

Hello Friends –

We are excited share our new plan with you. We are currently renovating our “little house”. We are updating this 900 square foot beauty with new floors, kitchen cabinets, appliances, and all new walls in the living and dining areas. We are full speed ahead and are reconfiguring the plumbing and electrical systems, removing old, unsightly paneling, and removing some of the walls. We hope to have it finished by December 1. Our goal is to downsize into this house when it is finished, and then renovate our current home. We realize now we have watched too many home improvement shows!

Our current home is across the street from the “little house”. It is home to our vineyard, Fat Bassett. We have decided to put this property on the market in either March or April of 2019. Selling this home will enable us to buy our “retirement” home in Oregon on the Umpqua River. Our thinking is, “why should we wait for 6 1/2 years to do this, when we can do it now”? We can spend vacations and long weekends there, and enjoy it much sooner. Naturally, doing all of this work, and incurring this change, will come at a cost.

The cost will be closing our Tasting Room in Anderson. We will do this right before Christmas, this December. We will NOT be closing the winery, or stop making wine! We will just “adjust” how we sell it, and how we get to share a glass with you. We plan to be available at our winemaking facility in Churn Creek “bottom” at least one weekend per month. We will serve flights, pour glasses, and sell bottles, just as we do now. Naturally, we will still honor our rewards club members with discounts! We can still open “by appointment”, just simply give us a call and we can make it happen. We will keep our business phone number, website, Facebook page, and of course, our famous “test tubes” for the flights of wine.

We will still back the Anderson Police Department Canine Program with our heavy red blend, ‘Undeclared’ (new vintage will release this December!) We will still support the many worthwhile community organizations with donations and discounts. We will still be members of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce. Naturally, Soula, Johnni, and Tom will still help us serve at community events. Nobody enjoys wine tastings more than Churn Creek Cellars!

Please do not be saddened by this new chapter. We are both very excited for what is next! We have found a way to continue to share our wine, stories, and lives with all of you. It will just be different than it currently is. We both need a change from opening a store 4 days a week. We have other aspirations and goals, and this is our plan to meet those, and keep the friendships we have made. You can’t get rid of us that easy!

Save the date of Saturday, December 22, 2018. We are hoping to have live music; offer huge case discounts, and just have a good time on that day. Let’s just call it what it is, a big party! We could not have built and grown our passion, Churn Creek Cellars, without you. We hope you can find time to visit us often in Anderson before we close out 2018 with a bang. Our last day at the Tasting Room will be Sunday, December 23rd.

Looking forward to sharing a glass with you soon!

Sincerely,

Layne & Denise McLean

