## Spring 2018

## Looking back, looking forward



"I think I can make it now, the pain is gone All of the bad feelings have disappeared Here is the rainbow I've been prayin' for It's gonna be a bright (bright), bright (bright) Sun-Shiny day.

Look all around, there's nothin' but blue skies Look straight ahead, nothin' but blue skies."

I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW, JOHNNY NASH "There are places I'll remember
All my life though some have changed
Some forever not for better
Some have gone and some remain
All these places had their moments
With lovers and friends I still can recall
Some are dead and some are living
In my life I've loved them all

IN MY LIFE, THE BEATLES

But of all these friends and lovers
There is no one compares with you
And these memories lose their meaning
When I think of love as something new
Though I know I'll never lose affection
For people and things that went before
I know I'll often stop and think about them
In my life I love you more"



## A WORD FROM THE WINEMAKER

Patricia Green Cellars began because of Patty's and my need to change our circumstances as they existed at the time. Over the years we have embraced change when it meant bettering the wines and winery. With Patty's unexpected passing late last year, we are faced with the most dramatic change any business can go through let alone one that so intimately entwined owners, wines and the name on the bottles.

In the November 2014 newsletter, shortly after the appearance of a "Blood Moon" during harvest I wrote, "Dramatic events, even if they are from a scientific point of view merely predetermined functions of a celestial clock set into motion millions of years ago, have impacts far greater than what we can measure, test for or even comprehend in the short run of time." In the November 2015 newsletter, shortly after the appearance of a "Supermoon Lunar Eclipse" during harvest I wrote, "The most interesting wines, in my mind, are still made by feel, instinct, experience, know-how and with simple,

refined techniques. Life, how you go about it and perceive what is going on, is much the same way. This grand and glorious lunar event was a subtle, simple and un-publicized second act to our harvest that I believe provided some closure. Things are good. We have been around for 15 years and haven't forgotten the value in staying firmly rooted in what we do while still pushing and expanding our borders."

The topic of both these essays was about change, and how people deal with it. I am not attempting to recycle my own words in an effort to elongate this passage, but I have been thinking about the past a lot as of late, probably for obvious reasons. While change is never easy, it is a part of the natural cycle. Just as in the past, we will adapt to our new circumstances and embrace the change, to better the wines and our winery once more.

# TASTING ROOM CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Don't get too nervous. This is a good thing and a somewhat subtle move. We will remain only open by appointment. We are not building some clubhouse or massive endeavor that overshadows the nature of the winery and becomes a haven for tour buses and booze-cruisers. On the contrary, this will be a small addition to the house that will allow us to do certain

events in a more comfortable environment than the freezing cold (and very full) winery. It will highlight our vineyard and provide a less crowded and more enjoyable environment for club members and guests. If you are coming out in May, you will hopefully see this work in progress. Ideally, the whole project will be complete and will be open to guests by harvest of this year.



## 2017 PINOT NOIR FUTURES OFFERINGS

You will be hearing the phrase, "Mother Nature was very generous in 2017" from Oregon wineries a lot. Despite all manner of attempts to keep yields reasonable, there was simply a lot of fruit out there in every vineyard. Normally when you walk through vineyards during the year, especially when you have vineyards as spread out as we do, you will see significant yield variation. In 2017 every block of every vineyard had perfect set, and the clusters were big, dense and heavy. Even at one cluster per shoot we were routinely over three tons per acre and even had a block in our Estate Vineyard that produced five tons per acre!

In addition to high yields, perhaps even "despite", the quality of the wine is excellent. In 2001 we experienced similar sized clusters and tonnages per acre and while the resulting wines were beautiful, they were nothing like the deeply colored, structured and fragrant 2017 wines that are resting in barrel.

In the winery the 2017 wines developed much as the vineyards did, in terrific "bursts". Starting in early June through late July there were great spurts of growth in the vineyard, mirrored later in the cellar as the wines have seemed to go from raw to nearly finished in a matter of days. By the end of spring we expect to have a full slate of wines that are complete, complex, interesting and very detailed as to their place of origin again this year. There may even be a couple of new surprises along the way!

### WINES

BALCOMBE VINEYARD, BLOCK 1B: What is there to say that has not been said over the previous 17 vintages of this wine? It is amazingly consistent. It has powerful and darker-than-normal Dundee Hills fruit with a brooding tannin structure that we have worked at accentuating by using a greater degree of whole cluster fermentation. The 2017 is about the same level as the wonderful and rich 2016 bottling. If this wine has been your go to over the years, it will be again this year. This is a wine club only offering.

