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what's new

THE ONX ODYSSEY continues with many new developments to share with you this fall! Moving into our new winery in Tin City just a year ago has definitely stoked the fire of creativity in our production team. We have two new wines making their debut this fall, along with the return of three of your favorites. Our hospitality team has also been working hard and has created new and exciting ways to experience our wines on your next visit. You just never know what we might be up to!

The Wines

Allow us to introduce you to L'autre Femme and Level 22, an alluring French pastry chef and an idealistic, yet pragmatic master builder. (You do follow numerology, right?) In addition to these intriguing newcomers, Mad Crush, Black Orchid, and Caliber will be making a return appearance. We hope you get to spend a little time with each one. They are definitely an interesting cast of characters.

Briarwood Cottage

Steve and Brenda Olson, our proprietors, have devoted their time, energy and creativity to bring a bit of history and a touch of the English countryside to ONX Estate. We will give you a sneak peak inside their fully renovated, English cottage-inspired guesthouse in this newsletter. We also look forward to offering exclusive ONX Collective member events and tastings at Briarwood Cottage in the coming year.

Taste on the Terrace

Finally, we have a new way for you to experience and enjoy ONX Wines on your next visit to Paso Robles! We are now hosting twilight tastings on the terrace of our Tin City tasting room. Each Friday and Saturday through the fall, we will remain open until 7:00p.m. Come enjoy our wines by the glass or bottle, along with carefully curated cheese plates. Sip an ONX original, take a deep breath, relax, and enjoy the slow pace of Paso Robles as the sun sets in Tin City.



cheers!
THE ONX TEAM

allow us to introduce

*“Beauty without grace
is the hook without the bait.” – Emerson*

L'AUTRE FEMME 2015

89 cases produced

Viognier 62%, Sauvignon Blanc 38%



L'autre Femme has certainly been the talk of the winery this year. Our entire team is enamored, as if she has cast a spell. She has heads turning and tongues wagging. Her allure and enchantment grow stronger every day as her story unfolds. She is sophisticated, posh and mysterious. Jeff has decided she is a French pastry chef. Brian has described her as Field Day's twin sister, separated at birth, who is delicate and needs more attention. Our infatuation evolves as we continue to unlock her traits and reveal her story while she prepares for her debut.

Although her intrigue and enticement is powerful, she will only be with us a short while. We hope you get the chance to meet her.

Pouring a glass of L'autre Femme is like walking into a French bakery. Toasted meringue, lemon tarts, candied orange peels, and fresh made brioche tantalize your senses, while subtle aromas of caramel and vanilla bean slowly waft to the fore.

On the palate, you are greeted by flavors of succulent nectarines, peaches, and melon. The wine's invigorating acidity carries its weight all the way through to a lengthy, textured finish.

*Layers and layers of texture, depth, and flavor...
like a freshly opened box of macarons.*



IT HAS BEEN A CONVERSATION PIECE

since the inaugural days of ONX Wines, as many of our founding members can recall. Known as the fairytale house, the Hansel and Gretel home, or simply as the house with the slanted roof, this English Cottage inspired home, one of three homes on our estate vineyard, has become another chapter in the ONX story. And has officially been hallmarked as Briarwood Cottage, an homage to the original name of the ONX Estate Vineyard.

Briarwood Cottage



STEVE AND BRENDA OLSON, the proprietors of ONX Wines, have worked diligently to integrate the home into the framework of ONX Wines. And we are pleased to introduce this space to both our members and guests alike.

The layout of the cottage offers multiple niches, cubbies, and warm nooks, which include a chef's kitchen, inviting living room, formal dining room, and four bedrooms that are niches all on their own.

The kitchen, designed with the true chef in mind, is highlighted by stainless steel appliances, knotty alderwood cabinets, and an authentic butcher block weighing over 500 pounds. We are looking forward to this kitchen becoming the foundation for many winemaker dinners to come.

The living room and dining room are also special places tied together by Brenda's personal collection of milk glass, each piece with its own design and story. The dining room offers a ten seat table and iron rod chandelier, authentic to the time period. In the living room, you will find indulgent tufted leather couches meant for relaxing while sipping wine and gazing out to the backyard and vineyard beyond. This area will be a focal point for our guided tasting experience.

A walk through the indoor courtyard leads to three of the four bedrooms in the house. Storybook views from every window, jewel tone decor, and artwork evoking the English cottage lifestyle are the elements bringing each room together.

Finally, there is the outdoor space. It consists of manicured gardens, endless vineyard views, and a comfortable seating area with a fire pit which makes patio tasting possible all year long. When gazing out to the vineyard from the back patio, you will spot the anchor of Briarwood Cottage. Her name is Grace, a coastal oak dating back 200 years.

The sight of her elegant branches allows for a moment of reflection into the past and a chance to see what the future will bring. We look forward to sharing all Briarwood Cottage has to offer with our ONX Collective Members.

Tasting experiences and winemaker dinners will be announced soon.



new releases

LEVEL 22 2014

428 cases produced

45% Petite Sirah, 33% Syrah, 12% Mourvedre, 10% Grenache

*a blueprint in a bottle.
inspiration on demand.*

Dark, dusty, alluring and perfumed... the newest addition to the ONX portfolio is generous from the start. Familiar aromas of dried apricots, cranberries and sarsaparilla entice you.

On the palate, the wine is dense, silky smooth, and skintight. Its dusty tannins are fine-grained and resolved, trailing off into a seamlessly integrated finish, like the sunset ending of a classic western movie.



WINE
ADVOCATE

91 PTS

MAD CRUSH 2014

561 cases produced

Grenache 45%, Tempranillo 19%, Malbec 18%,
Mourvedre 9%, Zinfandel 9%

*our infatuation with delicacy.
the innocence of an ingénue;
the bone structure of a star.*

Bright notes of fresh cherries, dried cranberries, and orange zest are followed by layers of floral violet and lavender, sage and cedar wood, and a hint of black licorice. The interplay of fruit and spice continues on the palate joined by a lively acidity. Finally, the rustic structure of the wine carries it to a satisfying caramel finish that lingers and lingers.



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LIMITED
RELEASE

BLACK ORCHID 2014

98 cases produced
Petite Sirah 100%

*elusive, allusive, and a
touch illusive all at once.*

Looking into the glass is like being drawn down into an endless inkwell. On the nose, powerful notes of blueberries and blue plums are followed by more nuanced, subtle aromas of earl grey, elderflower, sarsaparilla, and blood peach.

The palate of the wine is both weighty and primal, combining notes of granite and slate with sanguine, savory elements of roasting kebab, au poivre, and sage.

Like Grendel in his cave, the 2014 Black Orchid is a brooding, powerful beast just waiting to be unleashed.

WINE
ADVOCATE

91 PTS

CALIBER 2014

159 cases produced
80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Malbec

*a catch-weight boxer
with velvet gloves.*

The 2014 Caliber is purposely both inviting and intriguing. It joins rich, luxurious aromas of blackberries, Chambord and sour cherries with spicy, exotic notes of cassia, sandalwood and clove. The palate entices you with an immense entry of fresh-cut red fruit, so dense it's almost savory. This weight persists in the mouthfeel, which is towering in stature, but nimble on its feet. Subtle hints of cedar and mocha gracefully linger for a satisfying finish. The 2014 Caliber is a shady spot on a hot summer day.



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