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"HOME OF LITTLE MAN WINERY"

COGDAL VINEYARDS



# Little Man Club Notes.....

We started with a goal of serving our innovative wines in an intimate setting and, thanks to everyone, we had a good start in 2014. Dan developed some outstanding wines to start the process and our vision of a warm and inviting tasting room is starting to take shape. Our excitement about 2015 is fueled by your positive feedback, our great staff coming back, and more exposure through the wine trail and better marketing. However, with growth comes concerns about our personal service. To minimize waiting, we will continue to offer tastings at our gathering tables and processing area plus we have doubled our outdoor space by adding a patio. An additional outdoor tasting bar will be added by mid-summer. A couple other things we are working on are:

- Still not serving food, but... Wood Fired Pizza Night (bring in monthly?), and artisan cheese/crackers
- Music on the Lawn: Anniversary Party (July); Harvest Party (September)

Our first exposure to a wine event will be the Winter Delights Festival on Saturday, Jan 24 at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor (<https://www.facebook.com/events/316750495198846/>). We are looking forward to this event.

We have also submitted 4 wines (Cab Franc, Riesling, Dry Riesling, Vision) for the 8th Annual Lake Michigan Shore Wine Evaluation at Lake Michigan College on Tuesday, Feb 3. A panel of three Master Sommeliers will guide you through a tasting of wines from the Lake Michigan Shore Appellation, along with world class examples of wine styles from other wine regions similar to SW Michigan wines. Participants will taste the wines at the same time as the experts to get a first-hand appreciation of the subtleties of the wines. At the end of the session, the best SW Michigan wine in each category will be chosen by the panel. Contact Mike de Schaaf at (269) 326-0430 if you are interested in attending.

## Events

### Wine Release Party - Saturday, March 14 - 1pm to 4pm

Instead of a St. Patrick's party, come and visit us for our first Release Party. As most of you know we cannot serve food, so... to make it a real party we would like to ask everyone to bring a food dish to share. The cost is \$5 per person which includes tastings from our existing wines as well as our new wines. You may purchase glasses of wine and wine for takeout, but no open wine bottles for this event. This will be the only time all vintages will be available for purchase at the same time.

#### Wines Available from 2013

Cab Franc, Merlot, North Beach,  
South Beach, Dry Riesling,  
Riesling (Original), Riesling,  
Whitecap, Big Lake

#### New Vintages from 2014

Dry Riesling  
Big Lake

#### New Wines for 2015

Vision (Cab Franc/Merlot)  
Sweeter Riesling

## Little Man Club Activities

**Bottling Days:** Experience bottling by arriving at 9am, enjoy some lively activity, and finish around 1pm with lunch and drinks.

**February 14, 21, and 28**

**Jan—Mar Hours:** We will be open Jan 31 (it is the Ice Breaker Festival in South Haven), Feb 14, Feb 21, Feb, 28 and Mar 14. We will then be opening for the season on Mar 28.

We appreciate your support. Please let us know how we are doing.

**Thanks! Deb and Jack**

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