

Canihan Wines

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Harvest 2011

GIFT IDEA!

Order our three-bottle gift packs for your holiday festivities and gifts for your family and friends. Send us your gift list and we will be happy to ship the wine for you!

Please read our wine notes below for details on these delicious wines and then contact us to place your orders.

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Holiday Gift Pack

This year's holiday gift pack consists of our two favorite Pinot Noirs and our newly released Syrah,

2007 Canihan Family Pinot Noir

Dear friends of Canihan Wines,

As our 2011 harvest has just concluded and our estate Pinot Noir and Syrah lie in barrel for the next two years, it's time for some holiday celebrating, and giving thanks for another year filled with rewarding work, friends new and old, and some great wine.

In our continuing effort to showcase our wines in special ways, we hosted wine events at our vineyard barn, participated in the Pebble Beach Food and Wine event in May, and just a few weeks ago I co-hosted a winemakers' lunch with Wolfgang Puck at his new Beverly Hills restaurant CUT. This lunch was a highlight of the first annual Los Angeles Food and Wine event at L.A. Live, featuring celebrity chefs and their exquisite food pairings. If you have a chance to attend one of these events next year, I highly recommend it.

In the vineyard, the wettest winter and coolest spring and summer in thirty years resulted in late harvests. Both Pinot Noir harvests occurred at peak ripeness, with the Fox Channel 2 News crew and the rain appearing for our second harvest! Our Syrah harvest on October 22nd also marked the latest harvest we've experienced; however, with the gradual ripening and long hang time, we are excited about the future of both the 2011 Pinot Noir and the Syrah.

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season, and we hope to see you in Sonoma soon. Thank you, as always, for supporting and appreciating our passion for growing the finest wines.

Cheers!

Bill Canihan
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WINE NOTES:

2007 Pinot Noir: We have set aside the last 10 cases of this wonderfully elegant Pinot Noir exclusively for members of our mailing list. The 2007 vintage is regarded as the finest vintage of the decade for Sonoma Pinot Noir. Gold medal, Pinot Noir Shootout. Connoisseurs' Guide rated 90 points. \$39 per bottle.



2008 Exuberance Pinot Noir: The 2008 vintage for Pinot Noir was characterized by few clusters of small grapes per vine. Along with our dry-farming and cane-pruning, this yielded a Pinot Noir with lush aromas of ripe strawberries, raspberries, and cherries, with perfumes of rose petals and dried violets. Wonderfully rich and balanced, this New World Pinot Noir finishes with the velvety mouth feel of a World Class Pinot Noir. Exuberance represents our reserve bottling for only the exceptional vintages. Gold medals 2011 San Francisco International Wine Competition, 2011 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, and the Pinot Noir Shootout. \$50 per bottle.

2008 Exuberance Syrah: Following in the footsteps of our highly-acclaimed 2007 Exuberance Syrah, the 2008 Syrah exhibits more intense blackberry and blueberry fruit, yet continues with the elegance of cool-climate, dry-farmed Syrah without the high-alcohol and gaminess of hot-climate and New World Syrah. Our 2008 vintage will continue to age gracefully for another three to four years of cellar aging, if desired. This Syrah is best paired with steak, tri-tip, filet mignon, or lamb. Connoisseurs' Guide rated 91 points. \$49 per bottle.

2008 Exuberance Pinot Noir

2008 Exuberance Syrah

Each three-bottle selection is gift-boxed for holiday giving and is priced at \$120 (plus tax and shipping)

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