**DURANT VINEYARD, MADRONE BLOCK:** Everyone needs a fun wine. Our Dundee Hills wines, largely due to the vine age, generally range from incredibly high-toned to deep and powerful to surprisingly mineral-laden. This bottling is perhaps a bit more "classic" Dundee. There is always a wealth

of exuberant red fruit and spices here. Delicious in every facet and silky smooth on the palate. This is all Dijon II5 Clone and it may not have the super-pedigree of the stately Bishop Block, but it knows how to party. You can't always put on the tailored tux, some days you have to go comfortable. Done.

ESTATE VINEYARD, WADENSVIL BLOCK: In 2015, when this block entered the "Oh yeah, this is a stand-alone wine now" zone we were extremely excited. Wadensvil Clone planted in marine soils make really spectacular wines once the vines get to the point of maturity. The 2017 is an excellent follow from the first two vintages that proceeded it. Simply gorgeous aromatically and on the palate, but underpinned by the darker notes our site provides. It is laced with minerality and super-fine tannin structure – this is a classic Ribbon Ridge Pinot Noir!



## 2017 PINOT NOIR FUTURES OFFERINGS CONT'D

MYSTERIOUS: To our delight this has become a regular feature in the cellar. After going from 2010-2013 without access to this incredible and deservedly famous Dundee Hills site, we have had it 3 of the past 4 vintages. This is consistently the deepest and most "WOW" inducing Pinot we produce. It should be. The vineyard is simply one of the great vineyards in North America regardless of variety. (Still cannot use the vineyard designate on the label or tell you what it is here in the newsletter though.)

MEDICI: Our first two vintages with this old, heritage Chehalem Mountain site yielded gorgeous, complex and utterly unique wines. The Jory soil in a non-Dundee Hills location combined with the 36-40 year old vines and the distinct Pommard and Dijon 777 Clone combination made for amazing wines that will take years to reach their apex. The 2017 might be the best of the trio. Soaring aromatics and depth like a spring fed well make this wine an absolute must have from our cellar. Only 6 barrels total produced.

FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD, COURY CLONE, DIJON 115 CLONE, POMMARD CLONE: This trio of wines, where we attempt to show you the nature of Freedom Hill Vineyard through the lens of a single clone, have been exceptionally popular and very well received. The 2015 Dijon 115 was referred to as "sharing the traits of Romanee St. Vivant" while the Pommard "could pass for a New World Richebourg" by Josh Reynolds of Vinous. com. Despite that high praise it was the 2015 Coury Clone that netted the highest score of the three wines with 95 points.

The 2016s are largely by the boards already at this juncture, but the 2017s operate in the same sort of stratosphere as previous vintages. The Dijon 115 will be selected from a wider variety of barrels than ever before and its depth, character and complexity will reflect its larger pool of possible components. The Pommard may well turn out to be the most fascinating of the six bottlings we have made previously of this intense version of Freedom Hill. The Coury Clone will be, as always, the crown jewel of the cellar, combining amazing aromatics, fantastic texture and unique flavors

OLENIK VINEYARD, WADENSVIL CLONE: Olenik Vineyard sits on the same type of thin marine soil as our Estate Vineyard. Wadensvil Clone is especially perfect for this type of soil. Wadensvil Pinot Noir tends to be more elegant, high-toned and red-fruited while the marine sedimentary soil adds an

element of structure and turns the wine distinctly toward a very mineral-driven, mid-palate and finish. We will, as we have over the past several vintages, choose from completely de-stemmed fermentations and 60% whole cluster ferments. The whole clusters give an incredible backbone to this wine, while the de-stemmed fruit shows the vibrant, fruit-borne characteristics. This combination makes for a wonderfully complex wine: aromatic and floral while still allowing the back palate to be the guiding force.

FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD, WADENSVIL CLONE: You're never safe! We will always ferret out some more great fruit from somewhere and make a new bottling out of it. Freedom Hill Vineyard. Check. 20 year old vines. Check. Wadensvil Clone. Check. While our other Freedom Hill bottlings live on the darker side of the fruit spectrum, this one shows how a distinctly red fruit profile fits into the natural structure and power that this site displays. In our now mini-horizontal bottling of Wadensvil Clone Pinots, this one stands out for its tension and structure. In the Freedom Hill Clonal bottlings, it stands out for its elegance and purity. Yes, another bottling of utterly unique and terrific wine. Sorry.

Available Now — White Current Releases!

2016 CHARDONNAY, DURANT VINEYARD: Year 2 of the re-booting of the Chardonnay program went extremely well. Following on the heels of a very nice effort in 2015 (93 points by Vinous.com) from one section of Dijon Clone 95 we added an older section of Dijon Clone 76 from a lower and cooler block. This has provided the wine with greater austerity, acidity, definition and length without sacrificing the rich fruit base. This is very lovely Chardonnay and we hope you find a way to think of us when you think of Oregon Chardonnay. We are playing catch up with lots of our amazing colleagues!

