



Pour Some Holiday Cheer!

Holiday dinner is at Aunt Sue's house this year and you're racking your mind to find the perfect compliment to her world famous ham. Fireside Winery offers 13 different wines to dress up your holiday table and enhance any meal. Ranging from dry to sweet, you're sure to find a bottle to please everyone's taste buds.

Besides making a great addition to your holiday dinner, Fireside wines make a great gift for family, friends or business partners. Let Fireside Winery help you create a special gift basket for those hard to find gift

recipients. With many unique and fun items in the boutique area, your gift basket will be a treasured, one of a kind gift this holiday season.





Gift certificates are also available in any denomination. Your special person can make a fun afternoon trip to Fireside Winery to experience the award winning wines,

choose their own favorite and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the patio or near the hearth.



For a truly unique gift, consider giving the gift of private labeled wine. Choose from any of Fireside wines to make a private label for yourself or others. Private labeling is a new service offered by Fireside Winery. You can submit your own design or let Fireside Winery create a label for you. Private labels are also a great gift for birthdays, anniversaries or weddings. Please call the winery for more information.

Wine Pairing Suggestions:



Roast Turkey

-  Cordovan
-  Iowa LaCrosse

Ham

-  BLU
-  Hearthstone

Pork

-  Midnight Ember
-  BLU



Hearthstone Among "8 Great American Wines"

The November issue of *Saveur*, a gourmet cuisine magazine, evaluated many Midwestern wines finding "a considerable range, from elegant, full-bodied...to wilder, more eccentric [varietals]."

The article specifically cited Fireside Winery's 'Hearthstone,' a dry red blend of Chambourcin and Chancellor grapes as a favorite, noting its "vivid tomato and spice overtones." For the past two years, Fireside Winery has participated

(along side of hundreds of other labels) and won several medals at the prestigious Mid-American Wine Competition, held in Des Moines.



In 2007, the 'Hearthstone' won the coveted Dick Peterson Trophy, for the best Iowa wine.

To read the full article published in *Saveur* magazine visit <http://www.saveur.com/article/Wine/Tasting-Notes-Wines-of-Americas-Heartland>.

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Thymes Lotions: Buy one, get 2nd and 3rd items for 1/2 off

*Must be presented at time of purchase. Cannot be used with other offers or to purchase gift certificates.

Notes of Thanks

Friday night music at the winery ended on Friday, October 24th with music by Scott & Michelle Dalziel and dinner catered by Myer's Grill in Williamsburg. It was a wonderful evening of great food, wine and music. A big thank you



for all that visited the winery this past summer to enjoy the Friday nights and also recommended it to your friends. Friday nights were a huge success and the winery is busy working on planning the music schedule for 2009.

In 2009, Friday night music will be held from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A music festival is in the works for the Sunday of Labor Day weekend with all day music and food.

New in 2009 will be Sunday Aftertunes; live music to be

held on Sunday afternoons from Labor Day through the end of October. Keep checking our website for scheduling of events in the new year.

For those of you that are in Friday night withdrawal, remember, you're always welcome at Fireside Winery, live music or not. Fireside Winery remains open year round. Check the website www.firesidewinery.com or call 319-662.4222 for an update on our current hours.

"Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence"
~ Robert Fripp



Storyteller: Going, Going, Gone.....

Released in July of this year, Storyteller was added to the Fireside wine line up as a sweet wine. Its popularity skyrocketed much more than was anticipated. Quickly making it one of Fireside Winery's top selling wines of the summer. High demand has the supply dwindling. So for those

that have found themselves in love with Storyteller, its recommend they stock up on this popular wine soon. With just 10 cases left at the winery, its projected to be out of stock by early December, if not sooner.

Winemaker, Zach Bott, has the next vintage of Storyteller

in the works with the anticipated re-release in March of 2009.

Winemaker's Corner

Most of the heavy lifting from the fall crush is over. We have all the local grapes in the tank and have finished up fermenting the red grapes we import from California to make our CoCo, Cordovan, and Crownfire. They have all been pressed, and put in barrels to age. As of today we have cleaned up the processing

area, and are putting the crush equipment away. Over the next month or so we will begin to put together a picture of what we will be doing with some of the new varieties that we harvested from our vineyard. We are very excited by the possibilities of two of the reds, St. Croix, and Frontenac, as well as our estate La Crosse, which

we will have a limited amount of.

If you are interested, please ask to take a winery tour the next time you visit Fireside Winery. Bill or I would be happy to take you out back and show off where we make Fireside wine.

~Zach Bott

New Reds Take Silver

Results from the American Wine Society Commercial Wine Competition were posted mid-November. Two of Fireside Winery's new dry reds received silver medals in the competition. Also receiving medals were the off-dry Iowa LaCrosse and the semi-sweet BLÜ; both receiving bronze medals in their respective categories. 161 wineries were represented in this years competition from 26 states and 7 countries.

