



MESSAGE FROM DASH—

THE WINERY DOG

By now most of you know me, I like to roam around the tasting room looking for snuggles and fallen breadsticks. Have you tried the breadsticks in the tasting room? I normally wouldn't stoop to this level, but they are worth begging for. I'm hoping to see a lot of you at the wine club pick up party. It's going to be a great

time, full of holiday fun and some really ugly Christmas sweaters! Yes, even I have to wear an Ugly Christmas sweater, it's really humiliating. Santa and Mrs. Claus (aka Larry and Char Mettler) will be posing for photos, I think that might take humiliation to an entirely new level! I should be happy just wearing an ugly Christmas sweater, it can obviously be worse. During the holidays when we take time to reflect on the year, I'd like to say that my tail wags in circles for you. Thank you for being members and inviting our wines into your life. I can't say I love you more than greenie bones, but you are a close second (just keeping it real).

In the Tasting Room

Come visit Mettler Family Vineyards this holiday season! Our newly released 2012 Petite Sirah is awaiting your first sip! We also have limited quantities of our library wines still available for purchase—and on Saturdays and Sundays we frequently open them for tasting. We're also offering 3-bottle boxes of our "Premier Vintages" that contain a true piece of our wine history. There are 3 to choose from: The first 3 vintages of the Cabernet (1999, 2000, 2001), Petite Sirah (2001, 2002, 2003) and Zinfandel (2006, 2007, 2008). These boxes will make a great addition to your cellar or an amazing gift! Also available are custom gift baskets. You can pre-order and there is something for every budget! Order forms are available at the tasting room or via email. We're also offering free gift wrapping on any tasting room purchase. Another lovely addition to our tasting room experience are cheese plates tailored to pair with our wines.

We realize how hectic the holiday season is, so we would like to invite you to visit us at Mettler for a little holiday "down-time"—you can check some lucky folks off your gift list, and enjoy delicious wine and cheese by the fire while we wrap for you—all in the comfort of our beautiful tasting room.



BLUE CHEESE LOG

Enjoy this deliciously elegant and simple holiday hors d'oeuvre at your next party...don't forget the Mettler Wine!

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup shredded sharp white cheddar
- ¾ cup crumbled Point Reyes Blue Cheese
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- ½ cup chopped toasted pecans
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until creamy. Next, fold in the cheddar cheese and blue cheese. Cover and refrigerate for at least two hours. Meanwhile, in a pan, sauté the curry powder in the butter for 1 minute, then add the pecans, cooking and stirring for 2 minutes. Mix in parsley. Let cool in refrigerator. When cool, remove cheese mixture from the refrigerator and roll into 2–5 inch logs or one large log. Roll cheese log(s) in the pecan mixture coating evenly. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Serve with crostini and a glass of METTLER WINE!



Wine Club Pick-up Party!

Come Join Us
Sunday, December 7th

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY!

Come enjoy homemade tamales with Mettler Wines and a Christmas cookie buffet!

Bring your camera for photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Kids are welcome to join us!



TASTING ROOM HOURS: Thursday–Monday 11–5
7889 E. Harney Lane, Lodi

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EVENTS CALENDAR

2014 | DECEMBER 7
4–8pm
Wine Club Pick-Up Party!

2014 | DECEMBER
We have several painting parties scheduled for the month of December. Call for more details

2014 | DECEMBER 25–JANUARY 1
We will be closed for the holidays!

Happy New Year to you all!



WINE CLUB REPORT

Gayle Helmuth-Lisenbee, Wine Club Director

To our valued wine club members a big “Thank You” is in order for your continued support and referrals. Wine club has been successfully growing thanks to you! We are happy to offer more benefits as we grow.

We have so many varieties to offer now, there’s something for everyone! Our three classics: Cabernet, Old Vine Zinfandel and Petite Sirah which are widely distributed, and our tasting room only wines: Chardonnay, Muscat Canelli, Pinotage, Merlot and Aglianico. All except our Muscat have been included in your wine club shipments at some point this year. If you are one of our newer members and have not had the opportunity to try one of these delicious wines, please stop by our tasting room or request to have one included in a shipment and give your taste buds a big treat!

