



Message in a Bottle

The grass is getting greener...

Spring of 2005 brought a few changes to the facilities at Gordon Brothers. We planted a yard around the facility, about 2.5 acres. We installed some rock walls around the driveway and began some landscaping around the facility. Once established, it should make for a very nice venue for special events. Cellar Master Norberto Canseco and his crew did a great job with the sprinkler system and landscaping.

Dave Harvey, our winemaker for the past two years left to head up the winemaking team at a small winery on the coast. Dave's family really wanted to relocate there and we wish him great success. His last remarks were that he was really going to miss working with the fruit from our vineyard. To help wean him from the fruit, we are going to sell him a couple of ton this fall.

We are working on a replacement for Dave, and we have narrowed our search to a few very qualified people. We are excited about the possibilities. Hopefully we will be able to introduce our new winemaker in our next newsletter.

Wine sales have been very brisk this year. We have sold more wine in the first quarter than we ever have in the past. The wines keep getting great accolades and we are finding a great customer base throughout the country.

This year I am honored to represent the Washington state wine industry as the Chairman of the Washington Wine Commission. I was elected to the post on June 3rd, and I'm excited about the future of Washington wines. I look forward to working with the rest of the Board and our new Executive Director, Robin Pollard. For more information on the Wine Commission, visit www.washingtonwine.org.

On a side note, the Supreme Court ruled that if states are to allow wine shipments within their state, they must allow wine shipments from wineries out-of-state as well. This restriction has really limited our wine club list in the past. Now that it is lifted (and pending the re-drafting of individual state laws), we will be able to include many more people in the club and to "grow" the Gordon Brothers family.

We are now able to really assess the 2004 vintage. Although somewhat smaller, the wines are showing very well. We will be bottling the '04 whites in the next couple of months, and we are excited about their potential as well.

Thank you for your support of Gordon Brothers wine! Cheers!

Jeff Gordon



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Upcoming Releases:

- Summer 2005
2003 "Katie's Vineyard" Sauvignon Blanc
2001 Merlot

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New Releases

Attention wine club members! The following wines are our featured “new releases” for the month! Through the month of June, we are offering our members a **40% case discount** (limit 2 cases). Call or email us right away for this incredible special.

2000 Tradition - Blackberry and plum flavors combine with toasted oak and hints of pepper. Jammy cassis and spice dominate the mid palate, finishing in a haze of oak and fruit. Built for aging, this wine should cellar for many years.

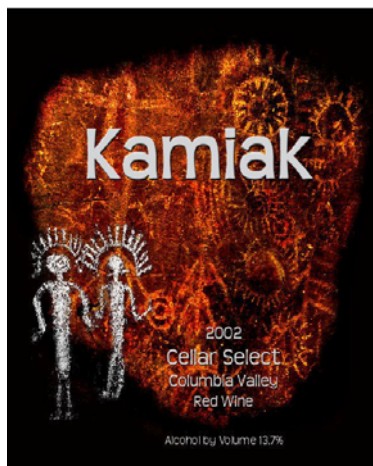
This wine would make a great centerpiece to any meal of distinction. Serve with beef, veal or wild game.

2002 Cabernet Sauvignon—The 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon has a wonderful depth in color, warming up to you with toasty vanilla oak and dark chocolate. This Cab has a core of black cherry and ripe currant and finishes with seductive caramel. Powerful yet refined tannins will make for great ageability. Serve with steak, Cajun food or other big spicy dishes.

Introducing.... “Kamiak”

Back in December, we released our second label called “Kamiak.” During the mid-1800s, Chief Kamiak of the Yakama Tribe began irrigating in the fertile Columbia Valley. Then, in 1907, Jeff and Bill Gordon’s grandfather established Kamiak Ranch in Washington state. Thanks to Chief Kamiak and farmers like our grandfather, we are able to grow premium wine grapes in the Columbia Valley, so it was only fitting that we named our second label after these predecessors.

Kamiak is a blend of Cabernet and Merlot grapes grown in the Columbia Valley. It has been very well-received, and it’s a great every-day wine. We hope you enjoy this new venture for us!



Coming Events where GB wines will be poured...

June

10—Cougar Tailgate at TRAC Pavilion in Pasco, WA

July

10-17—“Sip, Sailing Away” cruise to Alaska
(www.cruisewithcarlson.com/sipsail)

17—Desert Bash Golf Tournament, Meadow Springs Country Club, Richland, WA

August

11-13—Auction of Washington Wines, www.auctionofwashingtonwines.org.

19-20—Sound Bite Tri-Cities: Vines, Vittles and Vibes. Columbia Park, Kennewick, WA



Awards & Accolades

2000 Tradition

Wine Spectator—**90**— “Ripe and generous, brimming with blackberry, currant and plum flavor, nicely shaded with white pepper and toast, framed with mildly gritty tannins.”

2005 Wines of the World Competition—Best of Class **GOLD**

2002 Cabernet Sauvignon

New World International Wine Competition—*Silver Medal*

2001 Syrah

Wine Spectator – **91** – “...this is a big step up.”

Toronto Sun – “A smart, jumpin’ syrah with lovely wild animal aromas on a frame of blueberries and thick spices. It’s not overbearing but laced with blackcurrants, minty spice, espresso and other wild, exotic flavours. A real treat.”

WineFest 2005 on HiltonHead Island, South Carolina—*Gold Medal*

2002 Chardonnay

Nashville-Tennessean 4/4/05 – “...pleasant aroma of ash, cauliflower, apples, lemon and butter, backed by subtle oak notes...Based on its overall appeal, this wine finished first in our tasting.”

2003 Sauvignon Blanc

New World International Wine Competition—*Silver Medal*

WineFest 2005 on HiltonHead Island, South Carolina—*Silver Medal*

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