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Welcome to the latest issue of "The Stomper", a newsletter of winemaking hints and other wine-related articles. You are receiving this newsletter because you requested it. Instructions to cancel are at the end of this newsletter. Feel welcome to pass along this newsletter to your winemaking friends; we only ask that it be sent in its entirety. HOT TIPS are sprinkled throughout the newsletter, and if you look carefully, you may even find a HIDDEN SPECIAL!

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Caricature artist was a big hit at the 13th. Annual Thistle Meadow Wine festival on October 3.

Hot Tip

Carry the Carboy

Carboys are heavy, especially when full of wine. If you are finding it difficult to carry them full or empty, try sitting them in the plastic containers that are used to carry gallons of milk. The hand holds on each side will make this a much easier task.

Submit your hot winemaking tip here:
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Liqueur Dilution Chart

By Pam Wyatt

In the October issue of the Stomper, an article submitted by Tom Korevec explained how to make Liqueur. I accidentally left out the dilution table that he included for all of you and we have had such a huge response to this article that I wanted to include it in this issue. I apologize for my oversight so here is the chart.

For 25 ounce per batch recipes:

Bottles of Extract	Ounces Required	Vodka	Distilled Water
1	25	19	6
2	50	38	12
3	75	56	19
4	100	75	25
5	125	94	31

For 26 ounce per batch recipes:

1	26	20	6
2	52	39	13
3	78	59	19
4	104	78	26
5	130	98	32

Happy Liqueur making!

Wine Kit News

Vineco Announces 2011 Limited Releases

By Brant Burgiss

Vineco is pleased to present the lineup of Limited Release kits for 2011. These 6-week, 16L wine kits from the KenRidge Showcase Collection are region specific and contain a higher varietal content. Thirty peel 'n stick labels are included inside the box.

December – [Australian Mourvèdre \\$125.00 \(#VC2671\)](#)

January – [Australian Chardonnay / Riesling / Gewürztraminer blend \\$119.00 \(#VC2666\)](#)

February – [Spanish Garnacha \(Grenache\) \\$125.00 \(#VC2673\)](#)

March – [Oregon Pinot Noir \\$125.00 \(#VC2672\)](#)

The pre-order deadline for ALL 4 kits is 12:00 PM EST on Monday, November 29th.

We anticipate that these products will be available to ship the 2nd or 3rd week of each month of release, respectively.

Time for Christmas Wine?

Maybe you have already noticed in our "specials" section that I try to put wine kits on sale which fit the occasion. For example, this month we are featuring wines that you can finish in time for your "gift list" for the upcoming holidays. You will find a total of seven of these specials (in green on our "specials" list on page 3) which will finish off nicely before the holidays! Because we also use our kits to make wines for our winery (Thistle Meadow), I am going to take a giant step forward and give you a heads-up with some suggestions!

[Tangerine/Lemon/Sauvignon Blanc, #3261](#), is certainly a refreshing wine that goes good with salads and fish. [Pomegranate Wildberry Zinfandel, #3204](#), was so popular at Thistle Meadow when we first introduced it that we sold out in 2 hours in our tasting room. [Orange Passion Fruit Grenache, #3260](#), is like serving the same wine with two entirely different tastes and aromas either chilled or warming the glass in your hands.

[Pinot Grigio, #3259](#) is a winner for all and ranks #1 for white wines in our tasting room. [Heron Bay Chianti, #HB145](#) is a "must" for all of your Italian friends... This a table grade Chianti, which comes off quickly and will complement your holiday feast.

Now let's talk desserts. You can't have a holiday gathering without the Port. We have 4 on sale this month for your holiday drinking pleasure, [White Chocolate #3173](#), [Chocolate Raspberry, #WE3173](#), [Classic Port #CF8921](#), and the newest member of the holiday port family, [Blackberry, #WE3173](#). These, if started soon, will also be ready to enjoy for the holidays however, the longer you can wait for the ports to age, the better they get.

While you are picking out one of these, just remember, we do offer 10% off any second concentrate (regular price), so by ordering our discount on specials it will qualify your regular priced kit ordered at the same time for an automated discount.

This past fruit bearing season, we have had many phone calls in regard to first time home winemakers using their own fruit... the problem seems that before calling us here at grapestompers many folks along the way have been given different directions, advice and recipes! Ask 5 folks and get 5 different opinions and ways of doing things!! Our advice.... STOP! Simply check on our homepage for the left side bar under "Winemaking Info" then "Links". Under links you will find [Jack Keller's Winemaking Homepage](#). There you will find recipes for all kinds of fresh fruit wines. You will also find lots of directions, hints and tips by Jack himself that should take care of any problems you may run into.

