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Dear Friends,

As you prepare to enjoy the Holiday Season with family and friends, COHO is pleased to offer some wonderful wines to add to the merriment. Whether these wines grace your holiday table, stuff your stockings, or are put in the cellar for future enjoyment, we know that whenever you pull the cork smiles are sure to follow.

## INTRODUCING A NEW COHO WINE - HEADWATERS

Inspired by the great wines of Pomerol and St. Emilion, in 2005 we crafted a beautiful "Bordeaux Blend" wine of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot. These grapes were grown in the Coombsville area of Napa Valley (on the "right bank" of the Napa River). Those of you that are familiar with COHO know that Coombsville has taken its place among the premier growing regions of Napa Valley. The cool climate and rocky, volcanic soils produce Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes with intense fruit purity, incredible color, and silky tannins.

The 2005 COHO HEADWATERS is our first blended wine, and we couldn't be more delighted with the results. The core of this delicious offering is saturated with deep black cherry and blackberry fruit tinged with chocolate and licorice flavors. The dry spring and cool summer growing season in 2005 created a classic vintage from Napa Valley that imbues this wine with excellent aging potential.

## IN PRAISE OF LARGE BOTTLES

Thomas Jefferson, who celebrated and appreciated great wines, considered wine bottled in Magnums as the ideal size; perfect for aging and just the right quantity to share with friends over dinner. We bottle only a few cases of each of our wines in the 1.5L format and are making them available for the very first time. The 2004 Michael Black Vineyard Merlot, 2004 SummitVine Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2004 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon are true collector items; highly lauded by the press, and sought after by the wine trade and consumers. This will be your only opportunity to purchase them in Magnums so don't miss out.

## LAST CALL

It's so gratifying to experience a well made wine as it evolves in the bottle with intriguing and seamless flavors. Our 2005 COHO Stanly Ranch Pinot Noir is showing these wonderful characteristics and is drinking beautifully. Unfortunately, only a small amount remains for sale (purchases are limited to a maximum of 6 bottles). The 2006 won't be released until next spring, so if you are a fan, please send your order in right away.

As always we want to thank you for your support of COHO. And please accept our best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with family, friends, good health, and peace!

Brooks and Beth Painter

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