

# SONG HILL WINERY



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Wine Club Newsletter

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The Diamond grapes are in! As many of you know, we've been harvesting the table grapes that my grandfather planted in 2010 for a couple of seasons now to make our jams. This year, we harvested our wine grapes, the Diamond varietal, that we started planting in 2014. As is normal with a first year crop, the sugars were a little low, but the flavors and acidity were spot on. It underwent a very nice, cool fermentation. Next summer we will bottle it up and you can look forward to the release of our first estate wine sometime in 2020 or 2021. We can hardly wait!



Of course this winery wouldn't be possible without all the help and support we receive from our family and wine club members. A special thank you to Abby Gallagher, Will and Janet Gallagher, Katie Gallagher, Mike Stachura and Allyson Bailey, Galin Gruttadaro, and Kathy Spangler for all your help on harvest day. All of you made the work light and fun! Thanks for being a part of our very special day.

Our wine club release this month is the 2016 Chardonnay. Typically, we try to produce a Chardonnay that is a balance between the oaky and unoaked styles. However, this vintage we produced a New World or West Coast style Chardonnay that is full of buttery flavors and oak spice. It offers an interesting contrast to our previous Chardonnays and demonstrates that in the Finger Lakes, we too can produce outstanding New World style Chardonnay. We hope you enjoy!



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**Chocolate Making Class:** On Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm we are teaming up with Steve Wheeler of MetaFITx Fitness to host a raw chocolate making class. The class will include samples of 5 of our wines, hors d'oeuvres, and a seminar on how to make your own chocolate. Steve will talk about the various ingredients (which are included) and their health benefits. Song Hill's winemaker Conor Gallagher will discuss wine and food pairing. This is the second time we are hosting this event this year. Originally we intended to make this an annual event but because of demand we've added a second class this calendar year. Space is limited to only 20 people so click on the picture below (or go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/278276439461307/>) for more information and to sign up now. We can't wait to see you there!

## A NIGHT OF CHOCOLATE MAKING AND WINE

### WHATS INCLUDED:

- LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR VERY OWN CHOCOLATES
- ENJOY OUR TASTY AND HEALTHY HORS D'OEUVRES
- SAMPLE FIVE SPECIALLY PAIRED WINES FROM SONG HILL WINERY
- LEARN ABOUT THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF CHOCOLATE
- MEET SONG HILL'S WINEMAKER CONOR GALLAGHER AND LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF HIS FAMILY'S WINERY AND HIS PHILOSOPHY FOR FOOD AND WINE PAIRING



ONLY \$57 (PER PERSON)

OCT 12TH @ 5:30 PM

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