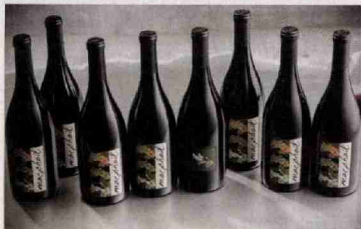




Kerry, Zuni and James MacPhail



MACPHAIL TASTING LOUNGE AT THE BARLOW

One of the Most Unique Tastings in All the Wine Country!

BY MONICA L. DASHWOOD

Wine lovers, near and far come to MacPhail's tasting lounge for two reasons: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. With more than 20 years of experience producing small batch varietals, James MacPhail's passion for great wines is proudly on display at the Barlow.

The Barlow in Sebastopol is a contemporary urban center, bringing the best winemakers, food producers and artisans to share their local Sonoma County culinary delights with you.

The tasting lounge gives off a fun and trendy vibe, showcasing a 40 foot sculpture made of welded red wagons designed by Napa artist Richard Von Saal, his interpretation of MacPhail wine being poured from a bottle. Von Saal designed the Tasting Lounge using only recycled, repurposed and reclaimed materials.

Once inside, MacPhail Family Wines offers an array of seated tastings in an open spacious and relaxed setting. Guests can now experience one of the most unique tastings in the wine country. The Terroir Tasting, a pairing of soil and wine, is meant for wine enthusiasts interested in learning the nuances found in an award-winning fine Pinot Noir or Chardonnay, such as the 2012 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast and the 2012 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, both receiving high marks from either Robert Parker or the Wine Enthusiast.

Winemaker James MacPhail created a Soil Wall in their Tasting Lounge showing 8' cross sections of four vineyards – Toulouse, Pratt, Sundawg and Mardikian, under glass in their Soil Room. Here they discuss the four key components to James' wines – Soil, Clonal Selection, Vintage and Winemaking Style. Everything you wanted to know about winemaking is bottled in this wine tasting experience. The fee is \$30 per person, with one fee waived for every three bottles purchased.

In addition, MacPhail Family Wines offers the Monthly Cheese Maker Series, a tasting where every month a different local cheese maker is selected to provide an assortment of fresh artisan cheeses to pair with their menu of wines. For \$20 per person, the tasting includes nibbles of fruits, nuts and breads from local farms and bakeries. Reservations are required.

Come and immerse yourself in a Pinot Noir and Chardonnay loving world, a tasting experience like no other!



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