

The Juice

Hard Press from Bella

Chris Silva I grew up on a farm in the Central Valley growing walnuts, corn and wheat. Every year, I'd spend weeks in Visalia visiting my uncle who loved the rodeo. I soon learned to love farming and the rodeo! Since I didn't join the rodeo, but I do love wine, I was more than game when the opportunity came for me to take on a new role here as the Hospitality and Facility manager at Bella! Bella is not necessarily new to me – I was working in production under the amazing Mr. Joe Healy for 2 harvests, 2013 and 2014. In 2015, I worked a harvest in New Zealand. Then recently, I got a call from Lynn asking if I'd like to join Bella's team managing the tasting room and keeping the facility in tip top shape. I couldn't resist such a fun place to work, so here I am and loving it! It's been great to meet so many of our fantastic club members, and pouring wine and chatting everyone up! You'll always find me in my cowboy boots and wranglers...some things never change!

Our February add-on is the most stellar wine from this wine growing region - none other than the **2014 Dry Creek Barrel 32**, I couldn't be more excited about this wine! With its juicy plum and red fruit flavors and long satiny finish, it's a real show-stopper with incredible depth and richness. Our winemaker, Joe Healy hand-selects the best of the best wine from our top zinfandel lots grown right here in Dry Creek Valley, including our own Lily Hill Estate! We are also so pleased to release two wines for February's Wine Club including the luscious and bold **2014 Two Patch zinfandel** from two prized 'patches' in Alexander Valley. And, the **2014 Hillside Cuvée**. This luxurious Cuvée with all of its dark, rich cocoa and blackberry is comprised of wine grown on the Big River Ranch and Lily Hill Estate. This is an amazing blend of syrah, grenache, petite sirah, carignan, petite verdot and zinfandel! Delicious!



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