



## LA CHOUETTE GAZETTE

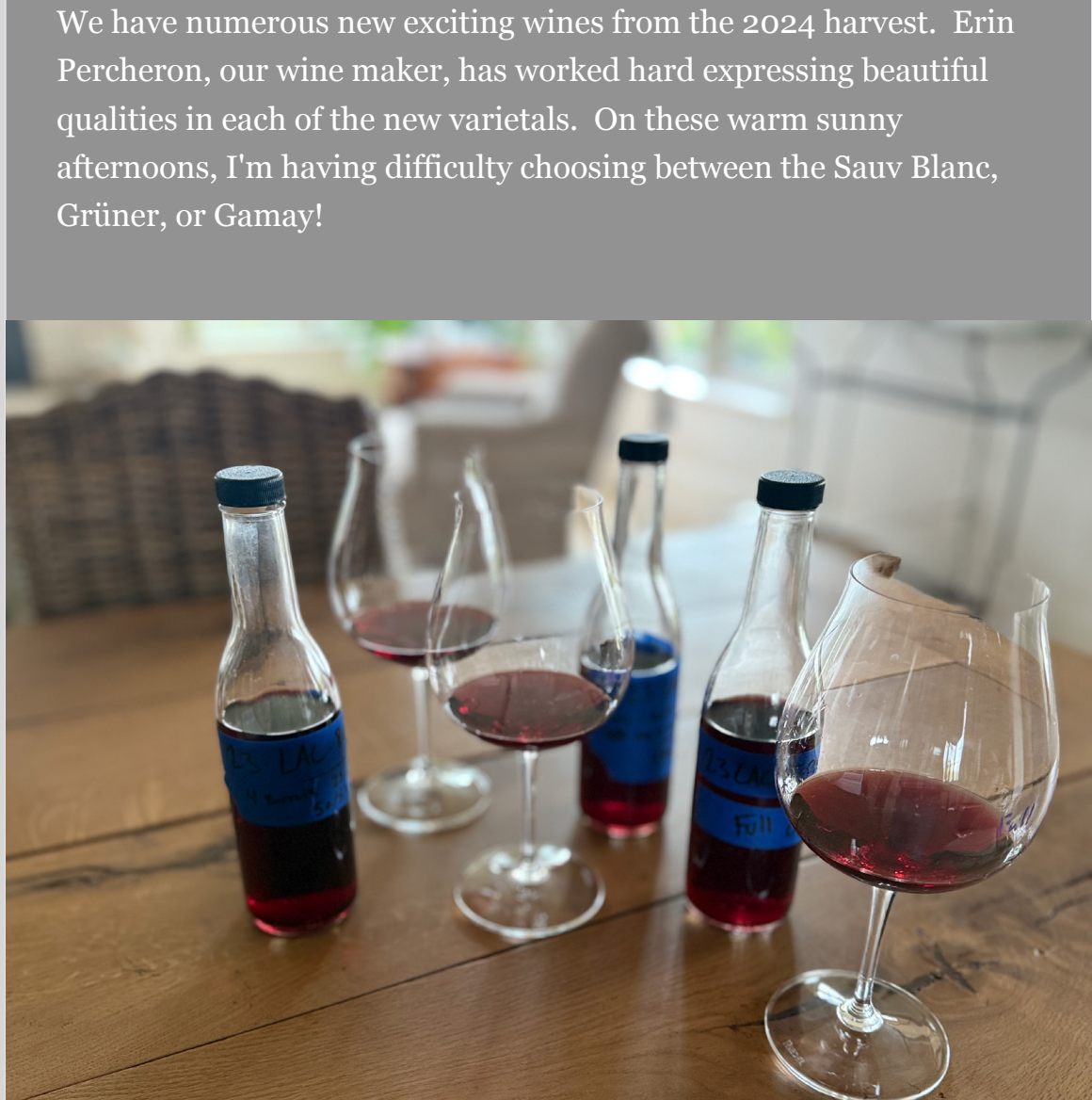
News from the Vineyard

Spring 2025



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After a long, wet winter, the arrival of spring has been especially welcome. In early April, we were treated to a beautiful bud break—always a hopeful sign of the season ahead. With the vineyard awakening, we're excited to share our new wines with friends and club members. Spring has brought us a burst of energy, we've jumped into the fast pace of the season.



