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1858 Club

February 2026 Newsletter

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Hello Members!

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a safe and Happy Holiday, and we are so appreciative of every one of you!

This quarter, you'll be receiving THREE NEW RELEASES! Our Virginia White is back after a long hiatus, a new vintage of our 1858, and the 2023 Syrah.

Our Virginia White is a medium-bodied wine with aromas of lime zest, pineapple, and apricot. It's perfect for the cooler nights but is also a great transitional wine for Spring!

The 2023 Syrah has aromas of deep plum, pepper, hints of milk chocolate, and a touch of tobacco. It's great with smoky meats and spicy Italian dishes.

Our 2023 v. 1858 has aromas of dark cherries, raspberries, and sage. While it's still a young wine, it will age beautifully over time!

We look forward to seeing you all in the Winery this year!

Cheers!

Kyndal Eggleston

Wine Club Coordinator

Featured Wines

Virginia White

Syrah 2023

1858 v. 2023

Upcoming Events

Wine & Chocolate Pairings

February 2nd - 28th

Wine + Dines

February 7th - North Street Press Club

February 14th - The Kitchen Table

February 21st - Charr'd

February 28th - Cousin's Maine Lobster

Kilravock Blending Party

March 27th & 28th

Greetings from the cellar! The crew and I just wrapped up our 2025 white wine bottling this past week, and I'm glad to have that behind us. I'm looking forward to the start of a new growing season! The weather made it a bit challenging, and we had to rearrange our schedules, but we lucked out and got it done! You'll enjoy one of our new bottles with this shipment, our Virginia White, which is finally back in the Tasting Room after a few months' hiatus.

What I'm most excited about, though, is the release of our first 2023 red wines - our Syrah and the 1858! I know I've mentioned it countless times, but 2023 will go down as one of the best vintages across the entire state of Virginia. We had the right temperatures, amount of precipitation, and a bumper crop load that year, which allowed us to create some amazing wines. And while I believe they are still very young, I'm excited to finally be able to share them with you all! I would just recommend decanting before enjoying if you aren't one to hold onto the wines in your club shipments. It's going to be a fun year as we continue to release the 2023 vintages!

And while we missed a Kilravock Release Party this January, please know that we will have one this year, as we get closer to the actual release of the 2023 Kilravock. We were blessed with an abundant crop in both 2022 and 2023, but this really allows the wines to age in the bottle before we release them to the world. We hope you enjoy this shipment, and we look forward to your feedback!

Cheers! Justin

-Justin Rose, Winemaker

1858 v. 2023

We are thrilled to be releasing the very first of our 2023 vintage of red wines this quarter, starting with the 1858 and the Syrah! And we are also happy to announce that this wine was just awarded a Gold Medal in the 2026 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition!

When we originally decided to make 1858 back in 2010, we focused on very small-batch, special blends that showcased something unique in the vineyard, or maybe a special technique that Justin had been wanting to try in the cellar. However, as our vineyard expanded over the years, and we planted more of the red varietals that grow so well here, that vision changed.

Whereas Kilravock stays within the traditional Bordeaux varietals, this allows a bit of freedom and expression for what we're doing here in our vineyard. The 1858 blends of the most recent years have been Justin's vision for a wine that truly showcases the varietals that grow well here (mainly Merlot, Petit Verdot, Tannat, and Cabernet Franc), and can make a truly "New-World" blend that feels uniquely Rosemont, uniquely Virginia. We hope you enjoy what we feel is the best vintage yet!

Tasting Notes:

This 2023 vintage is still young and will age beautifully over time. It's a highly complex wine with aromas of dark cherries, raspberries, sage, hazelnut, licorice, graphite, and subtle undertones of violet. It's a full-bodied red with lingering tannins that will soften gracefully over time or with decanting.

Appellation:	Rosemont Vineyards
Blend:	29% Petit Verdot, 29% Merlot, 24% Tannat, 18% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol:	14.3%
Cases Produced:	410
Bottle Date:	May 13, 2025

Virginia White

Virginia White is finally back in the Tasting Room! As one of our most highly distributed wines, it tends to fly out of the warehouse, and unfortunately, in 2024, we just weren't able to make enough with the decline in our Vidal Blanc production.

Virginia White is a wine that we make to highlight two of the predominant white hybrid varietals that we grow in our vineyard - Vidal Blanc and Chardonel. And while the Chardonel has thrived on our land, the Vidal Blanc unfortunately was very sensitive to Pierce's Disease (PD), something that we have been battling for a while here in Southern Virginia. This fall and winter, we finally pulled up all of the Vidal Blanc vines and are preparing to replace those with two new PD resistant varietals, which we are very excited about!

This year, we purchased some Vidal Blanc from grower friends of ours in Charlottesville, and were able to blend that with our Chardonel to make an easy-to-drink, everyday white wine that we feel will pair with a wide variety of dishes! The type of wine that you can open on a Tuesday after work and not feel guilty because you didn't think ahead about what dinner was going to be!

Tasting Notes:

Virginia White is a medium-bodied white wine that boasts flavors of lime zest, pineapple, apricot, and honeysuckle. It is a balanced blend of stainless steel fermented and oak fermented wines, making it smooth across the palate!

Appellation:	Rosemont & Hark Vineyards
Blend:	53% Vidal Blanc, 47% Chardonel
Alcohol:	12.5%
Cases Produced:	XXX
Bottle Date:	January 29, 2026

Syrah 2023

Syrah is one of the hardest varietals to find from Virginia wine producers. Last year it was reported that only 12 acres of Syrah are grown across the state, which means that we alone grow 12% of the entire Syrah produced in Virginia!

It is a Rhone varietal that tends to be a bit more difficult to grow, requiring a lot of care and attention during the growing season to trim all the unruly leaves!

In true Rosemont fashion, the 2023 vintage is mostly Syrah, blended with some of our Chambourcin to give it its own unique character. We really enjoy the spice of our Syrah when it's complemented with the earthy fruitiness of the Chambourcin. It's a medium-bodied wine that we love to pair with gamey meats, but it's especially delicious with duck breast in a cherry sauce!

If you are in our Red Wines Only, 6 Bottle, or 12 Bottle Clubs, you'll also be receiving a bottle of our 2022 Syrah, which incorporated 5% Petit Verdot alongside 20% Chambourcin. We hope that you'll enjoy trying these two different vintages side by side to see how much vintage variation can change a wine!

Tasting Notes:

This wine showcases aromas of deep plum, pepper, leather, Spanish olives, milk chocolate, and hints of fresh tobacco. This medium-bodied wine has a slightly spicy finish, balanced with a fruitiness from the Chambourcin.

Appellation:	Rosemont Vineyards
Blend:	75% Syrah, 25% Chambourcin,
Alcohol:	13.4%
Cases Produced:	444
Bottle Date:	January 29, 2025

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Events

2024 Kilravock Blending Party

March 27th & March 28th

Join us Friday, March 27th, or Saturday, March 28th, as we walk through the process of crafting our signature red blend, Kilravock! You'll have the opportunity to taste the different varieties individually, try your hand at your best blend, and then finally taste what we will be putting into the bottle this coming May!

This special event is limited to Rosemont Barrel Club & 1858 Wine Club Members and friends only. Tickets are $60 per person and go on sale February 23rd. Light refreshments will be served.

Summer Concert Series 2026

Mark your calendars! Our 2026 Summer Concert Series line-up is looking good!

May 23rd - Memorial Day Concert
w/ Camel City Yacht Club

July 3rd - Independence Day Concert
w/ The Feature Attraction Band
& Fireworks over the Vineyard!

September 5th - Labor Day Concert
w/ North Tower