2017 SAUVIGNON BLANG, ESTATE VINEYARD: The two bottlings of Sauvignon Blanc we have done have been a real pleasure not only to make, but to introduce to people. The Estate Sauvignon Blanc especially is unlike any domestic wine of this variety folks have experienced previously. The inherent minerality that transfers from our marine soil into our older vines runs so pure and evident in this wine that it transforms the grape into something far greater than what people are expecting. This is a fascinating, delicious and very intense wine.

2017 Pinot Noir Futures

#### FUTURES PRICING AVAILABLE THROUGH JUNE 30TH 2018

|  | Retail<br>Price   | Futures<br>Price |          | Amount     |     | Total          |  |
|--|-------------------|------------------|----------|------------|-----|----------------|--|
| Dundee Hills AVA                                     | 11166             | 11100            |          |            |     |                |  |
| 2017 Pinot Noir Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B- Club    | Only \$60         | \$48             | X        |            | =   | <del></del>    |  |
| 2017 Pinot Noir Durant Vineyard, Madrone Block       | \$42              | \$35             | X        |            | =   | <del></del>    |  |
| 2017 Pinot Noir Mysterious Vineyard                  | \$100             | \$80             | X        |            | =   |                |  |
| Chehalem Mountains AVA                               |                   |                  |          |            |     |                |  |
| 2017 Pinot Noir Olenik Vineyard, Wadensvil Clone     | \$48              | \$38             | X        |            | =   |                |  |
| 2017 Pinot Noir Medici Vineyard                      | \$48              | \$38             | x        |            | =   |                |  |
| Ribbon Ridge AVA                                     |                   |                  |          |            |     |                |  |
| 2017 Pinot Noir Estate Vineyard, Wadensvil Clone     | \$55              | \$44             | x        |            | =   |                |  |
| Almost in the Eola-Amity AVA (but not quite)         |                   |                  |          |            |     |                |  |
| 2017 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill Vineyard, Pommard       | Clone \$48        | \$38             | X        |            | =   |                |  |
| 2017 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill Vineyard, Dijon 115     | Clone \$48        | \$38             | X        |            | =   |                |  |
| 2017 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill Vineyard, Coury Clo     | ne \$75           | \$60             | X        |            | =   |                |  |
| 2017 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill Vineyard, Wadensvil     | Clone \$42        | \$35             | X        |            | =   |                |  |
| Sub-Total (Minimum 1 case to ship or 6 bottles to pi | ck up)            |                  |          |            |     |                |  |
| Case Discount on 12 or more bottles of Pinot Noir o  | •                 | h, 2018          | -10%     |            |     |                |  |
| Total of all Pinot Noir Futures                      |                   |                  |          |            |     |                |  |
| White Wine - Available Now!                          |                   |                  |          |            |     |                |  |
| 2016 Chardonnay, Durant Vineyard                     | \$42              |                  | X        |            | =   |                |  |
| 2017 Sauvignon Blanc, Willamette Valley              | \$24              |                  | X        |            | =   |                |  |
| 2017 Sauvignon Blanc, Estate Vineyard                | \$29              |                  | x        |            | =   |                |  |
| 2017 Dry Muscat Ottonel, Oak Grove Vineyard          | \$18              |                  | x        |            | =   |                |  |
| Total of All Wines                                   |                   |                  |          |            |     |                |  |
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| Customer Signature:                                  |                   |                  |          |            |     | _ **(required) |  |

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Note on Futures Duration: In the past we have run the Futures Program and discount on the barrel wines from the time we released the newsletter until the end of August. Due to the expansion of our mailing list we will only be able to offer the 2017 Pinot Noir Futures at the discounted rate (and it is a serious discount off the retail price) until June 30th. For the vast majority of you this will have no impact at all as you usually order before the end of May. For those of you that are late to the game at times please note this change in our schedule.

### Patricia Green Cellars Wine Club

| I Would Like to Deceive:                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| □6 bottles □12bottle 2x a year                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| City, State, Zip:                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### FUTURES PRICING ON LARGE FORMAT BOTTLES

We are happy to be able to offer many of our wines in larger format bottles. Large format bottles are great for cellaring, super for parties and can improve the ageability of a wine dramatically. After June 30th, all remaining large format bottles will be available at retail price. Retail prices are not listed below.

