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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 Meyer, Mike Miller and my human 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 in Louisville. 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.

*It was a chore but we did it, and **on September 15, 2012 we celebrated our 5th anniversary!***

For our 5 year anniversary, we had a big party with free food and entertainment - it was really fun. What a great spring, summer and fall we have had! To kick it off, we dedicated our new production building with a party and a ribbon cutting in April. In May, we began our Free Concert Series which just concluded on October 13, 2012. In spite of the outrageous heat this summer, I think everyone enjoyed the concerts and we certainly had a wonderful time putting them together for you. I was only able to get a limited amount of food this year - thanks to all who shared with me.

*The Kentucky Winery Association sponsored **WINEFEST** on **Saturday October 20, 2012** at the **Bullitt County Fairgrounds**. BHW along with 11 other wineries participated - I heard it was a blast - Wine - Entertainment - Food - Art - but since I did not get to go, I have to take Mike's word for it!!!*

Let me just say right now that the biggest event of the summer was that (drum roll) Karen finally grew her Lilies!!! She planted them in the flower bed

next to the building, on the left as you drive into the winery!!!! They were beautiful and no one dared to touch them this year - we are learning!

Mike Miller became our assistant winemaker this summer. Mike started working with us in the vineyard a couple of years ago. I instantly saw his potential and was finally able to convince my human Mike that he should promote him to assistant winemaker. Mike is really smart and has taken to learning how to make the wine with Butch. I knew once he got a chance, they would see what a brilliant idea I had.

I mentioned in February that we are renovating the former production and storage area. We are making slow progress - but progress none the less. A new concrete floor has been poured, the overhead doors removed and windows installed. French doors and an emergency door have also been installed. We have named the renovation "Lili's Backroom" - I think it is catchy!!

It was a tough year for the vineyard. The late frost and heat were not ideal. We replaced the Chardonnay vines with Lemberger vines - they are growing very well. The vineyard was beautiful this year in spite of it all.

*On the wine front, we released our **Estate Lemberger** - it is a dry red made from grapes we harvested in 2010. Mike and Karen are really proud of this wine and from what I hear around the Tasting Room, they have good reason to be. **Cranberry** wine is back for the holidays - it is better than ever. We sold out of **Sweet Martyne**, **Winter White** and **Chocolate Razz** but are in the process of making more of each. **Hill Breeze** is back - it is a semi-sweet white wine made from the Traminette grape.*



Mike and Karen finally took me on a much deserved vacation! We went to Missouri to visit some wineries (what else would we do on vacation!). It was fun but only one winery allowed me to come in and look around - that part was kind of a bummer - but we were together for 4 days with no work - so it was good. I especially liked the king size bed at the hotel but as always it was nice to get home and back to a routine!



I want to personally invite you to come out to Brooks Hill Winery...the little winery up the hill. I will do everything I can to make sure your visit is enjoyable! I hope you enjoy the vacation pictures below.