



Through the Petiole

Spring 2009

Greetings and Happy Spring! As of this writing, the riesling grapes at Reeder Mesa Vineyards seem to have wintered well. The severe cold weather in March resulted in varying amounts of damage to our local Grand Valley fruit orchards; however, our grapes were still dormant at that time and appear safe for now. Recent pruning was amazing in that plant water oozed and literally dripped from each vine cut. Doug remarked that he had never seen anything like that before. Hopefully, it's a good sign for the harvest to come.

May Wine Club Selections and Pick Up Party

Don't miss our Wine Club Pick Up Party, Sunday, May 17. Come any time between noon and 4 pm and pick up your selections. Among our new releases this year is the 2007 Land's End Wild Rose (White Merlot). It is a beautiful light red in color and has fantastic aromas of watermelon, grapefruit and cherries. Just off dry and very smooth, this is going to be a refreshing summer wine that will pair well with cheeses, bruschetta, and back yard barbeques. *And ladies...* this would be a great book club wine, too! In addition to the White Merlot, we thought it would be fun to showcase our 2007 Merlot. A recent Bronze Medal winner at the 2009 Finger Lakes International Wine Competition, this Merlot boasts blueberries and hints of mocha on the nose, smooth tannins, wonderful mouth feel, and a nice, lingering finish. This wine is enjoyable to drink now, and if you can put it away for a year or two (or more), it will be worth the wait. Popular cheeses like parmesan, gouda, cheddar, jack or smoked provolone, prosciutto, olives, and/or grilled meats would pair well with this Merlot.

Special Stimulus for Wine Club Members! One Week Only -- Wednesday, May 13 - Sunday, May 17
Reeder Mesa Vineyards' wine club members receive a perk for 20% discount on all wine purchases. From Wednesday, May 13 through Sunday, May 17, members will be able to take advantage of a **whopping 25% discount on case purchases** -- mix and match all you want. *Call, email, write, visit -- take advantage of these savings!*

New Expanded Hours and Do-It-Yourself BBQ

Hours for the tasting room have been Friday-Sunday for since we opened in 2003. Beginning in May, Reeder Mesa Vineyards will be open Wednesday-Saturday from 10-6, and Sunday noon-4. We are also open by appointment. Take advantage of our deck and enjoy a picnic overlooking the vineyards and the Grand Mesa. To enhance your picnic experience, a gas BBQ grill is now available for your use. Waterfalls will be cascading down from the rim of the Mesa later in May. Use our spotting scope to zoom in on these natural wonders!

Website Updates

Check it out! Website guru, Gil Bateman, has created another masterpiece. You can see all of our wines, awards, where to buy our wine, lots of pictures, and more! www.ReederMesaWines.com

New Vendors...

Our newest liquor store, Mondo Vino Lquors (www.mondovino.net), located in the Highlands area of downtown Denver (www.denver.com/highlands), has been around for 10 years and is an upscale wine shop with a loyal customer base. Also, this month The Warehouse Restaurant in Colorado Springs will be adding Reeder Mesa Riesling, Merlot and Land's End Red to their wine list. Chef and proprietor, Lawrence "Chip" Johnson has won many awards with his culinary talents. Next time you are in Colorado Springs... don't miss The Warehouse! (www.thewarehouserestaurant.com) We are thrilled to be part of these fine establishments.

Calendar of Events

May 13-17 Wine Club Stimulus Week
Wednesday - Sunday
May 17 Wine Club Pick Up Party
12-4 p

August 9 Annual Wine Club Appreciation Party
2-5 p.m.
September 19 Colorado Mtn. Winefest Festival in the Park
November 15 Wine Club Pick Up Party
12-4 p.m.

