



GREAT TASTES
A FLORA SPRINGS WINE CLUB

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{Employee Spotlight}

Kristin Walling
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What do you like about your job? The wine of course but I also really love my team. Most of us spend more time with each other than our own families so I feel lucky to have such amazing colleagues to work with each day.

What's the most common question you get asked in The Room?

Q: Do you ever get sick of drinking wine and do you drink wine every day?

A: No way and absolutely! We have so many amazing varietals. I love pairing them with food and seeing how they age year after year.

What's your favorite hangout in Napa Valley (besides The Room)? The Rutherford Grill. I love meeting my friends and colleagues there for lunch. It's a who's who spot for locals and there's often a well-known winemaker or two sitting at the bar doing business the way we do in wine country....sharing a great glass of Napa Valley wine.

What do you like about Napa Valley in the wintertime?

The smells. The air is crisp and clean making everything smell so wonderful. And the wood fire ovens of the restaurants...it's a signature Napa Valley aroma!

You obviously love to decorate The Room for holidays. Do you decorate your home the same way? Oh yes. My house is always done up inside and out. I have a 6-year old daughter and I want her to always remember the joy, excitement, pomp and ceremony of the holidays in a big way!



{Mark Your Calendars}

Happy New Year!

February 7
2012 Trilogy Release Party
The Estate

March 14
Great Tastes Pick Up Day
The Room

February 14 & 15
Valentine Chocolate Buffet
The Room

May 21
#ChardonnayDay
Online, Worldwide

February 26
Three Forks Ranch
Sierra Madres Mountains,
Colorado

This year I'm hoping for some serious rain in California. Though grapes fare better than many crops when it comes to droughts, some water from heaven above would sure be nice...oh, and no more earthquakes would be nice also.

In the meantime, thank goodness we have plenty of wine to drink! I'm often asked how I like to enjoy our Poggio del Papa, the red wine in this month's shipment. My smart aleck answer is "with a very long straw," but when pressed I tell people that the Bordeaux

varietals in this blend (Petite Verdot and Malbec) make it beefier than some Italian wines, so it goes well with pasta dishes as well as hearty stews, soups, short ribs and even steaks.

Don't forget the Trilogy Release Party on February 7th, I hope to see you!

Enjoy!

Kenny Werle
Wine Club Manager



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Our Annual Trilogy Release Party {February 7, 2015!}

It's that time of year again...when we pull out all the stops to celebrate the annual release of our signature red wine, Trilogy! This is the party our family, staff, club members and friends most look forward to, and you will not want to miss this year's event! Guests will be the first to taste our 2012 Trilogy - the wine Robert Parker, Jr. calls our "most iconic red" - along with delicious fare prepared by some of Napa Valley's most revered chefs and restaurants. In between sips, stroll the grounds of our estate winery and take in the sweeping views of the vineyards used to create the wine in your glass. You'll also have a chance to mingle with the Flora Springs family, meet our winemaking staff, and tour our private hillside caves. And yes, there will be live music. On so many levels, this festival will rock! For more information and tickets visit www.florasprings.com.

LOCATION: The Estate
DATE: February 7, 2015
TIME: 11am -2 pm

{Your January Shipment}



2013 Barrel Fermented Chardonnay

The grapes for this Chardonnay were grown in two of our sustainably farmed Napa Valley vineyards: Lavender Hill in Carneros and Crossroads Ranch in Oakville, providing Winemaker Paul Steinauer with the perfect building blocks to create a complex, elegant and exquisitely balanced Chardonnay. 2013 yielded what Paul calls a "perfectly balanced Burgundian style of Chardonnay," exhibiting expressive fruit including juicy pear, honeydew melon and fresh white peach alongside notes of nutmeg, cinnamon and turmeric. The oak is there but it's subtle, providing warm notes of buttered toast and a lingering marzipan and vanilla crème finish.

2012 Poggio del Papa

Our 2012 Poggio del Papa is a Tuscan-style red wine crafted from a select blend of varietals. The Sangiovese which forms the core of this wine (69%) is grown on our Cypress Ranch, marked by a massive ancient cypress tree, in Pope Valley. The Sangiovese we grow there exhibits incredible red fruit intensity, which melds beautifully with the darker fruit notes of the Syrah (16%), Petite Verdot (10%) and Malbec (5%) that form the balance of this wine. The 2012 Poggio offers a rich palate of blue and black fruit notes, including black cherry and ripe loganberry, along with red boysenberry and rhubarb. This solid core of fruit is laced with hints of sage, saddle leather and black peppercorn.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2-Pack

2013 Napa Valley Chardonnay

Price: \$24

(that's 2 for the price of 1)
*no limit, no additional discount,
 for club members only thru Jan 31st*



{Pricing and Order}

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2013 BARREL FERMENTED CHARDONNAY

*This wine would be a good match for Pan-Seared Scallops,
 Mushroom Risotto or Roast Chicken with Bread Salad.*

Price: **\$35** | Shipment: **\$31.50**

Wine Club Reorder: **\$28**

Drink now through 2016 for optimum enjoyment.

2012 POGGIO DEL PAPA

*This is a savory, food-friendly wine that pairs well with pasta
 dishes but is versatile enough to go with just about anything.*

Price: **\$40** | Shipment: **\$36**

Wine Club Reorder: **\$32**

Drink now through 2017 for optimum enjoyment.

NEXT SHIPMENT - MARCH 2015

2012 Napa Valley Merlot & 2012 Trilogy