

Doukénie

WINERY

Doukénie Winery Newsletter

Heritage Club News

September 2011

Dear Friends,

Exciting times are upon us at Doukénie. During the Earthquake, we bottled our 2010 Chardonnay, 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2009 Vintner's Reserve. The building moved quite a bit (we thought it was the bottling production that caused it), but no wine bottles fell, and only a small crack in the concrete was found. Hurricane Irene left some damage to our vines near Fredericksburg, but no losses. So here's hoping we will have a more peaceful and beautiful Fall.

Remember to reserve your \$20 advance tickets now for the **Taste of Italy on Saturday, September 24th!** Heritage Club members get one free ticket. Enjoy a day full of fun, laughter and entertainment offering delicious authentic Italian food, music, dance, grape stomping, vineyard tours, wine tasting outside, face painting for the kids and much more! Heritage Club members will taste from the barrel. View and participate in harvest with crush. [Call Maria at 540-668-6464 x 202.](tel:540-668-6464)

Our next **Release Party** will be Friday, September 16th for our new 2009 Cabernet/Syrah and 2009 Petit Verdot, for *Heritage Club Members Only*, but we will celebrate their release all week long.

The next **Art Class with Isabelle** will be the weekend of September 16, 17, and 18th for the Personal Journal/Collage Book. Create art and beauty in a visually appealing fold out book themed by whatever your mind desires. Learn collage techniques, use mixed media, and expand your artistic soul for an enriching experience with this project!

Looking ahead to Friday, October 7th for the return of Maria's **Cooking Classes**. A Tuscan inspired Harvest



Our owners, George and Nichola Bazaco have just been presented with the "[2011 Land Trust of Virginia Landowner of the Year](#)" award for their commitment to preserving one of northern Loudoun County's most spectacular properties. Their 496 Windham Farm property that houses Doukénie Winery is one of the largest single easements taken by the Land Trust of Virginia.

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menu will be featured. Classes fill quickly so, [Call Maria at 540-668-6464 x 202](#) to reserve your spot! Friends are welcomed.

And our **Harvest Festival** will be Saturday, October 22nd, with Barrel Tasting, BBQ, and live music. New this year will be the amazing horseback feats from the Mounted Horse Games of America.

Friday's Bistro Nights are still in full swing with **Live Music** every Friday, except for October 21st, when we will be showing a concert on film in our new Tasting Room. Be sure to see our [website](#) for details of all our Bistro Nights.

Hope to see you at the Winery soon!
Linda Meyerriecks, Heritage Club Manager

Sébastien Marquet, General Manager and Winemaker
Bazaco family and the Doukénie staff

Notes From the Cellar

Hello everyone,

2011 It's my 22 years of winemaking...
Harvest has begun, and we already picked some Sauvignon Blanc before Irene!!!

The wind was very strong and broke some posts and end posts in our Hustle, VA Vino Volturmo Vineyard.
We are fixing the vineyard and everything should be ok for harvest 2011.

The sugar increase slowly, the flavors too and we will be very busy in two or three weeks, when the grapes will be ready.

I want to welcome the 2011 team, Remi, our French intern from Toulouse, Conner, our California intern, and Justin from California, who has been part of the harvest team for already 3 harvests.

We will be working long hours and please feel free to come say hello downstairs when you visit the winery for a tasting. The de-stemmer, crusher is at the same place than before and you are welcome to help us when the grapes are coming in.

The Cabernet/Syrah 2009 is almost ready to be released and I am very excited to share the wine with you soon. We bottled the Vintners Reserve 2009 in August and the wine need some time so be patient...



October's Winemaker Selections

2009 Cabernet/Syrah
Our 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah is full-bodied and has Tobacco, Red Fruit, notes of Oak and Leather with a long finish. This small production wine will be sold out quickly...

2009 Petit Verdot
This 100% Petit Verdot has a very beautiful, deep red-purple color. This wine is very powerful and well-balanced with flavors of tobacco, violet, red fruits and spices. The wine is still young and needs to age. It's a perfect wine for steak or pizza on a Friday night at Doukénie Winery.

Case Status

Petit Verdot '08 - 3
Cabernet Sauvignon '08 - 2
Cabernet/Syrah '08 - 6
Vintner's Reserve '08 - Sold Out
Sangiovese '09 - 17
Zeus '09 - 12
Riesling '10 - 5
Pinot Grigio '10 - 12
Viognier - 4

Nichola's Blackberry - sold out,

I need to go check the Brix in the vineyard... bye now
One more thing , don't forget **"it's time to drink some
good wine ! "**
Sébastien.

Sébastien Marquet,
General Manager and Winemaker
Doukénie Winery



**Remi
Conner**



Justin



and will not be made again

Hope's Corner

Hope is the Bazaco family matriarch and Doukénie's daughter. Her charming energy and her smile are infectious.

Click on Hope's photo to read more about Hope, be inspired by her words of wisdom and to sample **recipes from her kitchen** (All of which pair wonderfully with our wines)!

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