



## Employee Spotlight

Our employee spotlight is currently shining on our Anacapa Cellar Club Administrative Assistant, Kylynne Barritt.

Kylynne's caring nature has led to jobs that make the most of her ability to connect with others, whether people or animals.

A Lompoc native and 2008 graduate of Olive Grove Charter School, Kylynne attended Allan Hancock Community College, volunteered at a local animal shelter and worked in customer support for the popular online game, Farmville, before heading to the Bay Area to pursue a career in the animal care field.



There she lived in Hayward and enrolled in a Veterinary Assistant program at Foothill College. Kylynne supported her studies by working as a dispatcher for Alacritas Mortuary Services, Inc. and Crime Scene Cleaners, Inc. In that role, she was the first contact for decedents' family members, using her people skills to comfort them during the most difficult moments of their lives.

While she was completing her Vet Assistant schooling, Kylynne accepted an internship at a veterinary hospital in Castro Valley. However, she soon realized that a career in animal care was not for her, and returned home to Lompoc to be closer to her family.

Her interest in the wine industry led to a job at Rusack Vineyards in 2012, and back to Allan Hancock, where she is working toward a degree in business and marketing. A warm and friendly presence around the winery, Kylynne fit right in (especially with Juju the cat!). She says she loves being part of the Rusack team and especially enjoys meeting Club Members she has spoken with via phone or email. Stop by and introduce yourself in person on your next visit to the tasting room!



### Kylynne's Wine Pick

Rusack 2011 Reserve Syrah, Ballard Canyon Estate

"It's my favorite way to enjoy the end of a long work week... cozied up on my couch with a good book and a glass of Reserve Syrah."



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## The Juice

### Harvest 2013: Pressing Matters

It began as a mild summer -- warm and dry. Sunny, temperate days assured that the vines grew steadily and grapes ripened evenly beneath their leafy canopies. By mid-August, everything was on the brink of Harvest, with Pinot and Chardonnay leading the field, when the hot weather hit. Two weeks of relentless 90-degree heat sent sugar levels soaring and, all at once, two hundred tons of grapes were reaching the perfect state of ripeness.



The race was on. We sampled closely, preparing to harvest the ripest sections of the vineyard first, leaving others on the vine a few days longer. We tasted the grapes daily and began picking small sections as they reached the optimum stage. In four separate picks, we pulled up 27 tons of Pinot fruit that was ready ahead of the rest. This proved to be a good tactical move, as it freed up space for processing the tsunami of freshly picked grapes that were soon to come.

Over a two-and-a-half week span, we spent long days harvesting and processing every varietal in the vineyard. Based on both necessity and our commitment to quality, we picked then pressed red and white on the same day -- for four days straight. As a team, we cleaned the presses and fermenters and, spurred on by coffee and adrenaline, recorded the minutia of each Syrah, Chardonnay, Sangiovese, and Pinot yield on its journey from vineyard to fermentation to press to barrel.

For me, the defining term of the 2013 harvest was "compression:" what is typically a ten-week season was squeezed into a frenetic five. Yes, it was challenging, at times even crazy. But, with teamwork and strategic coordination, we got it right at Rusack, and can't wait for everyone to taste the results.

Steve Gerbac, Winemaker



# Recent Buzz

by Sao Anash, Muse Management

## The Wine Advocate #208 August 2013 Central Coast Report

under the auspices of The Wine Advocate, which was released earlier this month. Among the scores we received were:

2010 ANACAPA: 91 POINTS. "...It offers up classic notes of cassis, lead pencil, chocolate and a touch of baking spice as well as a medium to full-bodied, seamless profile on the palate. Drink now-2022."

2011 RESERVE PINOT NOIR: 92 POINTS. "Much more serious and focused, the 2011 Pinot Noir Reserve, which spent 10 months in 50% new French oak, offers up notions of crisp black cherries, new leather and crushed stone that flow to a medium-bodied, pure and detailed wine that carries finely polished tannin and plenty of length. It should age nicely through 2020. Drink now-2020."



2011 SYRAH BALLARD CANYON ESTATE RESERVE: 92 POINTS. "More pure and elegant, the 2011 Syrah Ballard Canyon Estate Reserve is a full-bodied, seamless effort that has loads of fruit and texture. Black raspberry, licorice, toast and creamy licorice all show here and while it will hold longer than the straight Ballard Canyon Syrah, it has an upfront, hedonistic feel. Enjoy it through 2019. Drink now-2019."

2011 SOLOMON HILLS PINOT NOIR: 93 POINTS. "Easily my favorite of the pinots and gorgeously perfumed and elegant, the 2011 Pinot Noir Solomon Hills Vineyard dishes out knockout aromas and flavors of underbrush, toasted spice, dried rose petals and sweet red fruits. Rich, supple and pure on the palate, with medium-bodied richness, fine, yet noticeable tannin and serious length on the finish, it should be given another 2-3 years in the cellar and thrill through 2023. Drink 2015-2023."



2011 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CHARDONNAY: 90 POINTS. "Ripe, rounded, loaded with fruit and texture, the 2011 Chardonnay exhibits outstanding aromas and flavors of brioche, vanilla custard, toast and baked apple pie to go with a medium to full-bodied, voluptuously textured palate. Big, upfront and crowd pleasing in style, it's a great value and should be consumed over the coming 1-2 years. Drink now-2015."

You can review our full line up of scores from The Wine Advocate at our website.

# Fall ACC Selections

*The wines included in your shipment vary according to your wine club selection. The cost for each shipment includes the price of wine, less your wine club discount, plus packing, shipping and appropriate sales tax, when applicable.*

## All Wines Selection:

2012 Pinot Noir, Solomon Hills Vineyard  
2012 Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County

## Red Wines Selection:

2012 Pinot Noir, Solomon Hills Vineyard  
2011 Anacapa, Santa Barbara County

## 2012 Pinot Noir, Solomon Hills Vineyard

From one of Santa Barbara County's great growing regions, the Rusack 2012 Solomon Hills Pinot Noir captures some of the area's classic characteristics. This wine contains notes of orange rind and cherry, which follow through on the palate, giving way to the sweet silky tannins. All together, these elements make for a round and approachable wine that is also age worthy.

Total Cases Produced: 240

ACC Price: \$36.00



## 2012 Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County

The truly distinctive flavors from the cool Northern and Western extremes of Santa Barbara County come together in this bottle. Here, our love of blending has resulted in a marriage of exceptional fruit aromas with carefully balanced acidity, capturing the best qualities of the region. Honeydew melon, Asian pear, and orange blossom, as well as citrus notes, are highlighted this appealingly crisp white wine.

Total Cases Produced: 1479

ACC Price: \$19.20

## 2011 Anacapa, Santa Barbara County

This year, our flagship Bordeaux style red wine, Anacapa, is comprised mostly of Cabernet Franc (43%) and Merlot (40%), along with some Petite Verdot (17%). This vintage captures aromas of baking spices, dried blueberries and coffee beans, accented by flavors of black cherry, dried cranberry, cocoa and the beautiful texture of lush, velvety tannins.

Total Cases Produced: 85

ACC Price: \$ 32.00

