

Orangewood Wines

Small Wineries, Great Wines

Orangewood Wines' Newsletter

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Introduction

Orangewood Wines is a wine distributor; we are a team of people who buy, sell and deliver wine. We have relationships with the wineries that make the wine we distribute, with our customers who serve and/or sell our wine, with consumers who buy from our customers, and with companies that provide shipping, consolidation, warehousing, banking, vehicle maintenance, power, internet services, phone services, postal services, and more. In addition, we get by with a little help from our friends. We need and appreciate all of them – all of you. The very best to all of you for the holidays and for the New Year.

Box Score

New Restaurants:	2
New Retail/Wine Bar Outlets	1
New Sales People	0
New Wineries	0

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New Restaurants

[Elote Café](#)

771 State Route 179
Sedona, AZ 86336
(928) 203-0105

[Reds at Sedona Rouge Hotel & Spa](#)

2250 West Hwy 89A
Sedona, AZ 86336
(928)203-4111

New Wine Stores/Wine Bars

Liquor Barn

7850 East Florentine Road
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
(928) 772-9665

Wine Hints of the Season

This is the time of year when too many people feel obligated to party like it's 1999. This means that there are a lot of amateur drunks out there. Do not be one of them, and do not be run into by one. Stay off the roads, have a designated driver, get a cab, be vigilant.

If you are throwing a party, what wine should you pour? Pour something cheap and cheerful. Quaffing is the activity at a party. You certainly do not want to pour your long treasured bottle of Chateau Lafite. You might find someone pouring a third of the bottle into a tumbler, adding ice and then not liking it and pouring it away. Save that bottle for an intimate evening with your loved one.

How much wine do you need for a party? I recommend ½ bottle for each wine drinker. Some will drink more, some less, but unless this is an all-nighter, you won't run out or be left with too much.

John and Dottie have their next OTBN (open that bottle night) on February 26th. They started this with the Wall St Journal in 1999, however the holidays are also a good time to fight past the cobwebs to find that bottle you were saving for reasons that you can't recall.

Rambling

Last night was the office holiday party, hosted by Lena, whose "4 in Wine" German importing and distribution business is loosely affiliated with Orangewood Wines. With no agenda to worry about and no tasting notes to be taken, we were able to taste a variety of wines (we all brought a couple of bottles) and excellent food (we all brought a dish to complement the filet that Lena prepared) and talk about whatever we wanted to talk about. At some point someone asked me where The Rambler came from. In reply I talked about this and that, wandering from topic to topic – some might say I rambled on. In retrospect, this was not a very satisfactory answer, so I did a little research in our [newsletter archive](#) and found that the first reference to a Ramble was in October 2002. The section was called "The Sales Ramble". Sporadically after that were other sections called Delivery Ramble, Businessman Ramble and so forth. In July 2003 was the first section called "The Rambler" and it became a regular section. Finally in July 2007 I started adding the ending "The Rambler rambles on..." I was thinking of Spike Milligan's "The moving finger writes and having writ goes back and does another bit". He, in turn, was riffing off Omar Khayyám.

The Rambler rambles off into 2012...

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