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Letter from Joe

It has been a while since I've written this letter, it is great to be back! You've all kept us very busy this summer! The dining rooms were packed for our weekend cookouts, and for the tasting room for both wines and beers. It has been a wild ride, grapes and grain coming in ... the delicious smells of brew kettles, and freshly pressed grape juice fermenting in the barrels, steaks grilling, and a few well placed "corrections" by mom, but we love it!

We have a very exciting new wine coming out for Christmas this year, **White Christmas** should be available by the time this arrives in your mailbox. This semi-sweet white wine is Moms favorite to serve at holiday dinners, pairing perfectly with either turkey or ham. Its a real crowd pleaser, not too sweet or too dry, and perfect with your favorite

mulled wine spices. More information on page 2.

We're diving deep in to the adventures of being a brewery as well, our beers are now available at several local establishments, Wildflower Café in Mason, Ohio, Arthurs Tavern in Hyde Park, Ohio as well as the Village Cellars in Lebanon, Ohio. This has been very exciting for all of us, learning new products, tasting, and for me ... learning how to pour the "Perfect Pint"

I hope to see many of you out at one of my many tastings, or here in the tasting room at the winery for a glass. **I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from everyone at Valley Vineyards. Here's to you!**

Joe Schuchter

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Look for Valley Vineyards and Cellar Dweller Brewery on Facebook and "like" us! Check out our events and buy our wine at www.valleyvineyards.com!



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White Christmas

In the Vineyards

2012 turned out to be a fantastic growing season in Ohio ... If you are growing grapes that is. This hot, dry weather that has gardeners and farmers alike, struggling to keep their bounty hydrated and happy – has produced some amazing fruits this season. After 10 weeks of harvest, all of the grapes are in and looking fantastic. Keep an eye out for the release of these 2012 vintages!



Grand Tastings

Wine Grand Tastings:
 January 9, 2013
 February 13, 2013
 March 13, 2013

Beer Grand Tastings:
 January 23, 2013
 February 27, 2013
 March 27, 2013

6:30 - 9 pm • \$20/Person

It is winter once again and we are preparing for our Grand Tastings. So come and experience this decadent event of wine/beer samples, food pairings and live music. All self-paced at your leisure. This year we are happy to announce a Grand Beer Tasting as well! We will also be bringing a new component to the Grand Tastings where we will have a guest Winemaker and guest Brewer. So you will be able to taste their wine and beers as well!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



WINE NEWS

After a few months on vacation, we finally made our Cabernet Franc come home. Bottled about a month ago our 2011 vintage is beginning to drink nicely. Some of you that have stopped in and tried it out have already enjoyed and will be able to again as it continues to bottle age and allow those unique flavors that make a Cabernet Franc come together.

I do not want to start any rumors. Which I have been known to do when it comes to when we will be releasing

new vintages ... but the word around the cellar is that our 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon might make an appearance around the turn of the year.

We are ecstatic to announce that this year we have created our first Christmas Blend a.k.a. White Christmas! It has recently been released and we could not be happier about how it has turned out and been received. So look for it when you stop in for your holiday wine purchases in the upcoming weeks!



Pick of the Valley

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Semi-Sweet, White Wine \$14.99 / BOTTLE

Winemaking

Slow fermented in stainless steel tanks at 55° F to desired residual sugar. Gentle fermentation results in a wine with soft, supple fruit follow through to bottled wine. Varieties are blended to winemaker specifications, gaining the optimal varietal characteristics.

Viticulture

Grown on a high wire single cordon system preferred for French hybrids, vertical shoot positioning system for Chardonnay. Cluster thinned, and leaves pulled for maximum sun exposure to achieve high brix at harvest for maximum varietal characteristics in finished wine.

Tasting Notes

Released once a year in time to ring in the Christmas Season! White Christmas is specially vinted to pair with your favorite holiday dishes from roast turkey and ham to cranberry relish. Chill and pop the cork! Merry Christmas!



Varietal Composition	Vidal Blanc, Chardonnay, Seyval Blanc, Cayuga
Appellation	Ohio River Valley
Fermentation	Stainless Steel
Aging	Stainless Steel
Technical analysis	pH 3.85
	Total Acidity .65
	Alcohol 12.3
	Residual Sugar 2.5%
Harvest	October, second week

WEEKEND COOKOUTS

EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING, YEAR ROUND!

5:00 - 8:30 pm Reservations

SUNDAY COOKOUTS

July - December

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Reservations

For info or to make reservations, call 513.899.2485 or email: kali@valleyvineyards.com

Select steak or salmon and grill to your own personal perfection. We have INDOOR and OUTDOOR grills, depending on the weather, so don't let bad weather keep you from enjoying good friends, good food and great wine!

Reservations are requested.

Please call to reserve your table. Reservation times are between 5:00 and 8:30 PM Fridays and Saturday, Sundays between 4 and 6 PM.

513.899.2485

Dinners: \$59/couple + tax
\$29.50/person + tax



Private Events

As the holidays approach, and company and family parties, reunions, holiday dinners and birthdays are being planned ... don't forget that our private cookouts are available for parties of 25 or more. Try something different, try something unique and bring your guests to our winery/brewery for your event. For more information and to make a reservation:

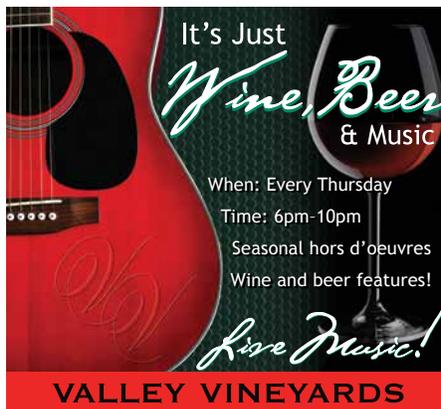
Call us here at 513.899.2485 or email: kali@valleyvineyards.com.

