

Lili's Page

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 favorite human Mike.

*My humans, Mike and Karen bought me 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, 2007 we celebrated opened our doors!!***

Oh my goodness I cannot believe that it has been 2 years since I have updated this page. So many things have happened since November 2012, I hardly know where to start.

WOW!!! What a horrible winter of 2013/2014!!! I certainly hope it has not has been too hard on you. I definitely did not like the ice, but I do love the snow. Our vines held up beautifully to the harsh winter unfortunately, our big shade tree did not so we had to have it taken out.

On a personal note over the past two years I have not felt very well and was recently diagnosed with a "thyroid" condition. I am now on medication and that in conjunction with taking Mike on a morning walk I have lost 12 pounds. Unfortunately, Mike has not lost his 12 pounds!! Additionally I have lots more energy and have even gone back to taking the occasional dip in our neighbor's pond. When I do I still have to get a bath but I don't care because it just feels good to feel good again!

We have completed the renovation of "Lili's Backroom" just in time for the

wonderful wedding of Mike and Karen's grandson!!! It was a little cool but the wedding was really nice. We had a "grand-opening" of my Backroom on December 14, 2013, it was a great time with Tim Hatzell providing the entertainment and many friends and family helping celebrate the hard work that went into the renovation. Next time you are out feel free to wonder back and have a look or sit and enjoy a bottle of wine.

The BHW Free Concert Series continues on with each year bringing more and more wonderful people to our winery to enjoy wine, music and dancing! We have increased the number of concerts each year and I still do my best to visit all the tables to see if anyone needs help finishing their delicious food!!!

The Commissioner of Agriculture sponsored the 1st annual "Kentucky Commonwealth Commercial Wine Competition & Commissioner's Cup" in 2013. BHW won medals for all 6 of the wines we entered in the competition!!!!!! **Morning Sky - Gold; Estate Lemberger - Gold; Riesling - Silver; Estate Cabernet Sauvignon - Silver; Winter White - Bronze; Sauvignon Blanc - Bronze.** We are very proud of this accomplishment here at ...the little winery up the hill!

Continuing on the wine front, we sold out of our 2010 vintage **Estate Lemberger** and **Estate Cabernet Sauvignon**. Butch and Mike are working on our next edition of these delicious wines. BHW has also released a new blush wine called **Bailey's Blush**. It is a light bodied fruit forward, blush style wine handcrafted from Vidal Blanc grapes with notes of pineapple and grapefruit which, pairs well with light appetizers, fish and salads and is a refreshing summertime beverage. Additionally, **Kentucky Tradition** is back. It is a wine crafted in the age old Kentucky tradition of fermenting Concord grapes in once used bourbon barrels and has been one of our hottest new wines. Finally, we are developing a new dessert wine called **La Belle Aurore**. It is made in the tradition of French "digestif" and reflects notes of cherry and currant. Try it after dinner with coffee. It should be out soon and my humans tell me it is delicious!

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 pictures below.