WITH SALSICCIA E FINNOCHIETTO & TOASTED BRUSCHETTA RUBBED WITH GARLIC CLOVE



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#### SOUP INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 pound dried white beans, such as Great Northern or cannellini
- Kosher salt
- 1/4 cup good olive oil, plus extra for serving
- 2 cups chopped yellow onions (2 onions)
- 1 cup chopped carrots (3 carrots)
- 1 cup chopped celery (3 stalks)
- 3 tablespoons minced garlic (6 cloves) 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon fennel seed
- 1⁄4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 (28-ounce) can Italian plum tomatoes in puree, chopped
- 4 cups coarsely chopped swiss chard
- 4 cups coarsely chopped kale

1 pound ground Italian sausage bulk 6 cups chicken stock, preferably homemade

#### SALSA VERDE INGREDIENTS

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1 small bunch parsley small handful of basil leaves 2 garlic cloves 3 tablespoons of chopped walnuts 1 small piece of fresh fennel 1 anchovy extra virgin olive oil lemon juice salt and pepper

#### BRUSCHETTA INGREDIENTS

1 baguette sliced Garlic cloves

> Serves 8 Recipe compliments of Heidi West Catering heidiwestcatering.com

## SOUP DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large bowl, cover the beans with cold water by 1-inch and cover with plastic wrap. Allow to soak overnight in the refrigerator.
- 2. Drain the beans and place them in a large pot with 8 cups of water, and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer uncovered for 45 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon of salt and continue to simmer for about 15 minutes, until the beans are tender. Set the beans aside to cool in their liquid.
- 3. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large stockpot. Sauté onions until translucent then add carrots, celery, garlic, 1 Tbs of salt, pepper, allspice, fennel seed and red pepper flakes. Cook over medlum-low heat for 7 to 10 minutes, until the vegetables are tender. Add the tomatoes with their puree, the swiss chard and the kale, and cook over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, for another 7 to 10 minutes.
- 4. In the meantime, sauté the sausage until cooked through, remove and drain on a plate with paper towel.
- 5. Drain the beans, reserving their cooking liquid. In a food processor fitted with a steel blade, pure half of the beans with a little of their liquid. Add to the stockpot, along with the remaining whol beans and the sausage.
- 6. Pour the bean cooking liquid into a large measuring cup and add enough chicken stock to make 8 cups.
- 7. Add to the soup and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer over low heat for 20 minutes.

## SALSA VERDE DIRECTIONS

1. Combine the herbs, garlic, walnuts, fennel and anchovy in a food processor and process until smooth adding olive oil and lemon juice to taste.

2. Season with salt and pepper.

#### ASSEMBLY DIRECTIONS

- 1. Toast the baguettes, rub with garlic cloves.
- 2. Ladle soup into bowls. Place toasted baguette slice on top and drizzle with Salsa Verde.



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# Did you like these wines?

Order any of these wines by **February 28 (or March 16 for ship members)** and receive an **additional 10% savings** making your **total savings 35% (ship members) or 40% (pick up members)** on a case and **1¢ ground shipping on case reorders!** You can mix and match. See Wine Club Order Form. Club shipment includes two bottles of each of the following wines:

# Winemaker's Notes

### 2015 Ellie's Zinfandel

#### Ellie's Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley

Light seeps slowly into the deep crimson pool. Smooth yet with strength, this mainstay Dry Creek Valley vineyard offers up a splendid classic Zinfandel. Delicious fruit on the nose, with strong summer raspberry aromas at the forefront, it shows bold touches of gooseberry and stoniness. Nevertheless, there is a feminine side in the delicate and fragrant violet note. Strongly raspberry on the palate, a touch of clove spice intrigues, with the full-bodied tannins offering up a perfect finish. Food Pairing: Lean goat burger with a three-bean, pumpkin hot pot hearty stew provides a lovely balance for this showcase wine.

