

BROPHY CLARK CELLARS

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Dear Friends,

Spring is finally here and we are delighted to introduce our new releases from the 2009 vintage. Conditions were ideal for producing superb wines as we hope you'll agree when you taste the new bottlings. We can hardly believe we're celebrating the 15th anniversary of Brophy Clark Cellars, and our 25th year growing and making wine on the Central Coast. How time flies!

Our daughter, Sarah graduated from U.C. San Diego last December and is spending a year working in Ireland before continuing her studies at grad school in the U.S. Our son, Blake has the travel bug too and hopes to study abroad in Cape Town, South Africa working toward his marine biology degree at U.C. Santa Barbara.

The abundant rainfall we've received this winter should make for an excellent vintage in 2011. The water table has been replenished and we should see healthy vine growth and cluster size.

Thank you for your friendship and continued support of Brophy Clark Cellars. Enjoy the new wines and hope to see you soon!

Kelley and John

2009 PINOT NOIR Santa Maria Valley

This Pinot Noir combines fruit from two outstanding Santa Maria Valley vineyards. The Garey Vineyard was planted in 1998 and features gently rolling slopes and sandy loam soils. The Goodchild Vineyard is one of the original Pinot Noir vineyards in the Sisquoc region of Santa Maria Valley owned by Louie Lucas. This vibrant Pinot Noir is rich in both color and fragrance. The wine displays flavors of Bing cherry, raspberry and strawberry, followed by accents of vanilla spice and hints of cola. The wine's balanced acidity is supported by toasty oak leading to a supple, rich finish. *Only 300 cases produced.*

2009 GSM Santa Ynez Valley

This wine blends three Rhône varieties—Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre—from three different vineyards. The Syrah comes from Fess Parker's Camp 4 Vineyard in Santa Ynez Valley. The Grenache originates from the Estelle Vineyard just north of Camp 4. The Mourvèdre is sourced from the 100-year-old vines of the Del Barba Vineyard in Oakley. The resulting wine is very expressive with delicious ripe blueberry and boysenberry aromas and notes of chocolate and nutmeg. *Only 300 cases produced.*

2009 PINOT NOIR Santa Barbara County

About 80% of the blend for this Pinot Noir comes from Loma Verde Vineyard in Los Alamos where the cool morning fog gives way to warm afternoons, promoting excellent flavor and color development. Ten per cent of the wine comes from the Doctor's Vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands, while the remainder is from the Garey and Lucas Vineyards in Santa Maria Valley. This 2009 Pinot Noir is an elegant wine with aromas and flavors of ripe cherry and raspberry with a hint of toasty spice. A velvety texture leads to a smooth, lingering finish. *1,000 cases produced.*

2009 CHARDONNAY Santa Maria Valley

This vibrant Chardonnay originates from two superb Santa Maria Valley Vineyards. The Garey Vineyard was planted in 1998 by Robert Mondavi in the heart of Santa Maria Valley. Situated on the Santa Maria mesa bench, the Cambria Vineyard is part of the original Tepusquet property planted in the late 1970's. This Chardonnay features flavors of peach, pear and spiced apples. Hints of butterscotch, toffee and vanilla balance out the fruitiness and lead to a long, elegant finish. *Only 300 cases produced.*