In addition to new life in the vineyard, baby lambs, calves, and turkeys bring us evidence of nature's timeless rhythm, and hope for annual renewal.



We have numerous new exciting wines from the 2024 harvest. Erin Percheron, our wine maker, has worked hard expressing beautiful qualities in each of the new varietals. On these warm sunny afternoons, I'm having difficulty choosing between the Sauv Blanc, Grüner, or Gamay!



Pinot blending trials at home and the winery were difficult this year, so many good options. From the 2024 harvest we have four barrels of our first Syrah. It will be hard waiting until next year for our first Syrah bottling, I'm sure the wait will be worth it. We are releasing a number of new vintages and new varietals. Make a tasting appointment on our [La Chouette appointment site](#).



Two recent trips with friends have reminded us that time off is healthy and revives the spirit. Crabbing in Manzanita and wine tasting in El Dorado County were both wonderful. Driving back from California with a new hedger made it a "working" trip.



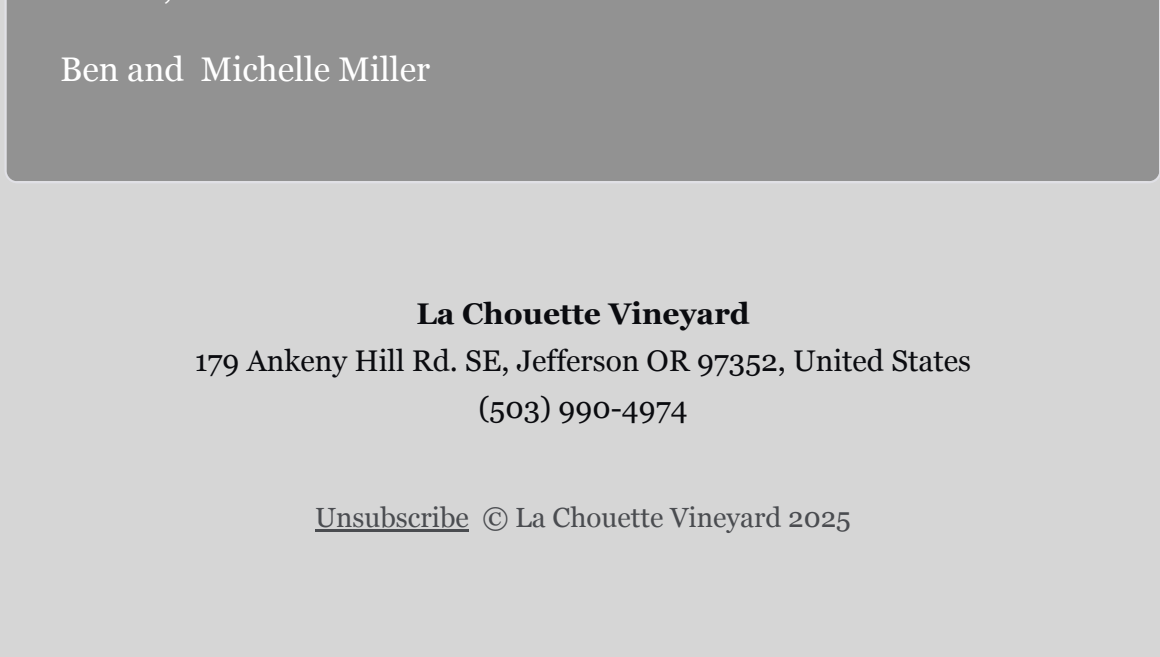
Stacy and Mike, good friends and club members, have an awesome boat, and yes, it is a Rosé, but not ours.



El Dorado County is in the Sierra Foothills. Wines as good or better than other California destinations. This was [Fun Hub Winery](#), very worth a visit.



With things finally drying out on the Tasting Room site, we can now get power and septic under way. We built a rough road and drilled a well in March. Getting power trenched to the well will be next, and septic approval from the county is happening soon. Michelle continues to finalize design drawings. Site design and final placement is something we continue to discuss with numerous opinions and emotions! These decisions are important and will shape the vineyard's future and its connection to the land.



There's something magical with spring's arrival at La Chouette vineyard. A spring view with vivid green pasture looking over the olive grove, Chard blocks, and new Tasting Room property. The best time at La Chouette vineyard has arrived! Visit us soon and enjoy some wonderful new wines.

Cheers,

Ben and Michelle Miller

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