

Wilson Wines Newsletter

2009 Spring Edition (open Thurs Fri 6-9 Sat & Sun 1-6 May -Dec and just Sat & Sun 1-6 Jan- April)

Sat, May 2- 1-6pm-Mushroom Day.

For all you who wanted to know when the winery officially opens, this will be the day (though we have been open Sat & Sun all winter). For all who has not been at the winery before Jim will be making his mushroom soup, John and Debbie make a colorful array of mushroom snacks, and Darin and Lesi always bring a nice dish or two. Get there early before it's all gone.

This date is in honor of John and Jim's father whose birthday was at the first of May and was an avid mushroom hunter. John has his best luck of finding mushrooms at Meijer. John used to hunt them with his father and swears his dad could make the wild mushrooms grow at John's feet. The reason John can't find them is, like squirrel hunting, he makes too much noise!

Wilson's put on great mushroom snacks till they're gone, Release of our fall wines, Walden's Song band provides the Irish setting, this day only all four concert are on sale for \$32(this day only)

BYOM

Let's make Friday nights a wind up Friday, and get ready for the weekend. Looks like we'll have the Great Divide Band almost every Saturday and John thinks it is time you bring all your friends every time you come. We can't think of a more laid back and relaxing evening with music and croquet in the state. In this time, in this economy that all your friends should know about and help you share in this great, value added fun. John thinks there is nothing around like it. Good friends or new friends standing over grills cooking and sharing ideas and food while the none cooks converse over a bottle wine and enjoy some laid back country air.

John thinks there is not a better bargain with food and fun than the Friday night BYOM. Put it on the calendar and not just once and call all your friends and take advantage of a night's worth of entertainment for the price of your meat and a dish or two.

New Events by Charities

May 16 – 5- 10 pm- A Mexican Night

by the Richmond YMCA, Mexican food for sale, release of the new El Concor wine and the Wilson will be selling Sangria and winearitas, Mexican music. Weather gets bad we'll have it in the barn which might even be more fun.

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Summer Art Sundays

**The last Sun of the summer months,
May 31, June 28, July 26, Aug 31**

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John is having trouble getting this event off the ground, and we think he needs some help with what could make it better, getting more artist out to the winery. Already been a suggestion to let the painters do some painting out there while they also sell. So tell your artist friends to come on out and sell (no charge, keep it all).

Bring whatever you make and try to sell at the winery on those dates. Get a few artist and their friends and we think we'll get this going.

Private barrel tasting

The Private Barrel Tasting was a great event last year and for all those that like good wine, good food and Wilsons in suits the event was a hit. This year's date is Oct 24 and the cost is \$10 a person.

We think this event is one of the greatest things that ever happens at the winery. It is romantic, informative, soothing with the two piece Jazz combo, funny (with John around it's funny or embarrassing) and you get to see the Wilsons in suits no less and those they love put on a great spread for people that like wine and food.

Jim and Darin got a great cab and maybe we'll close with the sparkling wine Darin wants to make.

Hard cider, sparkling wines and port

Darin and Jim and are trying to get their minds around the how and when for making Sparkling wines and it looks at this date that they are getting close. John has been trying to get the guys to start thinking about hard cider for beer drinking customers. Both ideas needs the same equipment so get ready, Wilson Wines will soon have something for everyone's taste. Just like the port we made last year for those that like the high alcohol relaxing drink.

Speaking of port, our grapes didn't do well and we have very little so it won't last long.

Debbie is taking over the winery the second Thursday of May, June, July, August for ladies night out.

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Talk to Debbie, she has got some fun ideas; sitting massages maybe, with other art and lark ideas.

This Year's Bands

Last year we added Cook and Bell and were really impressed with their professionalism and the quality of their county/rock music. They were a little disappointed in the crowd size and maybe a little worried. Seems John had some concerns about doing a country music and had told Mr. Cook if it didn't work out the Wilson brothers would try something else.

Thank God enough of you, that were there, told John to bring them back that he did. Ok that was last year and John's going to see if we build a crowd to see this great band. They are great entertainment so tell all your friends and let's get a big crowd there Aug 1.

Gene Deer liked coming out first last year. He gets a chance to show off. God what a great Purple Haze he closes with.

Jennie has got a new CD coming out which we think she will be selling at the Winery.

And what can we say about Duke, he only packed the winery. Biggest crowd ever, great show!

Last year's awards

Again last year's cheesecake Contest was a big hit and we have to admit you guys are great. The wind was cold, the sky was threatening and still you came out. What great customers we have. The sad thing is all those making the winery a great place for people to come when the weather was not very good never got any cheese cake or chili. By the way John won the chili cook off in Farmland. Brett is still miffed that he didn't get any chili.

The cheesecake winners was Mary Kinston, Greenville, 2nd was Tim Golden, Muncie, 3rd Caryn Angel. Knightstown and honorable mention was Dennis Angel and Kathy Roland.

A funny story was Mary brought some friends and her friend brought his father in law and his brother at the winery during Thanksgiving. They were from the big city of Pittsburg and John still laughs at how country these guys thought the winery was located at.

For the cheeseburger was Aimee Army. As the judge said, size last year does matter.

We would mention the cornbread winner but it is still a sore spot. In fact that Brett is still upset. He worked so hard and yet got beat by a jiffy box mix.

New Wines

Get ready for some new ideas from Wilson Wines. Darin and Jim and are cranking their little minds and believe me it takes a big crank. They want to give you, our friends, something new. They think they want to become your full service winery what even that means. They are talking about a sparkling wine (Modoc Mist, Debbie's idea). The New wines for the Mushroom Day is Catawba, Virginals and John trying to get them to start thinking about making a hard cider like wine, complete with bubbles, and looks like it might get released at the Fall Follies. John thinks this might give this wine a beer like quality and might give the Fall Follies some punch. John has not been happy with the Follies and is looking for fresh ideas and maybe even a different slant.

