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The grapes are in...

Unusual weather allows GBC to produce first ice wine!

Harvest was very unusual this year, not only for our vineyard, but for the whole State. It started out normal harvest in the first part of September and we harvested everything except the Cabernet Sauvignon. When we got to the Cab, we had sugars, but the flavors were not there. We decided to wait. During that time, we found out that this was not just at our vineyard, but the whole industry was experiencing the same dilemma. We waited and waited, and finally got the flavor profile we were looking for. We have never had to wait for the flavors to develop before. We had an extremely warm year. You may remember temperatures over 100 degrees in July. We think this heat actually delayed maturity and was the reason for the delayed ripening. I think back and probably 15 years ago we, along with the rest of the industry, would have gone ahead and harvested the fruit without any regard to the flavors. I think this is one of the ways that we gauge the development of the industry and our ability to get better at making wine.

At this point in time, I am VERY happy about the fruit we have brought into the winery. It is very satisfying to see the year's work pay off. Now all we really have to do is mentor the wine through the aging process.

A first for Gordon Brothers is that we harvested our first ice wine! We are really excited about it. We used our Gewürztraminer grapes (the ones we normally reserve for late harvest wine). The must came in at 39.5 % sugar. It should make a great desert wine. We only have about 250 gallons, so most of it will go to the Wine Club. We are also making small batches of specialty Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay for our wine club members.

I would like to thank you all for your support over the years. We will sell more wine in 2006 than we have ever sold before. I would like to wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cheers!

Jeff

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Wine Club Selections

This wine club selection is being sent because we think it will be perfect with your holiday meals. As usual, we will be offering special discounts exclusive to our wine club members.

2005 Chardonnay:

This is not your average Chardonnay with distinctively crisp fresh citrus and melon flavors. The wine has a nice rounded finish with rich layers of vanilla and buttery nuances with undertones of fennel and autumn straw. It pairs well with grilled white meats or grilled seafood with an exotic fruit salsa.

For our wine club members, we will be offering this wine at **30% off (case purchases only) until December 15.**

2001 Tradition:

A complex blend, skillfully woven together in a tapestry of subtle flavors unveiled in layers of dark cherry, black berry and coffee accompanied with smooth tannins and a silk toasty finish. This wine will pair well with grilled steak or wild game.

Wine Spectator—**90 Points**—
“Smooth, ripe, generous, with raspberry, currant and sweet, spicy oak flavors mingling nicely, finishing with transparency and fine texture. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah. Drink now through 2012.”

We will be offering the 2001 Tradition to our wine club members at **25% off case purchases until December 15.**

Coming Events

December

2-3—Cougar Gold & Mistletoe, Gordon Brothers Cellars. 10AM-6PM both days. For more information, visit www.gordonwines.com.

25-26—Merry Christmas! Gordon Brothers offices closed

January

1—Happy New Year! Gordon Brothers offices closed

6—Gordon Brothers wines will be featured at Ivory Jazz bar in Kennewick, WA. For more information, visit www.ivoryjazz.com.

27—A Celebration of Washington Wines, Woodinville, WA. Proceeds benefit WSU College of Viticulture & Enology. For more information, visit www.wineauction.wsu.edu.

April

15—Taste Washington Grand Tasting, Seattle WA. For tickets, visit www.tastewashington.org.

May

19—Gordon Brothers will be open for tasting with a very special wine club event! We'll send details soon!

26-27—Washington Wine Highway in Woodinville, WA. Visit www.washingtonwinehighway.com.

Order your holiday wine soon...

As always, we are happy to ship wine wherever it's permitted by law. Whether you're looking for a gift for that person who is impossible to buy for, or you're trying to find a wine that will pair with your Christmas dinner, we are more than happy to help you out!

UPS has informed us that in order for your ground shipments to be guaranteed to reach their destinations by Christmas, they must ship no later than December 11. That means if you're thinking of ordering Gordon Brothers wine, you should try to do



so by December 8 so that we can process your order and ship it out. We will be taking shipping orders for Christmas up until **December 15**, but orders placed between the 12th and 15th will incur expedited shipping charges.

Gordon Brothers Rose' is the perfect wine to go with holiday turkey! **Until December 22, you can purchase a case of Rose' for \$100, or 20% off bottle purchases.** To place your order, please call us at 509-547-6331 or email us at info@gordonwines.com.

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