

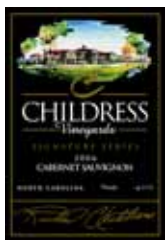


APRIL SHIPMENT SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Academy Award-winning actor and comedian Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'" Here at Childress Vineyards, we developed your April Fast Track Wine Club shipment with that motto in mind.



Every Fast Track Wine Club Member received the 2009 Pinot Gris and the 2008 Late Harvest Viognier. Most of our members received the 2006 Reserve Chardonnay as well; however, we wanted to show our gratitude to our Charter Members. Any member who has been with us since Childress Vineyards opened in 2004 is considered a Charter Member.



Therefore, our 111 Charter Members received the 2006 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon. As with all of our Signature wines, this Cabernet was made only from top quality grapes with the best aging potential. This wine has the potential to be the star of your wine cellar or the most talked about feature of your next dinner party.

As for the Pinot Gris, its light, crisp acidity is reminiscent of fresh cut Bartlett pears and spring flowers. Due to the acidic nature of this wine, it is best paired with seafood, light pastas and creamy cheeses. It is a perfect aperitif for your next celebration!

Transition, then, to the Reserve Chardonnay. With its fullness and robust flavors of butterscotch and vanilla, followed by tropical fruit and spices, it will make the perfect pairing to any grilled chicken dish, particularly those with Caribbean spices or topped with a light cream sauce.

Finish off your meal with a glass of Late Harvest Viognier. This wine is characterized by notes of citrus and orange blossom honey, so enjoy it as a dessert by itself or pair it with ice cream topped with sweet summer fruits for a palate-pleasing finale.

JOIN US FOR OUR WHITE WINE RELEASE PARTY



Relax with a glass of one of our newly released white wines and mingle with friends in our beautiful surroundings while music drifts through the air. Gourmet foods prepared by Executive Chef David Thomas will accompany each wine so that you may experience how they complement and highlight the best in each other.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23
7 P.M. to 10 P.M.

Music will be provided by
THE CHRIS LANE BAND

Tickets are \$25 per person,
\$20 per person for Fast Track Wine Club Members.

To purchase your ticket today,
contact Julia Jones at (336) 236-9463, ext. 332
or jjones@childressvineyards.com.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

WEDDING
COORDINATOR
AMY PARRISH



Accounting is sometimes considered a dull occupation – who wants to keep up with all those numbers? Amy Parrish, however, decided that she was up for the challenge, which is why she attended UNC Greensboro and received an accounting degree. Here she is, though, with a career as a wedding planner – organizing one of the most exciting and memorable events in a person’s life!

The source of her interest came from her love for planning. All you have to do is take a look at one of her appointment books to understand that; every minute of every day is designated to one activity or another. And, what happier occasion can be planned other than a wedding?

Amy’s job is not always about the fun stuff. Sure, she gets to suggest the proper bridal party formation, select table linens and put centerpieces together, but there is a lot of hard work involved! Whether it is moving tables in the Banquet Room, setting up chairs for a ceremony or stringing lights from one wine barrel to another, Amy and her team certainly do work up a sweat.

In fact, the Event Staff at Childress Vineyards is often what clients say they appreciate most about holding their event here – that and the amazing view. It is hard to beat a wedding ceremony with the sun setting over the vines in the background.

Amy says that the best part of her job is when she is standing with her brides right before they are about to walk down the aisle.

“Her stomach is in knots and she’s on the verge of crying. Adjusting her train, I push a few spare bobby pins back in her hair, crack a few jokes to relieve the nervousness, Dad’s admiring his baby girl with such pride, then finally her song begins and I give the cue to start walking. She turns and says, ‘Amy, thanks for everything.’ Nothing beats that moment.”

If you are interested in learning more about holding a wedding at Childress Vineyards, you may contact Amy Parrish at (336) 236-9463, ext. 305 or aparrish@childressvineyards.com.

2010 UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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| May 6 | Cooking Demo in the Childress Vineyards Banquet Room, 7 – 9 p.m. |
| May 9 | Mother’s Day Grand Buffet, First Seating starts at 11:15 a.m. |
| June 11 | Winemaker’s Dinner on the Childress Vineyards Terrace, 6 p.m. |

Wine Down
THURSDAYS

Thursday evenings from June through September from 6 - 9 p.m., weather permitting.

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| June 3 | Dallas Reese Band | August 5 | Claire Culbreath Dup |
| June 10 | Melonbelly | August 12 | Stacy Looman Jazz Trio |
| June 17 | Fat City | August 19 | Allison Crowell & The Drones |
| June 24 | Evan Olsen & Dana | August 26 | The Shuffle Band |
| July 1 | Windfall | Sept. 2 | Acoustic Blend |
| July 8 | Sophisticated Blues | Sept. 9 | The Shuffle Band |
| July 15 | Michael Thomas | Sept. 16 | Allison Crowell & The Drones |
| July 22 | Melonbelly | Sept. 23 | Tammie Davis & Stealin’ Time |
| July 29 | Pat Mother Blues Cohen | Sept. 30 | VT All Stars |

MUSIC in the
VINEYARDS

Every Saturday and Sunday from May through October from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., weather permitting.