1.5 litre = 2 bottles; 3 litre = 4 bottles; 5 litre = 6.67 bottles

|  | 1.5 litre<br>Price/Amount | 3.0 litre<br>Price/Amount | 5.0 litre<br>Price /Amount | Total |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| 2017 Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B         | \$104 x                   | \$204 x                   | \$336 x =                  |       |
| 2017 Mysterious Vineyard                 | \$168 x                   | \$332 x                   | \$550 x =                  |       |
| 2017 Durant Vyd, Madrone Block           | \$78 x                    | \$152 x                   | \$249 x =                  |       |
| 2017 Olenik Vyd, Wadensvil Block         | \$84 x                    | \$164 x                   | \$270 x =                  |       |
| 2017 Medici Vineyard                     | \$84 x                    | \$164 x                   | \$270 x =                  |       |
| 2017 Estate Vineyard, Wadensvil Block    | \$96 x                    | \$188 x                   | \$309 x =                  |       |
| 2017 Freedom Hill Vyd, Pommard           | \$84 x                    | \$164 x                   | \$270 x =                  |       |
| 2017 Freedom Hill Vyd, Dijon 115         | \$84 x                    | \$164 x                   | \$270 x =                  |       |
| 2017 Freedom Hill Vyd, Coury             | \$128 x                   | \$252 x                   | \$416 x =                  |       |
| 2017 Freedom Hill Vyd, Wadensvil         | \$78 x                    | \$152 x                   | \$249 x =                  |       |
| Sub-Total                                |                           |                           |                            |       |
| Case Discount on 12+ bottles (by volum   | ne and combined           | with 750ML bottle         | s) -10%                    |       |
| Total Large Format Pinot Noir Futures    |                           |                           |                            |       |
| All future pricing is valid through June | e 30th, 2018.             |                           |                            |       |

# EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Pre-Memorial Day Open House: Saturday, May 19, 2018, IO:00-3:00; We open our winery doors to let you taste the 2017 Pinot Noir Futures out of barrel. There is no appointment necessary for this event. This is the best event for club members to bring guests! All club members receive 4 complimentary entries. We will have a spread of cheese and charcuterie to enjoy with the barrel samples.

Memorial Day Open House Weekend: Saturday, May 26th & Sunday, May 27th, IO:00-3:00; Winery open house tasting of the 2017 Pinot Noir Futures. There is no appointment required for this weekend. The tasting fee is \$25/person and complimentary for club members. We will have a spread of cheese and charcuterie to enjoy with the barrel samples. We will be closed Monday, May 28th.

International Pinot Noir Celebration, 2018: We will be one of the featured wineries at this year's event in July. Strap on your drinking boots! If you are attending, we will certainly see you there. Even if you are not attending we will be open the Sunday it concludes (July 29) from II:00-2:00. We have done this open house over the years and it usually involves an eclectic mix of wines from older to very new with some interesting offers, so mark that on your calendar.

#### Save The Date, August 18th: CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

2016 Balcombe Vineyard, Mortimer Cooke Memorial Pinot Noir Release/Benefit Party and Club Member Thank You Event. This is going to be amazing, unbelievably fun, life affirming and way too incredible to handle. If you were here last year, you hopefully remember the wines (of course), the great band and the incredible BBQ buffet from BJ's Smokehouse. That is all happening again. However, this year there is a whole extra layer of amazing to complement this event.

2016 marked our 20th anniversary of farming Balcombe Vineyard and being the sole producer of wine made from this amazing Dundee Hills Vineyard. We had planned on doing a distinct bottling to commemorate that event. In November 2016, shortly after harvest, Mort Cooke (Vineyard Owner) passed away after an extended battle with cancer, so the Anniversary bottling became a Memorial bottling. We will release this 72 case bottling at the event. As per the wishes of Mort and his wife Joyce, a significant portion of the proceeds from this wine will be donated to the Newberg Animal Rescue and Shelter. What makes this even more exciting is the Newberg Animal Shelter representatives will be at the winery with animals in need of a home. That's right, there will be an Adopt-A-Pet event going on concurrently with all this other stuff. So, prepare yourself for great wine and an utterly unique Balcombe Vineyard Pinot Noir, good music, food and cute animals in need of love. No, we are not kidding. Minds blown. This event is for club members only and requires an RSVP. Official invites will be sent out first week of July.

As you can see we have a full agenda heading into the summer and a lot to look forward to.

We hope that you come here with fresh eyes, open hearts and a will-ingness to go forward with us.

## NEWS

New Hospitality Member: Abigail Neilan joined us in February. She moved up from the Napa Valley about two years ago (for all of you in Oregon reading this, easy, easy does it) and worked for Eyrie as their Director of Sales. We are such an amazing and awesome place to work that she had no choice but to begin working here when we decided we were going to need another full-time person for Direct Sales. She is excellent at what she does and hopefully you all will get to meet her and taste with her sometime soon. Please welcome her into the PGC family when you do encounter her for the first time.

Margaret Barry, Mother of the Year 2018: Margaret and her husband Scott are now proud parents of their first-born Daughter, Connie-Scott, born March 22nd. Margaret is taking the standard three month maternity leave, but will likely be around every so often and very likely will at least pop in for a bit of the tasting events in May. Make sure you ask to see pictures, she's a beautiful baby!

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