Wine club events are the perfect opportunity to get out and enjoy really good wine, food, friends and family. All our events have a theme and our goal is to have fun and enjoy one another. June wine club event was a “Summer Sunday Funday” out by the pond where we enjoyed barbecued tri-tip sandwiches, a refreshing watermelon arugula salad, Mettler wine, games and live music by Dave Antencio. September wine club event was a “Football Party” in our tasting room and outside patio area with the Cowboys vs. Saints playing, Barbecued Pulled Pork Sliders, Nacho Bar, popcorn, pretzels and delicious Mettler wine!

We don’t want our out-of-state members to feel left out, so that’s why we are now offering a \$10 flat rate on all shipping orders of 3 bottles or more! That’s right, just \$10! A huge benefit especially if you order a case of wine. All wine club shipments will also be shipping out at the \$10 flat rate.

If you are a Pick-Up member, please remember that you have 3 weeks from the wine club pick-up party to come and get your club package. If you are unable to come and pick up your package within that time frame, it will auto-ship to you at the \$10 flat rate fee.

Don’t forget, for every wine club sign up that you refer, you get a free gift! Although the gifts vary, currently we are giving out a Black Canvas Mettler Tote Bag (while supplies last).



WINE CLUB SELECTIONS



2012 LODI ESTATE GROWN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

composition: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petite Sirah | **alcohol:** 14.9%
total acidity: 0.70g/100ml | **pH:** 3.60 | **cooperage:** 23 mo. in French oak | **cases:** 5,433

Our Cabernet Sauvignon comes from two outstanding vineyards, each planted in French clones. It opens with inviting aromas of black cherry, cedar and spice, followed by a graceful mingling of cherry, cassis, berry and smoky oak flavors. On the palate, the plush mouthfeel is moderated by juicy acidity, taking the perfect alignment of fruit, oak and tannins through to a flawless finish. This elegant Cabernet is accessible now, and its structure and complexity will see it through many years of aging.



2012 LODI PETITE SIRAH

composition: 90% Petite Sirah, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc | **alcohol:** 14.9%
total acidity: 0.67g/100ml | **pH:** 3.67 | **cooperage:** 23 mo. in French oak | **cases:** 903

This wine exudes richness and complexity from the first sip. The color is dark and inky, hinting at the opulence to come. Pleasing aromas of red licorice, sweet berry and mocha are balanced by traces of mineral and earth. As it unfolds, it offers a beautiful swirl of juicy black currant and blueberry flavors with hints of vanilla, cinnamon and spice, reminiscent of a luscious berry cobbler. The tannins are big and supple tempered by vibrant acidity and the pure, concentrated flavors linger through the finish.



2012 LODI MERLOT

composition: 90% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petite Sirah | **alcohol:** 14.9%
total acidity: 0.66g/100ml | **pH:** 3.54 | **cooperage:** 16 mo. in French oak | **cases:** 160

Our 2012 Merlot offers a complexity normally reserved for Cabernet Sauvignon. An opulent balance of fruit and oak, it will surprise you with its bold, concentrated flavors. Decadent aromas of cherry, currant and vanilla support nuances of flowers and roasted herbs. The generous flavors of candied berries, rich chocolate and a hint of spice are rounded by notes of toasty oak. The tannins are firm but balanced and marry well with the dash of acidity that carry the flavors into a lingering, juicy finish.

DISCOUNTS

Remember as a wine club member you receive a lot of added benefits besides your 20% wine discount. You receive 10% off all tasting room merchandise, 5% off all events, and a \$10 flat rate on all shipping of 3 bottles or more. You and up to 6 of your guests will also receive free wine tasting when you visit our tasting room. And, the wine club pick-up parties are always fun!

