# ELK COVE VINEYARDS

#### Roosevelt Club Newsletter, September 2015

Dear Roosevelt Wine Club Members,

Without question, fall is the most exhilarating season in wine country. We invite you to come visit and celebrate all that autumn represents. Elk Cove Vineyards Estate is the perfect getaway if you are taking a day trip or if you have traveled from afar. This year is especially exciting with an earlier than usual harvest keeping us on our toes.

The harvest season also has us eagerly anticipating the upcoming holiday months. Bring your friends and family for a visit. We could not ask for better fans!

If you can't make it to the winery, check out our calendar online, maybe we are coming to you!

Enjoy your selections!

-Kari Murphy, Roosevelt Club Manager



Nearly full color on our Estate Pinot Noir - in mid-August!

#### Letter from the Winemaker:

### Greetings from Oregon!

With Harvest fast approaching, we're getting super excited about the flavors and ripening patterns in all our vineyards. An early flowering and very warm Summer weather has given us the small berries and intense flavors that are the hallmarks of great vintages. As we have learned over our last 40+ years of growing grapes in Oregon – it is the last few weeks of the growing season that makes all the difference – so keep your fingers crossed for us!

This month's selections feature two great wines from the Pinot family. The first selection is our 2013 Roosevelt Pinot Noir and the second wine is a 2014 Pinot Blanc. They were fun wines to make and we hope you enjoy them as much as we do. Cheers!

#### -Adam Campbell, Winemaker & Owner



A split of our 2014 Willamette - fresh off the bottling line.

#### This Month's Club Selection:



#### 2013 Roosevelt - \$85 Retail

Club/Bottle \$76.50 Club/Case \$63.75 Sept-Oct Club/Case \$59.50

This Pinot Noir comes from our Premier Estate vineyard at Elk Cove. This tiny 3 acre vineyard consistently produces some of the most concentrated & intense Pinot Noir in all of Oregon. Lovingly & organically farmed, Roosevelt Vineyard is famous for its tiny clusters & miniscule yields. 2013 was a warm vintage with late September rains that put the brakes on ripening. We were very fortunate to be able to wait until mid-October to begin harvest in Roosevelt under sunny and dry conditions. This was definitely a year where high quality viticulture paid off!

Extremely limited availability!



#### 2014 Pinot Blanc - \$19 Retail

Club/Bottle \$17.10 Club/Case \$14.25 Sept-Oct Club/Case \$13.30

A close relative of both Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris, our specific clone of Pinot Blanc has small clusters and really intense stone fruit character with loads of richness and concentration. It also has a great minerality that gives this wine structure and intensity. This is a classic wine with all seafood dishes – especially sushi and other Asian influenced dishes.

Limited Availability!

#### Recent Praise for Elk Cove Wines:



2013 Clay Court Pinot Noir - **91** Points 2013 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir - **90** Points



2013 Clay Court Pinot Noir - **94** Points, "Cellar Selection" 2013 Mount Richmond Pinot Noir - **92** Points 2014 Pinot Gris - **92** Points, "Editor's Choice" 2014 Pinot Blanc - **91** Points, "Editor's Choice" 2013 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir - **89** Points

# Wine Spirits

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### **Upcoming Event: Feast Portland!**



We'll be pouring Elk Cove wines at Feast's "Oregon Bounty Grand Tasting" on September 19th and 20th in Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Eat and drink your way through a culinary road map of Oregon's food-craft culture!

Visit **feastportland.com** for more info.

Special Promotions for Roosevelt Club members:

# 30% Case Discount on this Month's Club Selections!

Any 12 bottle combination of **2013 Roosevelt** and **2014 Pinot Blanc** (or a full case of each!) is eligible for the discount until October 31st.

Please call 503-985-7760 or email kari@elkcove.com to order our September Roosevelt Wine Club case special.



Timing of ground shipments of wine is weather dependent and could be delayed. We will not ship wine UPS ground if the weather is too hot or too cold at your destination or en route. This could damage your wine.

Want to keep up on what's happening at Elk Cove? Follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/elkcove

# Wine Club Notes Online Now!

You can now find our newsletters online under WINE CLUB in our main navigation or by typing in this link:

http://www.elkcove.com/wine-club-2/roosevelt-club-newsletters/

## Elk Cove History: Parkdale, Oregon



Elk Cove has farming roots in the beautiful Hood River Valley, where Pat and Joe Campbell both grew up. Pat learned to farm on her family's pear orchard in Parkdale, a tiny agricultural town with a fabulous view of the dramatic volcanic mountain favored by Portland skiiers, Pacific Crest Trail hikers and farm-stand adventurers on the "Fruit Loop".

Several members of the extended family still grow pears in the valley. Adam's cousin, Katrina McAlexander is a third generation pear farmer who is taking over Mountain View Orchards from her folks. Like Adam, Trina was drawn back to the life of a farmer and is learning the farming craft from her parents. She welcomes visitors during the harvest season to their fruit stand:

"From our farm to your table is our philosophy... We love being farmers and love opening our farm like a large living room and inviting the community to come and enjoy our farm as well." - Trina

In Oregon this fall? Visit Elk Cove, then drive up the famed Columbia Gorge to the adventuring town of Hood River and try one of the 100+ varieties of apples and pears grown by Trina and her family.

Visit traveloregon.com or call us at the winery if you need help planning your adventure in Oregon!