



# Rocky Creek Newsletter

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## What's New?

- Salish
- Open Valentine's Weekend!

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## Our Wines:

We are winding down on our wines again as every year so if you are hoping to have it one more time, now would be the time. Below is what we have left.

**Sparklings are ready!** We have very little left of Katherine's Sparkle and have reserved some for those that told me, so get it while you can! We have the Jubilee which would go so well for the Valentine's with the color. Both of these sparkling have been picks of the sparkling in BC by both Jurgen Gothe and Anthony Gismondi, both well known Vancouver wine writers. We also released the blackberry sparkling called Salish. This is our trial release and very intense flavour with traditional bubbles and brut to semi-brut so not sweet. Love to have comments to see where we go with this.

Tempranillo Release – Jose's Tempranillo—500 mL for \$50/bottle. \$10 of every bottle for the life of the wine will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. We still have some bottles left but only a couple cases. We hope to have a cheque to the society in the next month. Thank you for your support.

We have the Wild Blackberry in the new bigger bottle 500 mL; most are only 375 mL. Great looking bottle and we're hearing good comments. We know the product on the inside has been the best; but now worked on the outside look as well! During the holidays our blackberry has just flown off the shelves! You have all tasted it but we know now that the word is spreading. We might have this wind down before the end of the tourist season first time ever!

Our Pinot Gris is sold out as you all know. The next vintage we expect to be April/May. So here's what we have left out of the winery. Ortega, Robin's Rose and Pinot Noir, as well as the wines above.

We are also excited because this upcoming year will have a new red! Haven't named it yet so if you have any ideas, send me your comments. It's a fresh younger red made with some of our grapes from the vineyard you have visited...on site! So look for further details upcoming. We have about 135 cases coming.

## Our Events:

We will be in Parksville on February 24 to start off the tasting season again. So got to get dressed up and meet everyone again. I'm looking forward to the spring and the season again! See our website for other events.

## Tasting Room:

Just for Valentine's we will be open February 10, 11 and 12 from 11 to 4 pm for those last minute wines if you wish. We are also tasting all the sparklings. Come by and say hello

again.

We are also getting excited about the April opening. We will be back to 6 days a week and every day but Tuesday. Karina is coming back to help out and I'm playing with just some changes to the tasting room to refresh it. We will develop the patio and also have a chance to enjoy life here and the view!

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#### The Vineyard:

We are now winter pruning...ha ha. Right now we are so much enjoying the weather that being in the vineyard is a treat. Our dog is just loving it and bagged at night! Our vineyard on site is exciting because we are really first time seriously pruning for production! We are again reviewing all our vineyards and figuring out what we want to do for the next wines. This is the time to make these choices.

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#### Media:

We've had some great reviews recently from some well known writers now in Vancouver and recently had our Ortega as a BC Wine pick of the week in the Vancouver Sun. I'm trying to twitter and Facebook more about this as it happens.

Everyone seems to be doing more social media so working on that so you can follow us and get to know what we do and things we learn as we go along. So join us on Twitter and Facebook if you want more up to date information. If you feel like it, please like us and tell us about it. We'll give you a free keychain.

Mark is also trying to blog more on our website page again to give you an idea about what we do but also would love questions and feedback anytime.

So this is the latest update and hope you are all getting ready for spring. I've got some tasks around the house, decorating and landscaping that I'd like to do so we'll see how much I get done. Less than 2 months before we open for real! So enjoy and hope to see you soon!

