



Amis du Vin Newsletter

Spring 2017

Greetings Amis du Vin!

The theme of this newsletter is “Time for a change.”

IN THIS SHIPMENT

Your spring shipment has two delicious wines from the highly acclaimed 2014 vintage.

Previously, I’ve sent you my single vineyard designated Zinfandels in the spring. Well, not this time. I felt the single vineyard designated Zinfandels would benefit from additional bottle aging, and the appellation-designated Zinfandel and the **Vyborny Vineyards Petite Sirah** taste beautiful now, so I swapped the release dates.

Another change is my appellation-designated Zin is now a **Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel**. But one thing that hasn’t changed is the great flavors you’ll find in my wines. I just love the depth of both of the club release wines, and am very excited to share them with you. As always, be sure to let your wine have 10-14 days to rest after shipping. All wines go through bottle shock when shipped so it will take up to two weeks before they taste like “themselves” again. But, as soon as you can or want after that settling in time, I recommend you pop a cork and try these wines for yourself.

TIME FOR NEW LOOK

Deux Amis has gone through some big changes in the past couple of years—opening a tasting room in Windsor and Jim’s retirement are two that have had a significant impact. Jim and I remain friends, but going forward it seemed odd to have a label that reflected the partnership of two friends now that I’m a solo act. After thinking it through and talking with many friends and colleagues, I’ve decided to change my label, my winery name and the look of my brand. I’ll still have the Deux Amis label around, but my new port will be released this spring with my new label—**Zouzounis**.

Zouzounis wines has the same winemaker as Deux Amis, the same grape sources, and the same wines. Just the name is changing.

WHY ZOUZOUNIS?

In 2005, there was an article written about pioneer woman winemakers. I was listed as one of only nine pioneer woman winemakers in Sonoma County in this article. Below is an excerpt from another article entitled California’s Trailblazing Women Winemakers: The First 20 Years (1965 through 1984) by Professors Lucia and John Gilbert, published earlier this year:

“**Phyllis Zouzounis**. Changed careers, starting in wine industry in 1980 with advice from MaryAnn Graf. Started at Dry Creek Vineyard in tasting room with part-time cellar position. Took courses at UC Davis, worked way up to assistant winemaker at Dry Creek over 15-year period, and then moved to Mazzocco Vineyards as winemaker and general manager. Along with a partner, started own winery, Deux Amis, in 1987; wine critics particularly acclaimed its 2007 Sonoma County Zinfandel. Zouzounis is also the winemaker for several other Sonoma wineries. In 2005, she was among those honored as “Pioneer Woman Winemakers” of Sonoma County.”

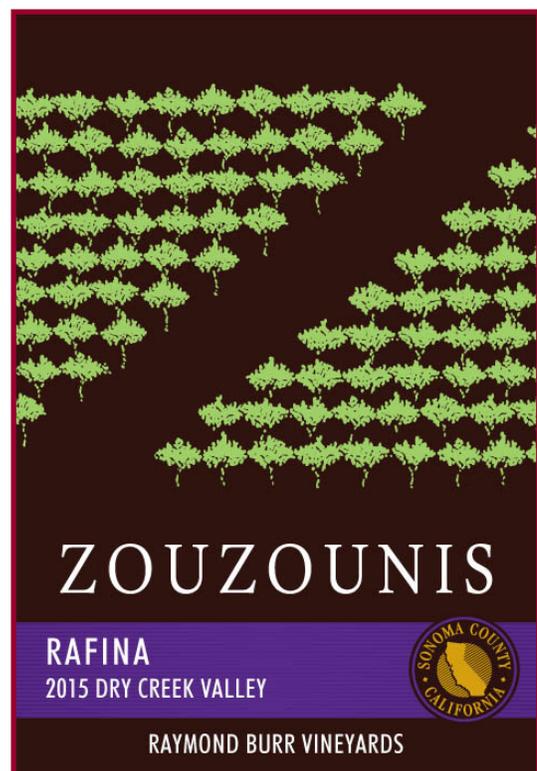
After so many years as a winemaker, I decided it was time to put my name on the bottle—branding my brand. I hope you’ll enjoy Zouzounis Wines just as much as you have Deux Amis. And, I look forward to sharing my wine with you for many years to come.

