

## November 2020 Victor's Newsletter

As COVID 19 cases continue to spike we are re-evaluating our protocols to help ensure your and our safety, and may post new ones if conditions call for them. In the meantime, we will continue to operate as we have for the past half year: Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 – 5:30. We still offer curbside service and/or walk-in. You can call in your order at any time at 505-883-0000 or via [yourfriends@victorshomebrew.com](mailto:yourfriends@victorshomebrew.com). I will check voice mail and email regularly and will have your order prepared and ready for pickup as quickly as possible. If you can tell me when you'll expect to be at the shop, that will help me schedule my time. And leave your name and phone number (slowly) so I can call back if I have questions or if I'm out of something you need. If you do wish to come into the shop, please wear a mask over both mouth and nose and limit to two persons at a time.

When you arrive, ring the doorbell or give me a call since I'll have the door locked. I can take your credit card information by phone or I'll come out to get your card.

I occasionally receive requests from customers coming in from out of town or are on their way but may not make it before closing time. Give me a call in advance and I am usually able to accommodate and will certainly try. 505-883-0000

I appreciate everyone's past participation in the community effort to limit the spread of COVID 19. And, of course, feel free to call with any questions about these procedures or about beer and winemaking.

### **Our hours remain Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 – 5:30**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. It is our goal to serve you safely through the entire fall and winter seasons.

### **PRODUCTS, SUPPLIES, AND OTHER OFFERINGS.**

We just received several shipments of wine and beer kits as well as other supplies, so we have a good selection available, including WineXpert and RJS Cru wine kits, and Brewers Best and Coopers' beer kits.

### **We again have the opportunity to pre-order Limited Edition wine kits from WineXpert and Mosti Mondiale.**

I'm a bit behind on getting the word out on the WineXpert LEs, orders for which are due by 13 November. Sorry for the late notice on these. We have until 15 January to get the Mosti Mondiale LE orders in.

Here's how it works:

I forward your orders in by the deadline and take a deposit on the order. Depending on which wine kit(s) you order they will arrive following their release, December (in the case of WineXperts), January – March/April.

The kits that are available for pre-order are as follows:

#### **WineXpert:**

December: **Double Noir**. A blend of New Zealand Pinot Noir and Lodi Gamay Noir. Cherry and cranberry on the nose with a subtle floral note. Strawberry and cherry flavors accented by savory spice. Vibrant and versatile with freshness and finesse. **\$157.99**

January: **Torrontes Muscat**. A blend of the two varietals, both from Argentina. An aromatic wine with floral aromas, fresh peach and citrus flavors. Notes of rose petal and peach, complemented by honeysuckle, mandarin orange and stone fruit flavors. Bright acidity. **\$149.99**

February: **Nerello**. a red varietal from Sicily. Appealing aromas of cherry, strawberry and rose. Juicy red berry and strawberry flavors with hints of cinnamon and herbs. Sleek and savory with earthy and mineral nuances. Fresh acidity and smooth tannins. **\$156.99**

March: **Synergy**. A blend of Lodi Chardonnay, Riesling and Pinot Grigio. Lively and off-dry with tropical and stone fruit flavors. Notes of green apple, pineapple and citrus. Delicate floral aromas. Bright acidity and a crisp balanced finish. **\$149.99**

April: **Grenache Tannat Shiraz**. A blend of Australian Grenache and Shiraz and Lodi Tannat grapes. A plush, charismatic blend with notes of raspberry and spice. Big tannins with a whisper of licorice. Delicious dark fruit and red berry with complex notes of vanilla, peppery spice and subtle smoke. **\$169.99**

If you have the time and interest, the following link will take you to an entertaining presentation of all these wines by a very knowledgeable sommelier: <https://live.webcastcanada.ca/webcast/live/07848c84-3de2-4c04-9dfd-822377705ecd>

### **Mosti Mondiale: 23-liter Kits**

January Releases:

**Rojo Grande**. Comes with additions of Dark Oak and Red Raisins

**Nebbiolo**: Comes with Dark Oak and Red Raisins

February Releases:

**Amorosso**: Comes with Dark Oak and Red Raisins

**South African Pinotage**: Comes with Dark Oak

March Releases:

**Chilean Malbec**: Comes with Red Raisins

**Sicilian Primitivo**: Comes with AllGrape Pack

**Petit Verdot**: Comes with Dark Oak and Red Raisins

Individual AllGrape Packs are also available for separate purchase. AllGrape Packs contain no sweeteners, concentrates, or added color. They are specifically prepared for use with any of Mondiale's Red varietals to "enhance the wine's color, bouquet, and mouthfeel."

I don't have the price information yet but will of course provide it at time of ordering.

I have additional information on all these wine kits at the store and happy to share the more comprehensive information on the individual wines if you are interested.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you'd like to order one or more,

### **Holiday Hours. We will be closed the following days**

Veterans Day, Wednesday 11 November

Thanksgiving, Thursday-Friday 26-27 November

Christmas – New Years, 25 December – 1 January

It's always a pleasure to hear from you and look forward to again having you visit at the shop.

Happy and Safe Fermenting, Jens