



# Wilson Wines

2006 spring edition

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## Croquet Court

John worked hard all last summer getting the grass ready. We think he is close! Unbeknownst to Jim, John is getting ready to order the equipment. So get your knickers and parasols ready cause it should be fun. John is even thinking of having Friday night and/or Sunday afternoon Croquet League. Only God knows where John will take this crazy idea.

This is something of a “genteel” game and John thinks there will be some rules regarding behavior, language, and attitude. Now there is a scary thought-- John’s going to make some rules about language, behavior, and attitude, just thinking about it almost makes one laugh out loud does it not?

## We are now accepting Visa and Mastercard!

Yes, but that don’t make us good or glad about it.

Debbie thinks it’s about time the winery grew up. John claims he’ll never grow up!

## Winery Now Has a Telephone: 765-853-5100

### Let’s get “leid”

The Randolph Writers are going to be active this year at the winery. Not only will they be providing food for the concerts and the baked potatoes at BYOM and hawking their first book, but they are also going to have an Hawaiian Luau. Complete with music, a cooked hog with other Hawaiian dishes. Date to be set—see John for tickets, dates and questions.

### The State Fair

Okay, to say we did all right at the state fair would be an understatement. Richard Red, Autumn White and Red Raspberry and Blackberry won silver and bronze awards. Modoc Mead was awarded a trophy for the best mead wine in Indiana. But the biggest feather in our cap was Modoc White which won a concordance gold medal. Only 3 of these awards were awarded to Indiana wineries. Way to go Jim and Darin and thanks John for staying out of the way!

(Editor’s note: This is an international wine competition with over 3600 wines from all over the US and 17 foreign countries)

## Wine Dinners by Ghyslain

We are happy to announce that there will be an additional wine dinner this year. Ghyslain, Randolph County’s famous chocolatier, will serve a four course meal and John will pair a wine with each course.

Dinners will be Saturday evenings at 7 pm with the following entrees:

May 20: Lamb

June 10: Salmon

September 16: Venison

October 14: Filet mignon

Cost is still \$60 per person. Seating is limited to 40 people.

Reservations must be prepaid.

(You will now be able to call in and prepay by credit card.) Please call Debbie at 765-533-6616 for reservations.

## Indiana Wine Law

The bill had at least two resurrections, became complicated, and finally got passed. We're not going to waste space here telling all the twists this bill made trying to become a law.

I would like to encourage all our friends to inform your state representatives that you want your Indiana wineries protected. We think this will all come around again next year with another bag of tricks. This really does help us, really!

## Where You Can Find Our Wine

Papa Joe's in Richmond started carrying some our wine after the Great Wine tasting in December at the Richmond Holiday Inn called For the Love of Grapes. Friendly Package in Muncie loves to sell Wilson Wines so much they hired John to help them with their great wine selections. We're not sure if they know what they are getting into but it won't take them long to find out if they like John. They'll either laugh or fire John pretty quickly if we know John.

## 2005 Cheesecake Contest

First of all, the Wilsons would like to thank all of you who attended the contest, whether you brought a cheesecake or just helped us to eat it. Was that not a good day?

The crown winner was Carrie Brannon of Selma with an Apple Carmel, second was Elizabeth Troy with Peanut Butter, and in third place with a smile was Brett Roland with a Carmel Apple. Good cooking to all of the participants and to those who didn't win, practice, practice, (that includes you, Kathy).

Special thanks to Debbie for the idea years ago that has turned into such a great event, this year Holiday Open House is Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Amateur Wine Maker Club

Jim has a gaggle of wine makers that meet the first Thursdays of each month. And do they have fun tasting each others batches!!

They also try and challenge their taste buds sometimes buying a certain type or kind of wine and doing blind taste tests and

BYOM every Friday night Was BYOM a success? It was amazing to see families and friends come and enjoy the winery and the great Modoc sunsets.

