



THE ATWATER TIMES

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Tasting Room News



Spring Hours Begin Thursday, April 8

Starting Thursday, April 8, we will be open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for tastings. Thursday through Saturday, enjoy our full cocktail and wine bar from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Our Atwater After Hour Singer-Songwriter Series is ongoing on Thursday nights with music from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Pét-Nat Release Party
Saturday, March 23
4:00–9:00 p.m.

Whether you are new to the world of Pétillant-Naturel, also known as Pét-Nats, or an established fan, you'll want to join us for a special party to celebrate the release of our two Pét-Nats from the 2023 vintage.

The Pétillant-Naturel method predates Méthode Champenoise as a way to produce a bubbly wine. Wine is bottled before it's done fermenting, and completes its fermentation in the bottle, resulting in fun, lower alcohol sparkling wine.

We invite you to taste these exciting wines for yourself and learn about their intriguing production methods from head winemaker Wes Andrew. The evening will include:

- Tastings of our Pét-Nat Aromella Gewürztraminer 2023 and Pét-Nat Diamond-Zweigelt 2023
- Delicious hors d'oeuvres from Sapore
- Sneak peek of our Pinot Gris Skin-Ferment 2020 orange wine
- Music from DJ Andrew Mansfield
- Full wine and cocktail bar with special Pét-Nat cocktails

No reservations required! If you are unable to attend, you can pick these wines up in our tasting room or [order online](#).



Solar Eclipse Weekend

Thursday to Monday, April 4 to 8, 2024

Even though we aren't in the zone of totality, we are excited to be in the path of the April 8 eclipse and are expecting to welcome new and returning visitors who are traveling to the area to witness this once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon. We have special events planned all weekend!

Atwater After Hours Wine and Cocktail Bar

with special eclipse-themed cocktails

Thursday through Saturday

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

On Thursday night, join us for the DJ stylings of Astro Hawk to start off the solar eclipse weekend. (Music 6:00-8:00 p.m.) Thursday through Saturday, we'll be open late with wine by the glass or bottle, our full cocktail bar with special eclipse-themed cocktails, mocktails, cheese boards, and small bites.

Cheers to the Solar Eclipse

Seneca Lake Wine Trail Event

@Fox Run Vineyards

Sunday, April 7

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

[Tickets Required](#)

This is going to be a casual, interactive evening, giving you the opportunity to meet fellow wine lovers, learn more about the wines of Seneca Lake, directly from the people who know them best, with representatives from seventeen member wineries. You'll also receive a souvenir wineglass to commemorate the evening.

Monday, April 8
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy the sounds of CC-13 and wine by the glass or bottle, our full cocktail bar with special eclipse-themed cocktails, mocktails, cheese boards, and small bites. While celebrating the April 8 eclipse!

CC-13 is a local original band specializing in several genres of music. Comprised of singer/songwriter CC (formerly known as CC Ryder), guitarist Johnny, bassist Greg, and drummer Phil, this eclectic group brings a variety of original music guaranteed to please fans of all kinds and any age. Bolstered by a large original catalog, the band is also known to compose new material on the fly at live shows - all improvised! A tight rhythm section, extensive musical selection, a unique direction, and the best singer around make CC-13 tough to miss.

We will have a limited number of eclipse safety glasses for guests attending the Monday, April 8 event.



In the Vineyards



Pruning is done except for a few acres of baby vines that will get pruned and tied at the same time. The winter has been very mild and has allowed the crew to move quickly and comfortably. The "wood" that we are leaving looks very good this year. There hasn't been cold enough weather to cause bud damage, so we are in good shape at this point. We are tightening wires to prepare for tying and will get everything tied in the next few weeks.

It is conference season as well. There are several winery/vineyard specific conferences that are held in March, and they are a good chance to catch up on the latest research, get new ideas, and socialize with people we don't often get

ready to go for a fresh vintage.



Wine Cellar Update

March will be the official start of the bottling season: we will be bottling two or three wines a month from now until harvest! This month, the Barbera and Blaufrankisch Rosé, Vignoles, and Riesling will all go in bottles. Outside of bottling, we will be doing blending trials for the 2021 skin ferment wines, as well as racking and preparing the wines scheduled for April bottling. More excitingly, the 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve—after 15 months of aging—has been racked out of barrels and pumped into a tank where it will live for the next month or so until it's bottled in late April. Like all of the other 2022 reds, the Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve from 2022 is a much fuller-bodied and tannic wine than usual. If you liked the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, this wine will be a new favorite.





Club House



New Club Benefit!

As wine club members, you will now receive 10% off Atwater clothing. Thanks to Connor and Jamie for modeling our t-shirts, beanie, and hoodie! This discount is applied automatically to your order. Be sure to stock up on Atwater swag!

[AV Clothing](#)



Seneca Lake Wine & Experience Auction

Online Auction

Bidding Open March 22-March 24, 2024



on a tour of the vineyard with George (via a Kubota 4x4). Afterward, enjoy an exclusive wine tasting featuring library wines as well as wine from the current list with a cheese board.

A portion of the auction proceeds will be shared with Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association, a wonderful organization dedicated to protecting the lake.

Click on the image to go to the [auction site!](#)

Upcoming Events

All Times Eastern

Thursday, March 21
5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Atwater After Hours Wine & Cocktail Bar
Singer-Songwriter Series with Rev Ezra
(Music 6-8; Wine & Cocktail Bar 5-9)

Saturday, March 23
4:00-9:00 p.m.

Pét-Nat Release Party

Thursday, March 28
5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Atwater After Hours Wine & Cocktail Bar
Singer-Songwriter Series with Rena Guinn
(Music 6-8; Wine & Cocktail Bar 5-9)

Thursday, April 4
5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Atwater After Hours Wine & Cocktail Bar
with DJ Astro Hawk
(Music 6-8; Wine & Cocktail Bar 5-9)

Sunday, April 7
6:00-8:00 p.m.

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Solar Eclipse Celebration with CC-13

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Thursday, April 18
5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Atwater After Hours Wine & Cocktail Bar
Singer-Songwriter Series with Joe Lule
(Music 6-8; Wine & Cocktail Bar 5-9)

Thursday, April 25
5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Atwater After Hours Wine & Cocktail Bar
Singer-Songwriter Series with Louiston
(Music 6-8; Wine & Cocktail Bar 5-9)

MAKE A TASTING RESERVATION

Visit our [online calendar](#) for updates!

Interested in an overnight visit?
Check out available lodging from our [business partners](#).

[Explore Our Wine Club!](#)

SPRING HOURS
Starting Thursday, April 4
Thursday–Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday–Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



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