Hope to see you soon!

Cheers ~

Phyllis

p.s. If you have any changes in your billing or shipping address, or have updated your credit card, please drop me a note via email (friends@deuxamiswines.com) so I can keep your records up-to-date.



My new Zouzounis Port label



TASTING NOTES

2014 Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Richly textured, inviting aromatics fill the nose with freshly crushed dark berries woven with traces of white pepper and oak notes. The smooth luscious entry showcases bright flavors that expand and linger in the finish. This classic vintage gave us a delicious blend of black cherry, huckleberry and black raspberry. The palate is subtly lined with vanillin oak and nuanced black pepper, baking spices and just a hint of cedar.

A pleasure to sip solo, this wine will also seamlessly pair with pancetta-wrapped roast pork with a blackberry sage sauce, or applewood-smoked turkey with a side of creamy two-cheese polenta.

254 cases produced

2014 Petite Sirah Vyborny Vineyards Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

Dark concentrated aromas of blackberry mingled with traces of vanillin oak belie the fresh flavors that follow. The plush entry offers a bright mix of plum, boysenberry and blackberry. Delicious Valrhona chocolate appears mid-palate, while red currant and mocha merge as a lush fruit-driven essence lingers in finish. Supple tannins and integrated oak provide a balanced structure that remains in the background, giving the layered flavors center stage.

Hearty enough to stand up to lamb stew or shepherd's pie, this Petite Sirah will also pair beautifully with barbecued chicken or a blackberry pie.

83 cases produced

AMIS DU VIN CLUB RECIPE

My brother Dennis was a fireman in San Francisco and he loved to cook. This is a recipe that he cooked for the crew at the firehouse. Enjoy!

VEAL SCALLOPINI

Veal, sliced thin or pounded flat (Can substitute chicken or turkey cutlets)

4-5 eggs, beaten (enough for amount of meat)

2 - 2½ c breadcrumbs

Parmesan cheese, grated

2-3 cloves garlic, minced

Parsley, chopped

Thyme to taste

Oregano to taste

Salt and pepper to taste

Mushrooms, sliced

1 c Deux Amis Zinfandel

1 T Worchester sauce

1. Preheat oven to 325.
2. Dip veal into beaten eggs, then to bread crumbs.
3. Fry in hot oil and unsalted butter until brown on both sides.
4. Put meat in casserole in layers.
5. Sauté the mushrooms in the pan drippings, add wine, Worchester sauce, garlic, herbs, and seasonings. Cook down for several minutes.
6. Pour sauce over meat in the casserole, cover with foil and bake for 30 min. at 325.
7. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese before serving.

Enjoy with your favorite Deux Amis Zinfandel!





Wine List Spring 2017

Wine Club Members Only

15% discount on 6-11 bottles • 25% discount on 12 or more bottles • 30% discount on 3 or more cases

	<i>Retail Price</i>	<i>15% Disc.</i>	<i>25% Disc.</i>	<i>30% Disc.</i>
<i>New Releases</i>				
2014 Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley	\$20	17	15	14
2014 Petite Sirah Vyborny Vineyards	\$32	27.20	24	22.40
<i>Current & Past Releases</i>				
2012 Zinfandel Sonoma County	\$19	16.15	14.25	13.30
2013 Zinfandel Sonoma County	\$20	17	15	14
2013 Zinfandel Halling Vineyard	\$30	25.50	22.50	21
2013 Zinfandel Manasseh Vineyard	\$30	25.50	22.50	21
2013 Zinfandel Shadick Vineyard	\$30	25.50	22.50	21
2014 Pinot Noir, Donnelly Creek Vineyard, Anderson Valley	\$38	32.30	28.50	26.60
2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, Raymond Burr Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley	\$40	34	30	28

Wines can be ordered online at www.deuxamiswines.com, by sending an email to friends@deuxamiswines.com, or by calling 707-431-7945. Thank you for your support!



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