



Spirings Liquor Outlet Newsletter

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Newsletter for Spirings Liquor Outlet

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Dear Valued Customers,

Our next Family Card Weekend will be **August 24th, 25th, and 26th**. Family Card members receive 15% off all non-sale wines and liquors. Beer remains at 5% off, and there is no discount on kegs or cigarettes. No rain checks; no exceptions. Remember that you must be registered at SLO to receive the Family Card Discount. Discounts from other stores will not be honored, including recent memberships from the Colorado Liquor Outlet.

“We’ll Leave the Cooler on for You.” - **The SLO Staff**

Wine Racks – The Colorado Rocky Mountains, home to the majestic powder snow, source of the extreme river rapids, and guardian of the award-winning grape vines. Yes, in this State, where temperature can fall to 35 degrees below zero, the wind can gush in excess of 100 miles an hour, and baseball size hail crashes to earth without notice, there is a small sheltered land in the western slope, that provides the optimal condition for growing grapes. Nestled around Grand Valley of the Colorado River and the West Elks along the North Fork Valley of the Gunnison River, are the majority of Colorado’s vineyards. Colorado’s grape growing regions range in elevation from 4,000 to 7,000 feet, and are among the highest vineyards in the world. These elevations result in hot days and cool nights. The intense high altitude sunlight matures the fruit and builds the natural sugars. The cool evenings allow the grapes to retain the acid that is crucial for well-balanced wine.

Winemaking began on Colorado’s western slope over 100 years ago. However during prohibition, the early vineyards were uprooted and replaced with orchards. In 1933 prohibition ended, but it was not until 1968 when Gerald Ivancie opened Ivancie Winery, the first modern Colorado winery. Vineyard acreage has grown tremendously since the early days. In 1983 a census recorded 20 acres of grapes being grown. Today, Colorado has 80 vineyards totaling 650 acres. Merlot is the most widely planted varietal accounting for 20 percent. Chardonnay follows with 18 percent.

Colorado vintners enjoy a well-earned reputation for producing wide variety of premium and quality wines proven by numerous awards won in National and International competitions. So support your home state wineries, try a bottle of Colorado wine. And don’t forget, Spirings Liquor Outlet is sponsoring **Colorado Wine Tasting on Saturday, August 26th, from 1 PM – 5 PM**, featuring over ten Colorado wineries. To compliment the wines, food vendors will be present giving out free samples. Admission is FREE.

- Patricia

SALES & SPECIALS

Family Card Specials 20% off Everyday Low Price

ALL CLINE wines 750ml
ALL Red and White Truck wines
Freixenet Brut Cordon Negro
Freixenet Ex-Dry Cordon Negro
ALL Alice White 1.5L
Woodbridge V.S. series 750ml
ALL Santa Alicia 750ml
Postales Malbec/Shiraz & White (only)

Cointreau Liqueur 750ml
ALL Salvadors premixed cocktails 1.75L
And more...

Beer Sales

**ALL New Belgium 12pk
\$11.99**

- Fat Tire
- Skinny Dip
- Sunshine

And more...

All Sales and Specials may end anytime without further notice. While supplies last. No rain checks.

Colorado Wine Tasting featuring:

Balistreri Vineyards – A family owned and operated winery was licensed in 1998. The wines are made completely natural. John Balistreri combines traditional wine making methods and modern technology. The wines are handcrafted one barrel at a time with grapes fermented in their own yeast, unaltered by sulfites and refined and aged in American oak.

Bookcliff Vineyards – Located in East region of Palisade Colorado, the vineyard was started in 1999. The wine produced is 100 percent Colorado grown. Situated just west of the De Beque Canyon across from the Colorado River, and underneath the Bookcliff escarpment, the vineyard benefits from the evening winds, which prevent frost and provide moderate growing temperatures.

Colorado Cellars Winery – The winery is located at the extreme western edge of Colorado's Grand Valley. The valley has long been famous for its production of premium grapes, which has been grown on and off for over 50 years, but now have been grown commercially since 1978. Since the winery's beginning, acreage has steadily increased to a total of 450 acres.

Cottonwood Cellars / Olathe – The first grape vines were planted in 1995 with 5 acres. Now it has increased to 18 acres. The winery produces 3700 – 4000 cases from seven varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Lemberger, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Gewürztraminer. The wines are barrel aged one to two years and then bottle aged for one year before release.

Garfield Estate – Once an historic farm, now a state-of-the-art winery, this property was acquired from the grand daughter of the family that originally homesteaded the land over 100 years ago. From the beginning Garfield wanted to create premium wines while retaining the historic aspects of the property.

Grande River Vineyards – Opened in 1990, the winery is located on East Orchard mesa in Palisade Colorado, nestled beneath the Bookcliffs. The buttes and mesas radiate warmth down to the vines to ripen the crop to perfection in the late August through October harvest. The vineyard with its 60 acres produce 7000 – 8000 cases annually.

Redstone Meadery – Founder David Myers started the Boulder company with the "Natural Philosophy" that he produce the highest quality of mead on the market. Because of this Redstone does not cork, but uses swing top bottles. This will ensure the mead will not breathe during cellaring. Redstone is also sulfite free.

Spero Winery – Family owned and operated, the winemaker Clyde Spero learned the art from his father, who came to America at the age of 13 from Potenza, Italy. Clyde continues the "Old World" tradition.

Stoney Mesa Winery – Located on the south face of the Grand Mesa, Stoney Mesa's winery and vineyards sit on the edge of a desert and on top of an ancient ocean / riverbed.

Two River Winery – The winery and chateau are relatively new. They produce five distinct wines: Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Riesling, and Port.



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Upcoming Events

Family Card Weekend – August 24th, 25th, and 26th.
Colorado Wine Tasting – Saturday, August 26th, 1pm – 5pm.

Smirnoff Ice Girls – Saturday,
August 26th, 2pm – 3pm.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter and the Family Card Weekend notice via email, please send your request to support@slo1.net