2017 Sonoma County Harvest Fair - DOUBLE GOLD
Retail Case Price: \$456 | Club Case Price: \$342 (ship); \$319 (pick up)
Reorder Case Price: \$296 (ship); \$273 (pick up), shipping included

#### 2015 McClain Primitivo

447 Cases Produced

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546 Cases Produced

#### McClain Vineyard, Alexander Valley

The astonishing long legs on this medium-bodied cousin of Zinfandel draw the eye down the glass to the beautiful, deep crimson-colored liquid. A strong nose of candied berries and light chocolate are welcomed by your sense of smell. Very fruit forward on the palate, with light tannin structure, the sweet tart and tiramisu flavors, accented by a tinge of spice are hard to resist. Pair with a farm-fresh egg traditional leek soufflé, loaded with heavy cream and aged parmesan! Also fantastic with three-cheese Swiss fondue.

2018 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition - DOUBLE GOLD
Retail Case Price: \$456 | Club Case Price: \$342 (ship); \$319 (pick up)
Reorder Case Price: \$296 (ship); \$273 (pick up), shipping included

#### 2015 Nolan Zinfandel

#### Nolan Vineyard, Estate, Dry Creek Valley

The show-off deep, purple blended with ruby color of this Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel dazzle with its perfect clarity. A courageous wine, it goes forth to offer spiciness, but yet still appears mellow. Strongly flinty yet with touches of floral and menthol notes, this stylish wine is well-rounded, offering a profile for the aficionado wanted a Zin that offers it all! Pair with bold and trendy Gjelina (restaurant, Venice Beach, CA) spicy yams and Indian spice rubbed, slow-roasted lamb.

 2017 Sonoma County Harvest Fair - GOLD | 2018 Houston Livestock & Rodeo International Wine Competition-BEST OF CLASS | 2018 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition -DOUBLE GOLD
Retail Case Price: \$456 | Club Case Price: \$342 (ship); \$319 (pick up)
Reorder Case Price: \$296 (ship); \$273 (pick up), shipping included





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## 2015 Florence RSV Zinfandel

#### Florence Vineyard, Rockpile

With a most coveted appellation, this Rockpile-grown Zinfandel offers the classic qualities of that rocky, high-altitude montane fruit. Ruby-purple in color, the nose opens to very flinty berry, with floral tones of honeysuckle and violet. Gently warming, offering up creamy raspberry cheesecake and toasted cheery torte, this wine is like dessert in a bottle. Subtle floral notes close down the flavor profile, with a smooth finish sure to please. Try with goat cheese focaccia with toasted pine nuts.

2018 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition - GOLD Retail Case Price: \$720 | Club Case Price: \$540 (ship); \$504 (pick up) Wait List: (Reorder price guaranteed)

#### 2015 Rockpile RSV Zinfandel

#### Rockpile Vineyard, Estate, Dry Creek Valley

Colors of dark purple with red edges mark this elite Rockpile Zinfandel. Pale bramble fruit greet the nose, which then opens to light spice, black pepper and toast aromas. A bold fruit flavor greets the palate, with zesty notes of plum transitioning to cherry, with a touch of oakyness. Robust but not severe, the mellow finish on this wine will make you fall in love. Enjoy with a chocolate torte or ganache!

**Retail Case Price:** \$720 | **Club Case Price:** \$540 (ship); \$504 (pick up) **Wait List: (Reorder price guaranteed)** 

#### 2015 Treborce RSV Zinfandel

#### Treborce Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley

Deep, rich ruby color greets you as you gently swirl your glass, while the aromas of rich, lush, fruit and toasted berry wafts to your nose. A perfectly harmonious balance of smoky berry, dark cassis with hints of clove and cinnamon unfold as this wine opens. Lush yet soft, tangy yet fruit-forward, this wine channels some robust moments of menthol and cigar box. Pair with candied nuts, aged manchego cheese, and fig compote for a scrumptious hors d'oeuvre.

2017 Sonoma County Harvest Fair - GOLD | 2018 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition - DOUBLE GOLD Retail Case Price: \$720 | Club Case Price: \$540 (ship); \$504 (pick up) Reorder Case Price: \$468 (ship); \$432 (pick up), shipping included

195 Cases Produced

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186 Cases Produced

300 Cases Produced

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**VINEYARD ZIN CLUB ORDER FOR** 

February 2018

Reorder any of your club shipment wines and receive an additional 10% off.

