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PINNACLE RIDGE WINERY NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

LEHIGH VALLEY WINE TRAIL MARCH MADNESS FOR WINE LOVERS

March Madness for Wine Lovers takes place every weekend in March. This event is open to Passport holders. Passport holders can plan their month of wine and food pairings by going to www.lehighvalleywinetrail.com. Food and wine pairings for all nine wineries on the trail are listed.

Non-Passport holders are WELCOME to come to our tasting room to sample and buy wine. Keep in mind, the Pinnacle Ridge tasting room can get crowded, especially in the afternoon. If you come to buy wine before noon you will probably have plenty of room at the bar.



BERKS COUNTY WINE TRAIL'S "A TASTE OF BERKS" Is A Free Event

Saturday April 17th, 10:00-5:00

Sunday April 18th 12:00-5:00

Visit eight wineries on the Lehigh Valley Wine Trail.

Come celebrate and taste the diversity of food in Pennsylvania German country! Every winery will do a unique food and wine pairing. Pinnacle Ridge will be serving locally grown food- right in our back yard! Bad Farm from Kempton, PA will be showcasing their cheeses. Pinnacle Ridge will be serving a mushroom and cheese tart using Oley Valley Mushrooms from Lobachsville, PA. Another delightful discovery is micro-greens grower Oh, Produce from Kempton, PA. Pinnacle Ridge will be serving their micro-greens and baby greens tossed with raspberry vinaigrette.

For more information on A TASTE of BERKS go to www.berkscountywinetrail.com.





LEHIGH VALLEY WINE TRAIL'S "AVA CELEBRATION" Is A Free Event!

Saturday April 24th, 10:00-5:00

Sunday April 25th 12:00-5:00

Visit eight wineries on the Lehigh Valley Wine Trail. Come and celebrate the Lehigh Valley's nationally registered Wine Region. Like Napa Valley, Sonoma Valley or the Finger Lakes, the Lehigh Valley is proud to be an American Viticulture Area.

Pinnacle Ridge celebrates the anniversary of AVA designation by holding educational talks, in our vineyard, on "Terror." (Putting it a bit more plainly, our soil.) Why is the Lehigh Valley such a prized grape growing region? What about its soil and climate make the Lehigh Valley so suitable?

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winemaker, Brad Knapp will take you into our vineyards and talk about dirt, rocks, rain, minerals -ask questions-Brad loves the inquisitive!

Pinnacle Ridge will be serving a variety of locally grown foods and pairing them with our amazing wines. Bad Farms from Kempton PA will be showcasing their cheeses made from their own cows! Pinnacle Ridge will be serving mushroom (from Oley Valley Mushroom) and cheese (from Bad Farms!) Pizza and a Micro-greens salad made from local farmer, Oh, Produce in Kempton, PA. To find out more about this special event go to www.lehighvalleywinetrail.com for details.

The Big Grape

2009 VIDAL BLANC IS NOW AVAILABLE!

2009 CONCORD WILL BE AVAILABLE MARCH 6th

Pinnacle Ridge is now on Facebook. Go to facebook.com and search Pinnacle Ridge for all the latest. Become a fan!

From the Vineyard

As we write our March Newsletter, it is snowing and it is so windy that the flakes are practically flying horizontally! It is cozy inside sitting close to the woodstove with a glass of Chambourcin Reserve in-hand.

What effect will the snow have on the grape vines? How will all this snow affect the 2010 Growing Season? Surprisingly the snow is actually beneficial to the vines. The vines that are most sensitive to cold weather are from the vinifera family including varieties such as Chardonnay, Riesling, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Pinot Noir. The most sensitive part of the vine

is the graft union. The graft union is where the rootstock is joined to the vine and is located several inches from the surface of the ground. The graft union is subject to winter injury if temperatures get too cold. Snow in excess of 6 inches or so will cover the graft union and will help to moderate temperature, thereby, protecting the most sensitive part of the vine. Most of us are sick of snow at this point in the season but it does have some benefits.

