

## VINTAGE RELEASE PARTY TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY!

In a wonderful twist this year, the Annual Vintage Release Party will double as a fundraiser. This exclusive event has become a yearly tradition where the hottest vintners in the valley (and beyond) come to share one bottle of their the most recent vintage before it hits the market.

This year, Charlotte Chardonnay has offered to host the party and run it as a fundraiser. Charlotte is taking after her father, Charles Chardonnay, who was always strove to give back to the community. Sadly, Charles passed away six months ago from a heart attack. All funds will go to the regeneration of the Cabernet Cellars vineyards that were lost in a fire this past season. With their vineyards gone, Cabernet Cellars has not been able to produce a viable vintage this year. Those attending this year's party will include:

**Catherine Chardonnay / Owner, Chardonnay Crest** – Is Catherine lost without her husband or stealthily building the biggest winery in the valley? Catherine's intentions are as unclear as her proclamations.

**Casey Cabernet / Owner, Cabernet Cellars** – After suffering a damaging blow to their vineyards, Casey has made it clear they will do whatever they need to in order to succeed – even if it means going on the offensive.

**Shelby Champagne / Owner, Chateau Champagne** – Elated by the impending wedding of their son, Shelby has definite plans to grow their fortune, if all goes as planned.

**Joe Merlot / Owner, Merlot Hills Vineyards** – With their specialty wine trending downwards, Joe knows they can turn their business around, if given the chance.

**Del Zinfandel / Owner, Zinfandel Grove and Chardonnay Family Lawyer** – As a budding wine-traprenuer themselves, it is unclear if Del is here to tend to their family's legal matters or show off their own vintage.

**Pierre Pinot / Owner, Noir Estates Winery** – This mysterious Frenchman has been in the valley tending to his lands instead of reaping the more profitable fruits from his international estate. Is Pierre looking for love or something more?

**Sam Syrah, Owner, Syrah Shadows** – A sibling to Catherine Chardonnay, no one is sure if Sam's

visit is to check up on their family or promote their own vintage. Or possibly both?

**Charlotte Chardonnay, Heir, Chardonnay Crest** – Wanting to eventually take over the family lands, Charlotte has been doing everything in her power to honor her late father, and it is unclear how far Charlotte will go.

**Shannon Chablis, Vintner, Chardonnay Crest** – Always playing second fiddle to other vintners, Shannon proved their prowess when they took home the Vintner of the Valley award this year. An act that left Reese Riesling writhing.

**Bob Bubbly / Heir, Chateau Champagne** – Bob has never had to work for anything in his life, and now it appears he needs to work at being the perfect husband-to-be. But for which lady does Bob's heart beat for?

**Reese Riesling / Vintner, Golden Grape** – A product of the valley, Reese's ongoing friendship with Charlotte is tested after Reese was left empty handed at the Vintner's Challenge this year.

**Marley Malbec / Vintner Cabernet Cellars** – Responsible for the best up-and-coming wines, Marley's career has been temporarily put on hold due to the vineyard fire. But how long can Marley's career wait?

**Nikola Noir / Land Manager, Pinot Estates** – Trusted to run the Californian vineyard for the large

Pinot Estates, Nikola is not sure whether their integrity is being questioned or justified.

**Patrice Picker / Worker, Chardonnay Crest Vineyard** – Charles Chardonnay's go-to worker for years in the fields, it could be argued that Patrice lost the most when Catherine Chardonnay became their boss.

**Peter Picker / College Student** – After growing up on Chardonnay Crest lands, Peter is seeking out his own future. A future that may have others paying for his past.

**Pauli Peach / Fruit Buyer, Chardonnay Crest** – As one of the newer employees at the bustling winery, it is not apparent if Pauli Peach is out to promote the winery or sabotage it.

**Rosie Rosé / Employee, Tasting Room** – Bob Bubbly has talked of her forever, but with Bob's heart promised to someone else, Rosie will have to resort to an alternate plan.

**Charity Connors / Community Worker** – Never one to step down from a challenge, Charity must balance her longing for love with her drive to do what's right for the community.

**Rickie Rich / Banker** – This financier has their nose in everyone's business; financial and otherwise...

**Professor Grape / Master Sommelier** – A lover of all things wine, the professor has fine-tuned their nose to sniff out the sour grapes. A duty they will take seriously at the party.

## Wines being featured at this year's Annual Vintage Release Party!

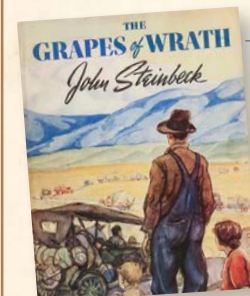
Betrayal	Pinot Estates
Family Matters	Zinfandel Grove
Illusion	Chateau Champagne
Last Gasp	Syrah Shadows
Sideways	Merlot Hills
Sweet Bliss	Chardonnay Crest

*\* Due to the fire, Cabernet Cellars will have no vintage this year.*



## CHABLIS KNOCKS RIESLING OUT OF COVETED TOP SPOT!

Congratulations to Shannon Chablis for Vintner of the Valley! Shannon managed to take the title away from Reese Riesling, who has been the recipient of this prestigious award for the past five years!



## Next Winery Book Club Meeting:

**GRAPES OF WRATH**  
April 28th – Golden Grape Winery  
Thank you to Catherine Chardonnay who hosted the last event on February 21st.

## Engagement Announcement!

**Congratulations are in order!**

Catherine Chardonnay and Shelby Champagne proudly announce the engagement of their stepdaughter **Charlotte Chardonnay** to their son **Bob Bubbly**.