Total savings is 35% (ship) and 40% (pick-up) and 1¢ ground shipping on case reorders. Mix and match.

## **\* REORDER DEADLINES Pick-up:** February 28 | **Ship:** March 15

Denotes current shipment wine.

VARIETAL	RETAIL PRICE	VINEYARD CLUB PRICE 25% DISCOUNT (SHIP)	CLUB REORDER SPECIAL 35% DISCOUNT (SHIP) Reorder deadlines above	VINEYARD CLUB PRICE 30% DISCOUNT (PICK-UP)	CLUB REORDER SPECIAL 40% DISCOUNT (PICK-UP) Reorder deadlines above	QTY	TOTAL PRICE
WHITES							
2015 Reserve Chardonnay	\$38.00	\$28.50		\$26.60			
PETITE SIRAH	- <b>-</b>						
2014 Sawyer Petite Sirah	\$38.00	\$28.50		\$26.60			
2014 Molly's Reserve Petite Sirah	\$50.00	\$37.50		\$35.00			
2014 Sydney Reserve Petite Sirah - Club Wilson Only	\$50.00	\$37.50		\$35.00			
RED VARIETALS & SPECIALTY BLENDS							
2015 McClain Primitivo	\$38.00	\$28.50	\$24.70	\$26.60	\$22.80		
ZINFANDEL	1	1					
2015 Buzz Zinfandel	\$42.00	\$31.50		\$29.40			
2015 Cypress Ridge Zinfandel - Club Wilson Only	\$38.00	\$28.50		\$26.60			
2015 Ellie's Zinfandel	\$38.00	\$28.50	\$24.70	\$26.60	\$22.80		
2015 Heartland Zinfandel	\$38.00	\$28.50		\$26.60			<u> </u>
2015 Molly'sZinfandel	\$42.00	\$31.50		\$29.40			
2015 Nolan Zinfandel	\$38.00	\$28.50	\$24.70	\$26.60	\$22.80		
2015 Terrace Hill Zinfandel	\$36.00	\$27.00		\$25.20			<u> </u>
2015 Three Dog Zinfandel	\$29.00	\$21.75		\$20.30			
2015 Treborce Zinfandel - Club Wilson Only	\$42.00	\$31.50		\$29.40			
RESERVE ZINFANDEL							
2015 Buzz Reserve Zinfandel - Club Wilson Only	\$60.00	\$45.00		\$42.00			
2015 Cypress Ridge Reserve Zinfandel	\$52.00	\$39.00		\$36.40			
2015 Dry Creek Valley Reserve Zinfandel	\$38.00	\$28.50		\$26.60			
2015 Florence Reserve Zinfandel	\$60.00	\$45.00	Waitlist	\$42.00	Waitlist		
2015 Molly's Reserve Zinfandel	\$60.00	\$45.00		\$42.00			
2015 Monte Rosso Reserve Zinfandel	\$60.00	\$45.00		\$42.00			
2015 Rockpile Reserve Zinfandel	\$60.00	\$45.00	Waitlist	\$42.00	Waitlist		
2015 Sawyer Reserve Zinfandel	\$60.00	\$45.00		\$42.00			
2015 Treborce Reserve Zinfandel	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$39.00	\$42.00	\$36.00		
BARREL-SELECT ZINFANDEL ~ LEGACY SERIES							
2014 Sydney Alexandra Zinfandel	\$140.00	\$105.00		\$98.00			
2014 Victoria Johannah Zinfandel	\$140.00	\$105.00		\$98.00			
2014 Sawyer Keys Zinfandel	\$140.00	\$105.00		\$98.00			
2014 Diane Marie Zinfandel	\$150.00	\$112.50		\$105.00			
2014 Kenneth Carl Zinfandel	\$150.00	\$112.50		\$105.00			
SUBTOTAL							
SHIPPING		\$5/CASE	1¢/CASE	N/A	N/A		
TAX							
TOTAL	1						

### **\*REORDER DEADLINES Pick-up:** February 28 | Ship: March 16

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