In Memory of Tina Meranda-Nixon

— A Great Loss —

On Monday October 1, 2012 our family and industry lost a great friend: Tina Meranda of Meranda-Nixon Winery in Ripley, Ohio. Tina will be missed as a dear sweet soul, loving Mother and wife, and Champion of the Ohio Wines Industry. She always offered a warm hug, friendly advice, and a glass of wine. They are a family-owned estate winery near the Ohio River, a great place to visit with family and friends. We've always had a special connection to Tina and her family, as she grew up in Warren County. I ask you to stop down at their place, grab a glass or bottle, and enjoy the sunset.

Meranda-Nixon Winery
6517 Laycock Road
Ripley, OH 45167 • (937) 392-4654



Come and enjoy live music at the winery every Thursday! We will be hosting local musicians as well as having glass and pint features. So relax with us, enjoy good company, great food and complimentary entertainment! Check out our events page at: www.valleyvineyards.com/events, on Facebook, for our upcoming musical guests!



Ten months ago we starting pouring our Cellar Dweller Craft Beers here at the Valley and we have been running full speed ever since. Steve Shaw... Brewer extraordinaire — has kept it exciting with our sessional beers! Currently we are enjoying an amazing Black IPA Steve has named Shawesome — feeling fairly confident that it is the best beer he has made. Word also has it that this winter we can expect an appearance from a local favorite from last winter — our Port Barrel Ale!

Our Tap Handle Take Over at The Village Wine Cellars was a huge success and we want to say thank you to them for hosting! Great beer, great people and great music ... a night to remember!

Tasting Room

- Dry Wine Sampler \$8.00
9 dry to medium samples
- Sweet Wine Sampler \$8.00
9 medium to dessert samples
- Beer Tasting Tray \$6.00
7 samples
- Individual Sample \$1.00
- Cheese Tray \$8.00
Cheddar Muenster, Baby Swiss, Pepperoni, Fresh Bread
- Homemade Pizza \$12.00
Pepperoni or Sausage

Cheese Trays and Pizza are available during tasting room hours only.

Prices do not include tax.

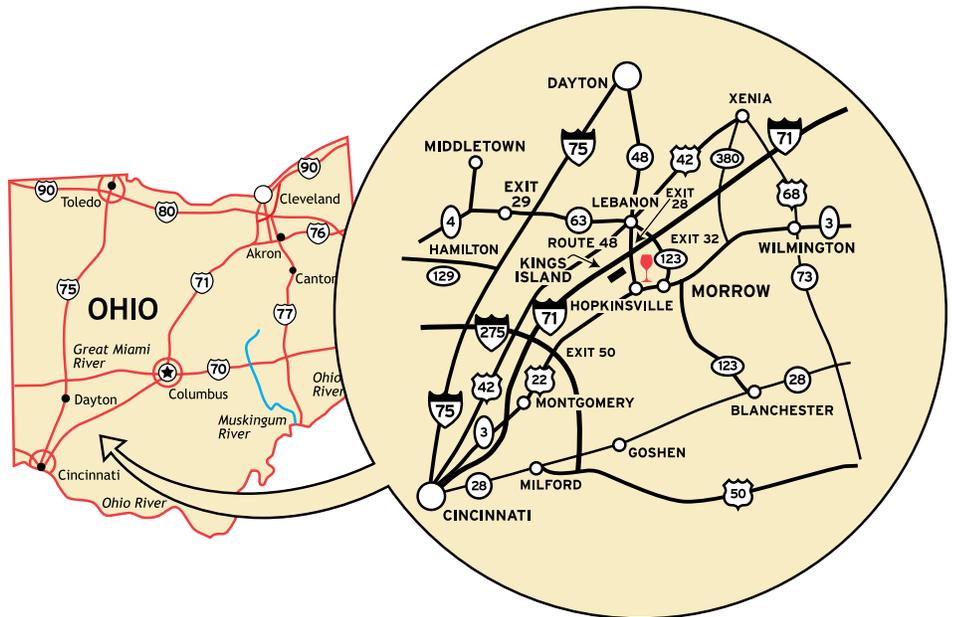
Monday to Wednesday: 11 am - 6 pm
Thursday: 11 am - 10 pm
Friday and Saturday: 11 am - 4 pm
Sunday: 1 pm - 6 pm

**DIRECTIONS TO
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From Cincinnati: Take Interstate 71 North to Exit 28 (St. Rt. 48), turn left (south) on Rt. 48 to U.S. Rt. 22 & 3. Turn left (east) for about 3 miles to the winery.

From Columbus: Take Interstate 71 South to Exit 28 (St. Rt. 48), turn right (south) on Rt. 48 to U.S. Rt. 22 & 3. Turn left (east) for about 3 miles to the winery.

From Dayton: Take Interstate 75 South to Exit 29. Turn left (east) onto St. Rt. 63 for about 8 miles (through Lebanon) to St. Rt. 48. Turn right (south) on Rt. 48 to U.S. Rt. 22 & 3. Turn left (east) for about 3 miles to the winery.



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