



Sweetbriar Happenings...

Well the vines got trimmed eventually but life was hectic for a while. Spring came early as March and April's temperatures were above average but more importantly there was no hard freeze in late April or early May. The vines started budding three weeks early and a hard freeze would have ended the season early, but we were lucky. Rain in March kept me from getting everything trimmed when I wanted but didn't have to turn on the water until June.



The vineyard is three weeks ahead of previous years. It has been so warm the last week of June and first week of July that the Vignoles grew about a foot. The grapes went from bb size to pea size in that same period.

If it continues to be at least average temperature, we should be harvesting in mid August though September.



Here is some of our local wildlife that made it through the winter. We have three or four adults hanging around the yard.



We are having a release party on the 25th of July from Noon to 4 PM. We have our Vignoles for the same \$6. The Pinto Gris is priced at \$8 but we think it is a little better than last year. The Riesling is a Late Harvest so it is sweet, 5.3% residual sugar and is \$10 in a 375 ml bottle. We are also releasing our 2013

Upcoming Events

July 25th - Release Party

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Harvest in late August

Cabernet Franc for \$10. Everyone who has tried it has liked it and says it is better than the 2010. So, come join us on the 25th of July. If you can't make it, call and let me know when you can and we'll set up a time to meet.

What a difference two weeks can make. But then it was over 100°F for 9 days and the plants had lots of water.



So, come join us on the 25th of July for some good wine or at least some good friendship and keep the weekends in late August for the first round of harvest.

Thanks - Mike