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Hello, welcome to my webpage. When I was born in January 2007, I didn't know that I would grow up to have so many responsibilities. Oh, I'm sorry let me introduce myself - I am Lili (pronounced Lil - ee). I am a Labradoodle (Lab/Standard Poodle mix) and I pretty much oversee everything that goes on at Brooks Hill Winery, *the little winery up the hill*. Everything except the winemaking, I leave that to Butch our winemaker, and Mike.



My humans, Mike and Karen brought me to Louisville in March 2007; I was 8 weeks old. It took me a couple of days to adjust to my new home. I don't remember the first day I came to the winery but, I do remember it didn't look like a very nice place to me. I tried to ignore how it looked and just run and romp and play. However, it soon became apparent to me that, if we were ever going to get this dream of Mike's off the ground, I was definitely going to have to start taking charge of the place. Anyway that is when I started supervising clean-up and construction and before you knew it, we were opening our doors in September 2007.



My next major project was getting the vineyards ready. I will admit that after the post holes were dug, I was pretty happy when they filled with water. *I just couldn't resist diving into them and feeling the mud between my paws!* Mike didn't like that too much and I didn't like the bath part that always followed! Eventually, we managed to get the vineyards laid out and ready for planting. Planting day was crazy; we planted (with a lot of help) all of our vines in one day!! That night everyone at our house went to bed early!!!



This past summer I divided my time between supervising the construction of our pavilion, helping Trina our tasting room manager meet and serve our customers, and supervising Mike and John our vineyard manager with growing grapes. Butch made a wine that Mike and Karen named for me. It is called *Lili's Red*; it is a concord wine that I am told is *as sweet as I am!* The bottling day was very exciting; several folks bottled their own Lili's Red and I had my picture taken with them. Then a week or so later we had a release party. Lots of people came to it and fed me crackers and other goodies.



I hope that you will come to Brooks Hill Winery to see me real soon! I love meeting new humans and seeing familiar ones as well. I will meet you when

you come in the door and maybe while you are enjoying a bottle of our wine you will share a "cracker" with me. In the mean time check out my pictures and see how I have grown!