

## February 19, 2012

I know I should have updated this page in January but the winter weather has been so mild that I have not wanted to sit down and do it - I have been too busy enjoying the great weather and I hope you have too!! This weekend has been cold enough to keep me inside and my humans Mike and Karen have ordered me to get the update completed - so here I sit obeying them as I always do (hee-heel)

Golly where to start? Well let's start with me! I turned 5 in January!!



Karen & Mike gave me an amazing 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday party!! So many friends came the place was jammed and I received many wonderful gifts from scarves to treats. It was totally amazing I love my birthday - it just gets better each year! It was another great weather day and the treats were flowing - all I can say is

WOW and thanks to all of you who came to the party!

So much has happened since May 2011. First of all we had a great harvest of our red wine grapes. The Lemberger, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc from our 2011 harvest are waiting to go into our oak barrels for aging. We are anxiously waiting the bottling of our 2010 harvest of our first *Estate Cabernet Sauvignon* and *Estate Lemberger*! Mike, Butch and I have been working very hard on this wine because it came from our very own BHW vineyard!!! Both are dry red wines, look for them about mid-summer, they are delicious! Mike and I (with Karen's approval) have decided to make a change in our vineyard. We are pulling up our Chardonnay vines and replacing them with Lemberger. It is a major project but Mike and I both think it is best for BHW.



Elsewhere on the wine front, we have two new sweet wines, one is *Blueberry* and the other is *Black & Blue*, delightful absolutely delightful! We are

working on a new Berry wine, Cranberry is back and, of course, we still have your old favorites Lili's Red and Lili's White.

All production and storage has been moved to the new building and renovation of the old area has begun - a wall has already been removed. It is going to be a mess around the tasting building for a while but Diana, Barbara and Jennifer will do their best to keep it to a minimum.

In October, BHW again participated in "Breast Cancer" awareness month by donating 10% of the proceeds from the sale of Rose of Sharon and all pink



items in the gift shop to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. Our donation almost doubled this year to \$173.64. This year we also used the holiday season and the BHW Annual Ornament Exchange to collect food for Dare to Care. Thanks to the kindness of our friends BHW was able to donate over 200 pounds of food for this cause, an

increase of 50 pounds over last year. Thanks to the BHW friends and customers who helped to prove that wine lovers are also caring and compassionate people!

Mike, Karen and I are working on putting together the schedule for our Summer Concert Series! It will begin on May 12, 2012. We will have Whiskey Tango, Bluestown, Elvis, and many others in concert this summer. I definitely will be around to help you with your food and snacks!!

Now let me forewarn you - Karen (bless her heart) is going to try once again to plant flowers this year. Our neighbor Jim has planted flowers for her but she will not be satisfied until she plants and grows her own. It is sort of pitiful but Mike and I indulge her as much as we can because after all, she is so patient with us!

Please come to see me at Brooks Hill Winery soon! I will do my very best to make sure you enjoy your visit!