

# PIÑA NAPA VALLEY

## New Wine Club

After much anticipation, we are happy to announce the launch of our Red Tilde Wine Club. We offer three levels (3 of each, 6 of each or a case of each) of enjoyment. Each includes our Yountville Wolff Vineyard, Howell Mountain Buckeye Vineyard, and Napa Valley D'Adamo Vineyard. Periodic offerings include the chance to buy the limited production wines from Oakville Ames Vineyard and Rutherford Firehouse Vineyard. As if that wasn't enough, our special Red Tilde Club Members are eligible for discounts on wines, free tours and tastings, and special invitations to our events. For more information please email [chuck@pinanapavalley.com](mailto:chuck@pinanapavalley.com) or call us at 707-738-9328

## In the Winery



Our 2006 wines were safely bottled in April of this year. Under the watchful eye of our winemaker Anna Monticelli, the wines were transferred from the barrel to a stainless steel tank so that the wines had a chance to homogenize before bottling. From here, the wines were gently pumped from the tank to the mobile bottling line where the bottles were filled, corked, foiled and packaged. We will hold the wines back for at least 6 months to allow them to re-stabilize and age a bit more. We are excited about the 06 vintage and can't wait to share it with you.

## In the Vineyards



At this point in the growing season, we are focusing on canopy management. We have finished most of the tucking passes, shoot positioning, lateral removal and topping. It is necessary to trim the vines to limit canopy growth because a vigorous vine can give vegetative flavors to the grapes. We must also position all of the shoots so that they are evenly spaced and give maximum light exposure and air circulation. We are also starting our fruit management by going through the vineyard and removing clusters from short shoots and separating or removing fruit that is laying on top of each other to create space between the clusters. After this is finished, we will make our next fruit thinning pass at veraison which is called green thinning ( removing those clusters which are not at least 50% colored when the others are over 90% colored).

## Scores and more Scores

Word is rapidly getting out about our little winery in Rutherford. We recently received some great scores in the June issue of Wine Enthusiast. Our **2005 Howell Mountain Buckeye Vineyard recently received a 95.** In addition our **2005 Napa Valley D'Adamo Vineyard recently received a 90.**



*Please stop by the winery and see what all the fuss is about.*