Later, Tom

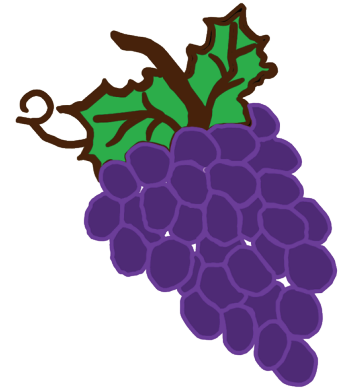
Important Announcement

Missing Yeast Energizer Powder

If you order your supplies from grapestompers.com as we know you must, you may have noticed that the Yeast Energizer Power, #2727 has been "Temporarily Out Of Stock" for quite some time. This has been on short supply at the distributor's warehouse in Atlanta and we were unable to order it.

Today when we placed our latest order, they assured us that this item was back in stock and ready to be shipped out to us. We should have this back in stock during the first week in November instead of the expected date of mid-November as we were originally told.

So we just want to thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you. As always we appreciate your business!



Customer Feedback

I have bought wine kits from you before and have received GREAT service. Thank you!

Marion Schade
Cleveland, GA

We have our first batch of wine bottled and it is absolutely delicious. If we can make good wine, anybody can.

Karen Boehner
Salisbury, NC

Thank you, as always, you're the best!

Burt Coulter
Gettysburg, PA

I was at your place of business about 2 years ago and did a tasting with Crazy Tom (great learning experience). This will be my first attempt at winemaking, wish me luck.

Lewis Enloe
Kuna, ID

Pam, we received our labels and as always, they look great. Thanks for selecting them for us. Hope to see you soon.

Dempsey Fritts
Thomasville, NC

Tom, had a chance to drop in last week while on a trip to NC. Beautiful countryside! We dropped in on Pam and we were impressed with your operation and of course your products. It is nice to meet the folks I deal with routinely. Only sorry we were a few days behind the wine tasting weekend. Best regards,

Mike Rozos
Vero Beach, FL

New Products

Here is a list of new products we've recently added to our online catalog:

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
5446	Vinturi Wine Aerator, \$39.00
5447	License Plate Frame, \$4.80

RJ Spagnols November Pre Order
RQ111 Piazza (Chardonnay Garganega)
\$105.60

Orders must be received by Nov. 19
Kits will ship in late Jan., 2011

ALL VINECO PRE ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, NOV. 29
#VC26781 Australian Mourvèdre
#VC2666 Australian Chardonnay / Riesling / Gewürztraminer blend
#VC2673 Spanish Garnacha
#VC2672 Oregon Pinot Noir



In Stock and Ready to Ship
Cheeky Monkey 20Ten Red, #VC2383
Cheeky Monkey 2010 White, #VC2384
[See all these new products online now.](#)

If you have a suggestion for a new product, please call us at 1-800-233-1505.

Corky's Corner

Winemaking Definition

Punt:

The indentation found at the base of a wine bottle. In purchased wine, the indent is thought to be related to wine quality, the deeper the punt, the higher the quality of the wine.

Look for other wine-related definitions by viewing our online Glossary at www.grapestompers.com/glossary.asp



Campden Crusher

If you are finding it hard to crush [campden tablets](#), try putting them in hot water in your measuring cup. They will dissolve in a few minutes. Campden tablets are [potassium metabisulfite](#) so you can also use this powdered form.

