

## Moondance Cellars – Orchard Station Newsletter – March 2023



We might say, “another year bites the dust.” But then again there is not a hint of dust to bite. As spring approaches and flowers and plants of all kinds awaken, there is shock in the forest and the vineyards. Its wet! Puddles and mud everywhere. Creeks and rivers carving their old routes through the valleys. The reservoirs are near capacity. And snow, for Pete’s sake, on the coastal hills. Its what we remember from the good old days prior to drought.

What does all of this mean when it comes to grapes and quality? As any farmer knows not to count the chickens before they hatch, we’ll see.

There is a new Cab in the house. With just a few cases of the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon left, the 2021 is bottled, rested and ready to go just in time. The grapes are from the best of the best Napa Valley floor fruit of St Helena. As we bottled the 2 barrels with our friends and helpers, Kasey, Eric, Scott, and Tim, the aroma in the winery made us want to drink the air. We refrained instead pouring ourselves a glass or 2. In a one-word description of the wine “elegant” says it all.

Been to a ball game lately where during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning you stretched to “buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks...” ? The song remains and the snack is still tops, but one thing has changed since 1871 when Cracker Jacks were first sold on a street corner in Chicago. There is no longer a prize in the box. Well, we are old school as you may have guessed. So we have included a prize in your box of wine. You may have to dig a bit to find it, but that was always part of the fun.

As always, we hope you love our wines. Thank you so much for your support.

Please keep well and Enjoy!

Priscilla and

David