

BIANCHI *Winery & Tasting Room*

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Harvest Season

As grapes on the vine become engorged with sweetness and the long summer days begin to wane, harvest season is in full swing at Bianchi Winery.

Winemaker Tom Lane has been busy choosing the most exceptional grapes for this year's vintage, including Zinfandel from Bianchi's own Zen Ranch, and both Merlot and Petite Sirah from Plummer Vineyards. Harvest commenced early this year, and while the fruit sugar developed fast, the color and flavor of the skins and seeds are continuing to mature to their maximum flavor potential.

Cold weather near bud break produced smaller yet intensely-flavored Cabernet grapes, while exceptionally hot weather near bloom resulted in a Zinfandel crop of perfect proportions.

Join Bianchi as we celebrate the 2008 crush with a number of special events during Harvest Festival, including a stellar Winemaker's Dinner, as well as a Wine & Cheese Pairing Evening under the stars.

We hope to see you soon!



Winemaker's Dinner

Sat., October 18, 6 p.m. Harvest Festival 2008

Join celebrated Chef Chris New for Bianchi's annual Harvest Festival dinner. *Chef de partie* for Thomas Keller's renowned Napa restaurant Ad Hoc, chef New will prepare an autumn-inspired, four-course feast accompanied by a selection of Bianchi's newly-released wines.

Tickets are highly limited, so reserve soon!

\$100/pp; \$80 wine club members. Call (805) 226-9922. x31