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| May 1 | NiteShadow | August 1 | Celine Berman Duo |
| May 2 | The Vision Band | August 7 | Jeff & Vida |
| May 8 | Windfall | August 8 | Pat Mother Blues Cohen |
| May 9 | The Shuffle Band | August 14 | Reggie Buie Trio |
| May 15 | Fat City | August 15 | Rob Massengale Jazz Quartet |
| May 16 | Tin Can Alley | August 21 | Dallas Reese |
| May 22 | Chris Marks Band | August 22 | Blind Manifest |
| May 23 | Acoustic Blend | August 28 | The King Bees |
| May 29 | Eddie Clayton Trio | August 29 | Acoustic Bliss |
| May 30 | Wishful Thinking | September 4 | Paul Cataldo |
| June 5 | Paul Cataldo | September 5 | Evan Olsen & Dana |
| June 6 | Freeport | September 11 | VT All Stars |
| June 12 | Wishful Thinking | September 12 | Sophisticated Blues |
| June 13 | NiteShadow | September 18 | Eddie Clayton Trio |
| June 19 | Blind Manifest | September 19 | Melonbelly |
| June 20 | Tammie Davis & Stealin’ Time | September 25 | Cruze Control |
| June 26 | Wishful Thinking | September 26 | Celine Berman Duo |
| June 27 | Lisa Woods & Company | October 2 | Childress Idol |
| July 3 | One String Over | October 3 | Childress Idol |
| July 4 | Fat City | October 9 | Chris Marks Band |
| July 10 | Blind Manifest | October 10 | Freeport |
| July 11 | Reggie Buie Trio | October 16 | The Shuffle Band |
| July 17 | Freeport | October 17 | Michael Thomas |
| July 18 | Ladies Auxiliary | October 23 | Cruze Control |
| July 24 | The King Bees | October 24 | Wishful Thinking |
| July 25 | Night Song, The Duet | October 30 | Eddie Clayton Trio |
| July 31 | Stacy Looman Jazz Trio | October 31 | Tammie Davis & Stealin’ Time |

**Special seating and VIP treatment available for Fast Track Wine Club members on these dates. Contact Julia Jones at 336-236-9463 ext.332 or jjones@childressvineyards.com to make reservations.*

TASTING ROOM SPECIALS

Receive 25% off case purchases, 30% off for Fast Track Wine Club Members, for the following specials in these months.

(MIXED CASES ALLOWED)

APRIL

CASES of BARREL SELECT
CHARDONNAY & PINNACLE

MAY

CASES of CLASSICS or TRIO

JUNE

CASES of
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
& RIESLING

Discounts also apply online at
store.childressvineyards.com



THE RECIPE CORNER

Lobster Salad

- 1 pound of Lobster
- ¼ cup Combined of Tomato, Cucumber, Avocado, Red & Yellow Pepper
- 1 ½ tablespoon Mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Lemon Juice
- Lime Juice
- Florida Bay Seasoning
- Salt
- Pepper

EASY STEPS:

- 1 Poach 1 pound lobster until done (about 10 minutes). Cool lobster and dice.
- 2 Dice tomato, cucumber (no skin, no seeds) avocado, red & yellow pepper to make 1/4 cup of ingredients.
- 3 Mix together Dijon mustard and mayonnaise. Add seasoning, lemon juice, lime juice, salt and pepper to taste.
- 4 Fold lobster and all ingredients together. Taste and season more if needed.
- 5 Mold with a biscuit cutter or something tubular to make a beautiful presentation.

FAST TRACK WINE CLUB MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM AND ROBIN FOUST from Catawba, South Carolina! They have been selected as our April Fast Track Wine Club Members of the Month. Each month, we will put all Wine Club Members into a drawing. One winner will receive a free bottle of wine up to a \$25 value. This month, since we are celebrating our Charter members, we drew from our 111 Charter Members. "I am so happy that I was chosen," Robin Foust said upon being notified. "I can't wait to get my bottle of wine!" Wine Club Representative Julia Jones will notify each month's winners by phone. Look for e-mail notifications to learn who the monthly winners are, or check September's newsletter for a review of the winners for May through September.

IN THE VINEYARD...

Vineyard Manager Matt Chobanian and his team are hard at work preparing the vines for this year's growing season. The grapevines are pruned, fertilized and ready to go! They are also looking forward to the arrival of a mechanical hedger by the end of April that attaches to a tractor and trims the sides and tops of vines to allow the grape clusters to receive more sunlight.




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