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September 2016

September is an exciting month here at GrapeSeed. Harvest is in full force in Wine Country, and we have an exciting set of new offerings for you to try! Two new winemaker projects come to GrapeSeed that we are really excited about, and we are adding two winery-direct products from partner wineries exclusively for you. These wines are currently not sold outside the winery, and our winemaker partners have made small allocations available to us for this shipment.

Here is a rundown on our wines:

Introducing *Wine Dark Sea* by James MacPhail.

James MacPhail is a good friend, Healdsburg Neighbor and incredibly talented winemaker. James comes from a family well-known in Marin and Sonoma County since the 1880's. Dairy farming is in his roots; however, when it became time to blaze his own trail, James followed his passion for art, travel and how sense of place impacts a world view. He chose wine, where the intersection of art and science is almost magical.

After apprenticing with California Pinot Noir legends Gary Farrell and Merry Edwards, James developed a love for cool climate appellations. He opened his namesake winery in 2002 with a focus on Pinot Noir. Today James focuses his efforts on the tiny [Tongue Dancer](#) brand, having sold his MacPhail label when it went big and national.



Blind Pan - Underworld, by Tacita Dean

When we began talking about this project James' passion for the colder reaches of the Sonoma Coast was apparent. We together decided to focus his GrapeSeed project on those vineyards at the edge of the Coast in view of the Pacific. We matched James brooding wine with an equally evocative name, *Wine Dark Sea*: The phrase first penned by Homer in the 8th Century BC. And to lend imagery selected a contemporary work by artist Tacita Dean which we believe perfectly captures the mystery of the Pacific Coast here in Sonoma.

Introducing *EONIAN* by Wayne Donaldson

EONIAN [ee-oh-nee-uhn] was founded by the husband and wife team of Australian-born winemaker Wayne Donaldson and California girl Sue Furdek. Both have long careers in the wine industry and continue to make wine and promote wine for other great wine brands and projects. But it was time to do something very personal.



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They chose EONIAN -- which means eternal or everlasting -- the label depicts the Triskele, an ancient Celtic symbol also called the "spiral of life" which represents continuous movement forward.

We spoke to Wayne over a year ago and have wanted to work together ever since. Wayne has granted us an allotment of his 3rd vintage, the yet unreleased 2012 Napa Valley Red Blend. A blend of Syrah and Cabernet from three distinct vineyard sites, you will find this wine structured and serious... and ridiculously underpriced!



Winery Direct - our chance to grab great wine reserved for the winery, here are a couple selections you will love:

Lichen Estate Anderson Valley Pinot Gris. 2015 vintage. Fans of our North Coast All Stars Pinot Gris have been asking about our next vintage. Well, Doug Stewart did not have enough Pinot Gris this year to do both North Coast All Stars and his estate brand, so he is allotting us a small allocation of his Lichen bottling instead. This Pinot Gris verges from the style of the North Coast All Stars Pinot Gris from last vintage. Overall lighter in mouthfeel, the 2015 Lichen is more nuanced with floral and fruit aromas that are balanced by crisp acidity. Another great wine for sipping, probably a better choice for food than the previous wine.

Sbragia Family Vineyards Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, Hughes Vineyard. 2012 Vintage. Last year we introduced Permanence by Ed Sbragia, a project dedicated to blending from different vineyard sites. This year we give you a wine from Ed's eponymously named brand. Dedicated to vineyard designated wine, Ed makes multiple Cabernets from different vineyards he has worked with over the years. This big, ageable wine comes from Hughes Vineyard on Howell Mountain. Those receiving the Cellar Select shipment shall be treated to a single bottle! Ratings Note: **This wine was rated 92 points by Wine Spectator!**



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Our three shipment options

GrapeSeed Selections - September 2016	Vintage	Compare Price	Bottles
Lichen Estate Anderson Valley Pinot Gris	2015	\$25	2
Eighteen Miles by Jessica Boone, Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	2013	\$39	1
Eonian by Wayne Donaldson, Napa Valley Red Blend	2012	\$50	1
Wine Dark Sea by James MacPhail, Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, Putnam Vineyard	2014	\$75	1
Comparable Retail Value		\$214	
Your Price		\$150	
Savings		\$64	

Reds Only - September 2016	Vintage	Compare Price	Bottles
Eighteen Miles by Jessica Boone, Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	2013	\$39	1
Eonian by Wayne Donaldson, Napa Valley Red Blend	2012	\$50	2
Wine Dark Sea by James MacPhail, Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, Putnam Vineyard	2014	\$75	1
Pact(e) by Jean Hoefliger, Santenay 1er Cru, Les Gravierès Vineyard	2012	\$119	1
Comparable Retail Value		\$333	
Your Price		\$240	
Savings		\$93	

Cellar Select - September 2016	Vintage	Compare Price	Bottles
Eonian by Wayne Donaldson, Napa Valley Red Blend	2012	\$50	2
Wine Dark Sea by James MacPhail, Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, Putnam Vineyard	2014	\$75	2
Pact(e) by Jean Hoefliger, Santenay 1er Cru, Les Gravierès Vineyard	2012	\$119	1
Sbragia Family Vineyards Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, Hughes Vineyard	2012	\$120	1
Comparable Retail Value		\$489	
Your Price		\$350	
Savings		\$139	