

# The Juice

## INNER CIRCLE

**Chris Silva** My first harvest at Bella was in 2013. Clearly, I fell under Lily Hill's spell, since I came back for harvest in 2015, and joined the team fulltime as Bella's hospitality and facility manager in 2016. There's a warm, inviting vibe here unlike anywhere else. It starts with Bella's founders, Lynn and Scott, and filters down to every person who works here. It also extends to our four-legged friends.

Back in October of 2017, I adopted an 8-week-old German Shorthaired Pointer named Remi. Because I oversee the landscaping (in addition to my role guiding Bella's hospitality program), Remi has become a fixture on Lily Hill. Remi is a happy-go-lucky puppy who has quickly taken on the role of canine hospitality manger, greeting visiting dogs and making their stay on Lily Hill lively and fun. Training an energetic puppy is a bit like making zinfandel—it's about finding the right balance between joyful exuberance and restraint. It also requires patience and loving attention, as you guide something youthful and energetic into the best version of itself. So whether you're a wine or a puppy, life on Lily Hill is pretty great. It's also pretty fantastic for our guests!

We have some dazzling wines in this shipment; the **2014 Block 10 zinfandel**, with delicate aromatics of ripe, dark fruit and exotic spices of cardamom, vanilla and cedar. This is a luscious mouth filling wine of blackberries and Bing cherry. It is a well-balanced and elegant masterpiece. We are also excited to share our **2015 The Crossing**, which is artfully crafted around a core of grapes from our own Lily Hill Vineyard and Big River Ranch to create a layered and luxurious blend with wonderful depth and complexity. To round out your selections, our **2014 Sonoma County zinfandel** features grapes from Lily Hill, Big River Ranch and Todd Brothers. It's a "Wow!" wine that delivers a rich and explosive mouthful of luscious fruit.



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