Sunday is for fun

All those Sundays could be a family outings, romantic picnics, co-workers relaxing before Monday, Offices having a get away with their staff at the winery, all free and easy. The winery can also be rented for small private parties for \$150 for the evening that doesn't interfere with the winery schedule. But you better hurry; it is starting to fill up.

Facebook

On day John had some time on his hands and heard that being on facebook was free advertising. So thinking if a teenage girl could do it he could. Well he did but it has been a bumpy ride. Now John not sure he can keep up with it. He uses his full name John Allen Wilson if you care. Then Hillry makes a Wilson Wine group which is now up to a 100 and now Debbie and Darin and Leslie is also on face book.

Wilson Wines on TV?

Get this gang, Seems this new TV show is being made in Indiana, called Parks and Recreation) and some of the show's people came into Friendly Package at Yorktown and they wanted some Indiana wines whether for drinking or as a prop we are not sure but Tom talked them into buying Wilson Steuben; this could be exciting! Everyone is talking about the winery.

Other Planned Events

Sunday May 3rd 1-6pm Kite Day Everyone has told John to go fly a kite and this is the day. Bring your picnic, your kites and join John on what we hope is a breezy day. With John around there's got to be a little breeze around.

Sunday May 31 Art Day 1- 6pm the winery is inviting all artist to display and sell free of charge. Tell all your art friends to bring their art out make new customers.

Sunday June 12 1-6pm Wilson Wines facebook cookout All the winery friends on face book come bring a dish and something to grill and let John meet some of you face to face facebook style.

Sunday June 28 Art Day 1- 6pm the winery is inviting all artist to display and sell free of charge. Tell all your art friends to bring their art out make new customers.

Friday July 10 BYOM (6-9pm) Third annual John on the John this is where John sits on the toilet and recounts the past year. This is not a kid night. We never know where John and his humor will go so keep the children home this night

Sunday July 26 Art Day 1- 6pm The winery is inviting all artist to display and sell free of charge. Tell all your art friends to bring their art out make new customers.

Sunday Aug 9 1-6pm Friendly Package Cookout Past and present employees are invited to bring a dish, John will cook the hotdogs, sit around, play cornhole, croquet, eat and enjoy the only day we all get off.

Friday August 7- BYOM and Cheeseburger Festival. We play cheese burger music, grill cheeseburgers and John's old friend judges the burgers. \$25 first prize, everyone is invited to make their burger and participate.

Sunday Aug 23 Middletown Softball reunion 1- 6pm- All those great ladies that John coached down thru the years are invited for a reunion, let's see how many John can remember, and lets tell John stories. So bring a dish, John is cooking the hotdogs.

Sunday Aug 30 Art Day 1- 6pm The winery is inviting all artists to display and sell free of charge. Tell all your art friends to bring their art out make new customers.

Sunday Sept 20 1-6 pm Magnequench Reunion Bring a dish, John will cook hotdogs maybe something else and see the winery that Archie built.

Calendar

*Ever Friday May thru Sept is BYOM (bring your own meat and cook it on our heat) the grills are hot at 6pm and the Great Divide band will start playing at 7 and the croquet court will be open for your enjoyment.

*The First Thursday of every month is the Armature Wine meeting, so for all you armature wine makers come and enjoy and share wine and ideas with our wine makers.

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Sat, July 18- Jennie Devoe Concert \$12(lawn seating and we ask that it be lawn chairs only cause of room.). Gates open at 7, music at 8:30. No coolers or pets. Jennie loves the winery and the winery loves her folk rock.

Sat, Aug 1- Cook and Bell Concert \$12 (lawn seating and we ask that it be lawn chairs only cause of room.). Gates open at 7, music at 8:30. No coolers or pets. For those that didn't miss this event thought this group was very special. They brought a lot of energy with their country rock style, a great family event!

Sat, Aug 8, the Indy Klesmer Band 7pm \$5 by the Rise the Court House gang which also will be selling the food. Who would have thought a Jewish band would be so much fun and successful in the fields of Modoc.

Sat, Aug 22- Duke Tomatoc Concert \$12(lawn seating and we ask that it be lawn chairs only cause of room.). Gates open at 7, music at 8:30. No coolers or pets. What a show he puts on for the Modoc and what a great crowd last year.

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Sat Sept 26 Modoc Meadow's Free Fall Follies- This is a free community thank you from the Wilsons. Fifty gallons of ham and beans cooked over a open fire, blue grass band, and dumb fun on the stage, new wines, all artist invited to set up and sell(no charge)

Sat Oct 24 Private Barrel tasting \$10 7pm- The release of our new Cab and a preview of our Christmas wines, with matching food. This event is a special couple's night out, special sale on the Cab, Wilsons in suits has to be special, they'll be talking about the wines and the love that went into making them. Pre payment reservations would be suggested because the winery only holds so many, so get your name on the list to make sure you get a table.

Sat Nov 7 Holiday Open House 1-6pm and Cheesecake contest (\$100 1st- \$50 2nd -\$20 3rd) this free event has more fun than we can describe. The Wilsons provide holiday snacks till there gone, eating all the cheese cake (cheesecake have to be at the winery by 2pm) and the release of all our holiday fruit wines which there is a limited amount and we always sell out at least one.

***Open for your convince and out town friends, Nov 26 6 to 9pm, Dec 24 1-6pm, open Dec 26 thru the 31 1-6pm.**