

The Bridge

July 2025

GRAND ISLAND *Vineyards*



July 4th



Aug 23rd

Welcome to the Bridge - The Official GIV Newsletter

For more than 50 years our family has tended our vineyards and grown our own grapes, for our wines, along the lush banks of the Sacramento River. We are striving to perfect the art and science of grape growing, and we're proud to share the rewards of our labor by creating wines that showcase distinctive grapes perfectly. Bridging all aspects of our Winery from the Vineyard, to the Cellar, Winery Grounds, Tasting Room and beyond.





GIV UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 - 7, 2025





4TH OF JULY WEEKEND WINE TASTING!

Friday, July 4th - Monday, July 7th

During this special weekend, your table is able to create a customized wine flight featuring any 7 wines of your choice! Also, you can be the first to try our newest release the 2024 GIV Sauvignon Blanc!

\$0.00 / but please make a reservation

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August 23, 2025 - 5pm - 8pm



HARVEST KICKOFF CELEBRATION!!

Saturday, August 23rd, 5pm-8pm

It's time to celebrate our favorite time of year, Grape Harvest is here! Join us for a lovely evening of delicious wines, live music, and great food! Enjoy wine, & grape, tasting stations throughout our beautiful vineyards. Live music by SHE CALLS HIM WILSON, will be onsite to enhance the ambiance of this special evening. Yummy food options available for purchase by SANTACOS. All of our wonderful wines will be available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Please, NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS at this event.

\$15.00 / HARVEST KICKOFF

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ADD TO CART

GRAND ISLAND VINEYARDS *Wine Spotlight*

2023 Petite Sirah Release, Four Years in the Making

----- *Written by GIV Winemaker, David Shattuck*

We are very excited to be releasing the [2023 Grand Island Vineyards Petite Sirah](#), which is our first release of Petite Sirah since 2019. This vintage was characterized by a long ripening season with a late harvest in mid-october. The fruit was richly flavored and well pigmented. I love to pair Petite

Sirah with BBQ ribs, chicken Mole, and curried goat. Additionally, this wine works wonderfully as an after dinner digestif.

This wine pours an inky purple hue. The initial aromas are a pleasing blend of blackberry, bramble, white pepper, and orange peel. Despite the rich mouthfeel, the tannins are luxurious and slide into a mouthwatering finish. As the wine opens, look for hints of ripe pluot, smoked oak, candied pecan, and loam.



GRAND ISLAND VINEYARDS

Cellar News

Get Ready for Harvest at Grand Island Vineyards!

----- *Written by GIV Winemaker, Ed Siekel*

Summer's in full swing, and we're steadily approaching harvest season here at Grand Island Vineyards!

We've been busy behind the scenes, finalizing which varietals and amounts of grapes we'll be bringing in, and ordering all the essential supplies for a smooth and successful harvest.

We're also gearing up for our [Harvest Kickoff Celebration!](#) David and I can't wait to join you for an evening of wine tasting right in the vineyard. It's always a highlight to spend a fun evening with our incredible club members, so mark your calendars! The celebration is set for Saturday, August 23rd. Tickets are just \$15 and you can purchase yours now at GrandIslandVineyards.com.



We look forward to celebrating with you!



GRAND ISLAND VINEYARDS *Vineyard News*

Verasion or Véraison if you're French...

----- *Written by Operations Manager, Joe Salman*

Veraison, derived from the French "véraison," marks the crucial stage in grape ripening when grapes change color and begin to soften, signaling the onset of sugar accumulation.

This transition is particularly noticeable in red wine grapes as they shift from green to shades of purple, while white wine grapes become more translucent. Veraison is a critical period for winemakers, as it indicates the

approach of harvest and directly influences the final wine quality. For growers it is actually a nice time of the year. You can really start to gauge things from crop size to time of harvest.

Most of the molds and mildew don't really form on grapes during this time of the year so, it is kinda the calm before the storm of harvest. The goal at this point is to keep the vine happy (aka make sure the leaves stay a healthy green color). The berry's sugar accumulation relies on leaf photosynthesis. Come now ([Tasting Reservation](#)) to see veraison and come to the [Harvest Kickoff Celebration](#) to taste some of the same grape berries!



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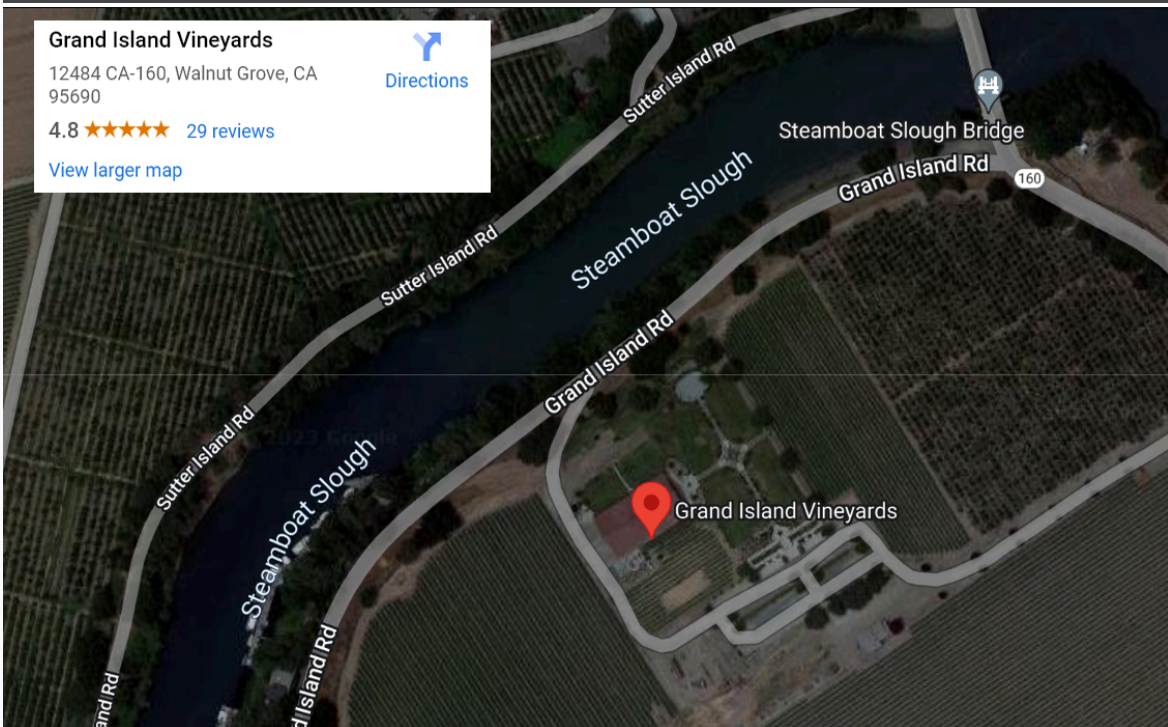


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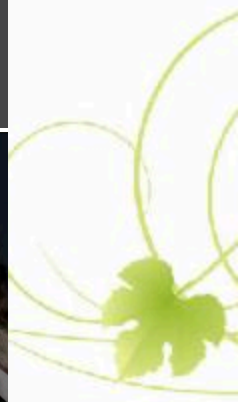
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