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April 1st through December 31st Open:

Thursday 11 - 7

Fri. & Sat. 11 - 8

Sunday 11 - 6

4/24/14 8:30 AM

Good Day:

Yup, I think I am getting this retirement business down. After plowing snow last Thursday, I didn't get back to Paynesville until Tuesday night. Am I more busy now then before? For now yes, this will slack of soon, yes? Yesterday I talked with my former dental office receptionist for about a half hour. Now that the dental office is sold, how's the new guy doing? Going from old dentist to young dentist can make very much changes in materials and documentation methods. I did expect this, I think it is very normal. It was fun talking with her, kind of like being part of a support group. Change is usually work to adapt.



Talk about change of life, Iza is really growing up. Next month she will be 7 yr.s old. Last weekend she was helping Grandma in the winery and one of the bottling volunteers asked her, "Do you get paid?" She replied with, "Not enough." I bet this is not going to get better as she becomes a teenager.

Last week in the middle of the night Jon awoke Iza to show her the Blood Moon. They has a very good view. Jon went on to tell her that a long time ago when people saw the blood moon and didn't know what caused it, they'd sometimes start wars thinking that this was a sign from the heavens. Iza asked, "Do people still believe this and start wars?" Jon asked her back, "What would you think if a war started tomorrow?"

Iza came back, "Somebody maybe was just angry."

On to bottling, last weekend while bottling Little Iza on Saturday we hit a new record of 664 bottles per hour. I told Jon that we didn't go totally wild fast, he replied that we were a steady flow all morning. That's just over 132 gallons per hour. Very good for a manual bottling line. I now have the bottling schedule for May, don't miss it below.

Today at 2 pm Mary is going with me to the St. Cloud Radio station to record our Mother's Day commercial. Jon has been too busy with wholesale wine sales, pruning, and bottling to do this job with me. It will be interesting so see if Mary and I can make a good commercial. Mary is the quiet person of the family, so she will have to speak-up. I'll link it to you next week.

Since retirement I now have had the chance to do spring pruning with Jon. For an old man, I am doing OK. I do find that after 3 - 4 hours I do need to rest and my right hand get really tired from cutting the vines. I've not had opportunity to work in the vineyard for the last five years, during the planting phases Mary and I worked the vineyard regularly. Tuesday we finished the day pruning in the Brianna grapes, these show the most winter damage at the top of the hill where the snow didn't accumulate. Basically the job is to cut out all dead growth and much of the live canes to keep just the right amount of buds for this year's crop. On the Brianna, at times it seem hard to find enough life buds. But Jon is confident that it will be OK, so I will watch with good hope.

Lastly, on Tuesday I was again reminded that this vineyard and winery project is farming. Things can go wrong totally unexpected. I was working with the tractor and loader hauling some small stone from a pile in inventory into some of the frost heaves in the parking lot. I was almost done with the project, with a load of stone in the bucket, backing up and the tractor dropped on the right front wheel. I thought, what the, did I blow a tire? Here to my surprise I had the rim of the wheel tear off from the bolts. Not much to do but need a new rim and parked the tractor. I called my farmer friend to tell him what had happened. He replied, "Oh, I've had that happen too." Really good that I didn't tip the tractor over, I was on a slope, so I guess it wasn't so bad.

The mother's day event is booking very good. We are now at 62 guests, if you're interested, give me a call. We do have limited space.



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We're up to 62, call or email now if you are interested. The food will be really good.

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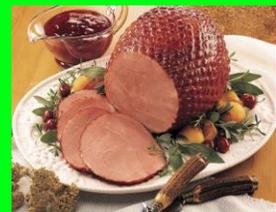
**Come and enjoy on
Sunday May 11th our
Mother's Day Buffet.**



- Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breasts & Corned Beef served in a Cream Sauce
- Sliced Pit Ham
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Strawberry Almond Salad served with a homemade Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing
- Dinner Rolls & Pickles



- * Each guest will also receive 2 glasses of our label wines
- * As a non-alcohol preference, enjoy soda or a bottle of carbonated Grape or Fruit Juices. (best to reserve this at booking time)



Social Hour starts at 11:30 and Buffet serves promptly at 12:30.

Playing 12:30 - 3:30
Prairiegrass Band, Minnesota Bluegrass!

[Prairiegrass-Going to the Races.mpeg](#)

[click here to see their homepage.](#)

Price: \$24.95 per guest, children 3 yrs. and younger eat free.

To Book email to donmillner@gmail.com with subject line "Mother's Day." Include number of guests and a return phone number to finalize the reservation.

Or call my cell at [320-237-1958](tel:320-237-1958)

Thank you!

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The Bottling Update:

Last week we bottled the new vintage of Little Iza.

The dates coming in May are the 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 24th. The 23rd and 24th are memorial weekend, if you have family coming home for the holiday this might be a good outing for them.

If you'd still like to sign up to be a bottling volunteer, send me any



Our Bottle Filler

email at donmillner@gmail.com with the subject line "Bottling Time, Wine Time!" Important: Include your phone number, number of volunteers, and day of the week you can come.
Thank you

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Always a good time!

Thank you for your time.

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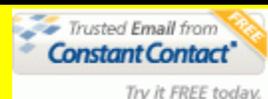
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