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Millner Heritage Winery, 32025 MN Hwy 15, Kimball, MN 55353
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April 1st through December 31st Open:

Thursday 11 - 7

Fri. & Sat. 11 - 8

Sunday 11 - 6

9/24/14 4:30 pm

Good Afternoon:

Today is Wednesday and I am finally resting from last weekend. We'd like to thank everyone who came out last weekend. The Hungarian Festival on Saturday was triple of what I thought it might be and Sunday with multiple groups coming in we are thankful for all of your visits to our winery. When I am tired at night it is a good sign.



I talked with one of my sisters today and our mom is making the move to assisted living next month. At age 92 she is doing quite well, but slowing down. She says she is ready to go to the assisted living home in Pierz, they have many people she knows. It should be good for her.

Yesterday I did a second getting older age thing. The first was about three weeks ago at our Paynesville home. I was cleaning out the rain gutters on the sidewalk by the front door when my aluminum step ladder just plain tipped over sideways. I had a grip with my right hand onto the shingles or the entry top and as the ladder fell I just landed on my feet unharmed upon the concrete. Yesterday after placing a new clock motor in the south clock above the winery I was climbing down to the ladder at the attic entry. Just like Road Runner and Coyote, from the cartoons, I tried to walk on air instead of the ladder. Like Mr. Coyote I went down, fortunately I had the sense to have both hands gripped onto the hole framing and my hands held as I dropped down. It was a 9 to 10 ft. height, thank God my arms and hands held.



Tomorrow we are harvesting the last of our grapes for this season. We will be picking the Marquette, Frontenac, and Frontenac Gris. Mary has about 20 volunteers coming for the party. Our total for the year will only be about five and one half tons this year compared to 16 to 18 tons last year and 20 tons two and three years ago. Why so little grapes this year? The lower crop harvest is all based upon the damage from last winter. Grapes have three buds: Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary. The primary bud gives the normal fruit load, the secondary bud gives less than half of normal fruit, and the tertiary bud give no fruit.

If the primary bud dies, the secondary bud activates. If both primary and secondary buds die, the tertiary bud activates. From the cold last winter we lost on much of our grapes all primary buds and large portions of secondary buds, therefore small crop. Is there an upside to this? Yes, with the small crop load the vines should be in good condition for the upcoming winter and in good health to carry a large crop load next summer. What we need now is a more normal winter.



A cross section of a dormant bud. The three buds within the compound bud can be seen.

Lastly, yesterday we received at the winery our order of a 500 gallon pressurized brewing tank. Is Jon now going to make beer? Nope, carbonated hard apple cider. Just like a kid at Christmas, with the tank still on the pallet, he climbed inside. It has a different type of man-way to climb inside because it is pressurized, I told him he might have to loose a little weight. He attached the cleaning system and flushed the tank with cleaner, the inside looked nice and shiny after that.



Upcoming Events:

October 4th & 5th: Oktoberfest and Grape Stomp (The grapes are coming!)

This is the weekend after next.





Oktoberfest & Grape Stomp

Oct. 4th & 5th, 2014

Rain or Shine!

Free Grape Stomping!

Free Wine Tasting!

Free Live Entertainment!

Craft Vendors

Guided Tours

Taste our Seven Medal Winners from the Minnesota 2014 ICCWC. The Largest Winning Medley of Flavors.



-Ethnic Dancers performing at various times each day.

Event Hours

Sat 11:00 – 8:00 PM

Sun. 11:00 – 6:00 PM

Saturday Afternoon –

Chuck Thiel and his Jolly Ramblers (Polka, Country, and 50's)

Sunday Afternoon–

Adam Sandhurst and the Jolly Jamers (Featuring traditional Czech, German, and Dutchmen style.)



Prairie Percheron Wagon Rides by Ed & Rose Borman



German Cuisine

From Reichel's Catering, Annandale

www.millnerheritage.com, 7 Miles S. of Kimball or 9 miles N. of Dassel on MN 15 Hwy.

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This weekends music:
Saturday and Sunday
Sept. 27th and 28th:

Playing 2 - 5 pm.
Jerry Kadlec playing clarinet,
saxophone, keyboard, and voice.
Performing a variety of music
Genre.



Thank you for your time.

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