What's BYOM? Here's the pitch. Cook your meat on our heat! Bring a salad or dessert. The Writing Club will have baked potatoes for a donation. It starts 6pm every Friday from May to the end of September. It's all free except the wine you drink, of course. There has evolved a community table which simply means if you put a side dish on it you can eat from it.

BYOM Theme Nights:

July 14: Beach night, bring your Beach Boy CDs and seafood.

Aug 18: Jimmy Buffet, bring cheeseburgers and CDs

Sept 29: Home on the Range: Bring your buffalo meat and cowboy music.

Prizes to best costume on theme nights.

Remember when it's cool we'll have a fire on the patio, Jim's getting new music on Cds, John's buying more tables and Debbie hopes the boys will

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No more BYOM after Sept. We are going to try and get Soup and Euchre started in October but we leave the grills out if you really want to do some cooking

***Spike and  
Bulldogs are  
coming***

Are we excited about Spike and the Bulldogs coming to the winery this year! They will be the first concert and it should set the stage for the rest of the summer. Bring your dancing shoes and let's get groovy!

***The whole  
spectrum!***

While Spike and the Bulldogs (June 17) cover the great oldies, Jennie Devoe's (July 22) concert will be her original modern folk rock.

Gene Deer (Aug 12) takes care of Chicago blues, and Duke Tumatoe (Aug 26) presents his own style of blues and funk.

We are excited and think Spike will introduce as many new friends to the winery as Duke did last year. Don't forget gates open at 7:00 and the Randolph Writers Club will start serving barbeque and hot dogs. Shows start at 8:30.

***New Wine***

People are always saying, "Yeah, but when are the Wilson boys going to make a dry bold red?" Well after two trips to Indy Jim bought back a ton of California Shiraz grapes. We believe this might be such a special wine that we have scheduled a private barrel tasting event for October 21<sup>st</sup>. John will take orders before we even bottle this wine.

The event will begin at 7PM. There will be hors d'oeuvres, a fire, a jazz combo and maybe even cigars if Kevin is around. John thinks this is the kind of wine that you will want to bottle age in your cellar and will only get better with the years.

***Editor's Note: John & Harold had so much fun writing their articles, I did limited editing to let their color shine through. Please inquire at the winery, if you have trouble with "Modocese".***

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***We're setting up a new e-mail list, you can sign up on our web site or at the winery. We recommend that everyone sign up, John's got some***

*tales to tell along with reminders and other on-line fun. Thanks!*

***Sad Announcements***

**Due to the Bush administration's interest in national security, the CIA has declared the 100-leg chickens a national advantage possibility (more commonly known as NAP). These birds must be protected in case the CIS needs to restart the project. The 2006 100-Leg Chicken Barbeque has been cancelled.**

**Also due to cold weather and bands lost in the wilderness, the Haunted Barn has also been cancelled. Due to John's delicate nature, he could no longer take scaring himself during planning and preparation for this event.**

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**We value the ideas and suggestions of our family of friends. If you have a suggestion for a new event or a band you wish to recommend for our concert series, please let us know.**

**Don't forget our website is [www.wilsonwines.com](http://www.wilsonwines.com)**

**Mushroom Day**  
**Wilson Winery Official Opening Day April 29**

***Yes, that time of the year is almost here. Mushroom Day – our opening day at the Wilson Winery. – Yahoo!***

***For all of those who are new to Wilson's family of friends we would like to explain Mushroom day. You see, our deceased father was an avid mushroom hunter. John tells the story of his father seemingly making mushrooms grow at his feet. Richard's birthday was the first week of May, so we open the winery the last Saturday in April to make sure we don't miss his birthday. John says this makes sense to him and Jim, and that's what counts!!!***

***We'll have Bantry Bay, a Celtic band out again. There will be mushroom snacks. We'll be tasting our new wines and giving discounts on some of last year's wines. This will also be the only day for special discount concert tickets.***