Have a tip to submit? Just go to: www.grapestompers.com/submit_ideas.asp

Monthly Specials

Specials for November, 2010

Item #	Description	Reg. Price	Special
3172	CSP Shiraz, 16L (Exp. 11/10, 1 Avail.)	\$128.85	\$89.00
3261	OB Tangerine Lemon Sauvignon Blanc, 7.2L	\$67.21	\$53.77
3204	OB Pomegranate Wildberry Zinfandel, 7.2L	\$71.06	\$56.85
3260	OB Orange Passion Fruit Grenache, 7.2L	\$67.21	\$53.77
VC014	Blackberry Malbec, 7.5L	\$67.08	\$53.66
3237	CC White Zinfandel, 15L	\$105.77	\$84.62
3128	CC Cabernet Merlot, 15L	\$116.35	\$93.08
3231	CC Chardonnay, 15L	\$106.73	\$85.38
3259	VDV Pinot Grigio, 9L	\$72.98	\$58.38
3248	CCH German Riesling Auslese, 15L	\$119.23	\$95.38
3184	CSP Chianti Riserva, 16L	\$128.85	\$103.08
3173	GC White Chocolate Port, 12L (2 Avail.)	\$120.85	\$115.30
WE3173	Blackberry Port, 11.5L (6 Avail.)	\$128.75	\$119.00
WE3171	Raspberry Chocolate Port, 11.5L (6 Avail.)	\$128.75	\$119.00
CF0097	Italian Barbera, 18L with crushed grapes	\$144.92	\$115.94
CF1048	Malbec Syrah, 12L (3 Avail.)	\$90.46	\$72.37
CF8921	Classic Port, 12L	\$85.31	\$68.25
CF8944	Italian Pinot Grigio, 16L	\$98.92	\$79.14
HB145	Chianti, 8L	\$73.85	\$59.08
HB240	Piesporter, 8L	\$70.00	\$56.00
HB390	Vieux Chateau du Roi, 16L	\$107.69	\$86.15
HB160	Gewürztraminer, 16L	\$107.69	\$86.15
CF0963	Crushed Grape Pack, Cab. Sauvignon, 1.5L	\$16.90	\$13.52
CF0964	Crushed Grape Pack, Syrah, 1.5L	\$16.90	\$13.52
2609A	Bottle Brush	\$2.88	\$2.30
2254A	Bottle Drainer, 45 Bottles	\$28.17	\$22.54
2202	Carboy Handle	\$6.83	\$5.46
2742	Potassium Sorbate, 1.5 oz.	\$2.16	\$1.73
2735	Bentonite, 4 oz.	\$1.58	\$1.26
5264	B-Brite, 5 lb.	\$18.17	\$14.54
2772	Kaffe Liqueur Extract, 50 ml.	\$3.82	\$3.06
2761	Hazelnut Liqueur Extract, 50 ml.	\$3.82	\$3.06
2903	Winged Double Lever Corkscrew	\$7.22	\$5.78
5498	Accordion Wine Rack, Black	\$15.50	\$12.40
3100	Complete Wine Kit - Red	\$303.33	\$245.99
3200	Complete Wine Kit - White	\$297.16	\$236.99

Grapestompers Guest Column TMW Winners Announced

By Paul Wyatt, Festival Coordinator

Thistle Meadow Winery held its 13th Annual Festival on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Although the weather was not as cooperative as in years past, everyone still seemed to have a fantastic time and tasted lots of great wine which made the cold temperature much easier to deal with.

This year almost every vendor donated prizes for Tom's "Gift Giving Spree" and here is a list of the winners and their prizes.

Sue Schlaudecker, Jamestown, NC—Handmade pen from Pat's Pens
Chris Archer, Marion, VA—Bottle of wine from Carolina Mist Winery
Janette Whisenhunt, Winston-Salem, NC—Pear butter, baked potato holder and basket liner from Definitely Different
Francis Newbrough, Weirton, WV—Bottle of wine from Wall Street Wines
Billy Mouwery, Winston-Salem, NC—Earrings from Cazbu Pugante
Randy Albritton, St. Augustine, FL—Pottery bowl from Grimm Pottery
Roy Mabe, Laurel Springs, NC—Bottle of "Snobly" wine from Weathervane Winery
Gloria Hart, West Jefferson, NC—Goat cheese from Carol, The Goat Cheese Lady
Karen Boehner, Salisbury, NC—Bottle of wine from Slightly Askew Winery
Bobby Hinton, Mt. Airy, NC—Bottle of wine from Chateau Laurinda
Patricia Lee, Salisbury, NC—Bottle of wine from Thistle Meadow Winery
Person traveling the longest distance to attend the festival was **Dennis Gibson** logging 4,000 miles! He came from **Halstead, Essex UK**, 55 miles from London, England.

The oldest man attending was **Mike Sawyer of West Jefferson, NC** and the oldest woman attending was **Marie Pruitt of Laurel Springs**.

The couple attending that had been married the longest was **Bob and Judy Lasater** of Wall Street Wines who have been married for 58 years.

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who attended the festival and braved the elements to make it such a huge success. Special thanks to all our wonderful wineries and craft vendors and Laurel Springs Fire and Rescue Auxiliary for the great food.

Thanks again for a fun filled day!

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Wine Drops

Wine Drops is a catch-all for various tidbits that we find interesting. This month we have a link for a wine Q & A, a link for a free issue of Winemaker Magazine and a chance to tell us what you would like to see next month.

If you like finding answers to your questions about winemaking, grapes or equipment online, check out the [Wine Questionary](#) web site. Here you can browse the most frequently asked wine questions, not to mention some more uncommon topics on winemaking and find just the information you seek.

"One barrel of wine can work more miracles than a church full of saints."
Italian Proverb

Robert Parker, the world's most famous wine writer and critic has made it easy for readers to use his buying tips with his just released product "The 3 W's of Wine" for the iPhone. Read more and subscribe here <http://www.thewinecellarinsider.com/2010/10/robert-parker-wine-critic-releases-app-phones/>

Our hidden special for the month of November is the Portuguese floor corker, #2260. Regular price of the corker is \$69.13 but if you mention the hidden special you can purchase the corker for only \$49.00. This is a savings of over \$20.00! Makes a perfect Christmas gift, too!

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