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Fun Times At Wofford Acres

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over! It seemed this year that once the rain stopped the action kicked into high gear. Speaking of the rain- many people have been concerned about how it affected the grapes. The grapes are fine- they were still in a fairly dormant stage during the heavy rainfall, and so weren't really affected- more about this in Paul's column... Paul and Mike spent most of June in the vineyard laying irrigation pipes and line,

so that ALL of the boys, big and little, Paul and Mike's sister Pam, and our friend Lisa could plant over 800 new vines. As well as some new plantings of grapes we already had, they added Gewurztraminer, so that Paul could make some more of his traditionally-award-winning-wine out of that varietal, and Petit Verdot, to make a Bordeaux-style blend utilizing the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The Wine Judging for the CA State Fair

brought us some very good news. Read more about our triumph in Mike's column... Don't forget to mark your calendar now for our 2nd anniversary party October 1 and 2- we'll be showcasing the winner of our 2005 Wine Fest Blending Competition, there will be tasty munchies from our friends at the Old Town Grill and an all-around good time! Come visit SOON and thanks for being a part of our winery! Cheers! *Ann*

2002 SYRAH RELEASED!
COME TASTE IT
\$26/ BOTTLE

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MID-NOVEMBER RELEASE
2004 LATE HARVEST VIOGNIER
2003 PORT

Everyone is invited to our
2nd Anniversary Party
October 1 & 2!
Tasty munchies from
noon to 3pm and
special deals!



-above-
Some of our new
Petite Sirah.
This is on the left of
the drive before the
"S" curve.

-left and above-
My little pig friend was
the star of the
2005 Wine Fest -
red wine and barbecue-
everyone loves it!

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Scary as it seems, the holidays are zooming up. Wofford Acres Vineyards would like to be a part of your holidays AND make gift giving a little easier. December 10 and 17 Paul will sign gift bottles- send a personal message to a special someone on a bottle of wine. Make a lavish statement with a case of 12 bottles- give a special bottle for every month! Handle your corporate gift-giving with one-stop shopping. Let your loved ones know you are looking forward to a special event- a wedding, new baby or college graduation on 2006. Use your imagination to create a unique gift that the people you love are sure to enjoy!



**WINEMAKER
CHALLENGE
WINNERS!**

Congratulations to
two teams, who tied for
first place:

Wild Women on Wine
from Lava Cap Winery
and ***Ruth McCracken***
from Micsarusanchele

**"WIN A DAY
WITH PAUL"
WINNERS!**

Dave Carroll and
Chuck Riemann!

We had so many entries Paul
chose two lucky winners to
spend a day playing
winemaker !



*"Come for the wine
and stay for the view"*



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◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ **Mike's View** ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆
from the "Man Who Dances with Grapes"

Here it is Apple Hill Season again!!! This past quarter has been very busy with event tastings, new vineyards and getting ready for the fall harvest. It is a good thing the grapes will be ready a little later than last year. It gives us a little more time to prepare for the bountiful harvest.

We have been involved in several worthy events over the last couple of months. The Cal State University, Fresno tasting was particularly enjoyable since both Paul and I graduated from there. We rekindled old acquaintances from childhood and introduced our wines to many new people. But the most favorable event was the California State Fair. The very first (and only wine we entered), 2004 LaMancha, took a gold medal for Red Table Wine varietal (red

blend), scoring 95 points. But that is not all; it also won the Best Red Blend wine from the Sierra Foothill Region. Not bad for our only wine entered into the show. I would like to also congratulate Paul and his consulting client Hunter Hill Winery on winning Best of Show at the State Fair. Best of Show is the single best wine at the State Fair across all regions and varietals.

When you drive up to the winery, you will now see our babies beginning to prosper. We have added a little over an acre of new vines. If you look to the right, you will see our largest planting. It contains Gewurztraminer to compliment our Viognier as our white stock. To the left as you drive in you will see our new planting of Petite Verdot. We have also

added several rows to our existing vineyards. It was amazing to see fresh growth on our plants one week after being planted. It was a long hard road getting them in, but very satisfying to see their progress. With the Apple Hill Wine Fest behind us, I would thank some friends again for helping us with the music. I would like to thank Keith Durand for performing again for us on Saturday. Keith is an excellent guitar player and singer. He played the event last year for us and we are pleased to have him back again this year. I also want to thank Leighton (Jim) White for our Sunday entertainment again this year. Jim is a high school friend and member of Mercy Me! He brought back bandleader Jim, and J.T. the bass player, to play for us on Sunday. It was another Wine Fest full of great music and food. I hope I saw you there!

Mike

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A Word from Paul

The year has passed very quickly and we find ourselves getting ready for another harvest. In many ways the fall signals the end of the year, but the crush is actually the start of the life of our wines. 2005 provided some challenges; late spring rains brought the challenges of mildew and weed control and July temperatures challenged us with highs reaching record degrees. The vines shut down in temperatures over 100 degrees (you thought YOU were hot!) and this actually extended the growing and ripening period- another

challenge. However, a more moderate August put us back on schedule for a normal mid-to-late-September harvest. We will be making more of your favorite wines, including more Molino de Viento Syrah Rose and a new Dulcinea white blend. Another Late Harvest Viognier is also in the works. Your comments are very important to us and do have an effect on the mix of our wines. I want to thank everyone for their continued support, and I hope you enjoy our 2005 wines. *Paul*

As we all know, Hurricane Katrina has devastated much of the South. We feel very fortunate that we are safe and far from the destruction, and we would like to help those who are now in dire need of assistance. We are raffling off a case of wine (LaMancha, Syrah, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon) with a retail value of \$325. Tickets are \$5 apiece at the sales room or our Farmers Market locations. All ticket sales proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross after the drawing on October 30. Thank you for helping us to help others.