



June 2017



Hello Friends of Democracy!

Tickets are now on sale for our annual **Birth of Democracy** mini-festival that will take place this year on **July 1**. It's a great way to kick off your Independence Day holiday weekend and we've got some new and returning neighbor wineries joining us along with a group of great musicians, vendors and food trucks. Early-bird tasting tickets for \$20/per person can be purchased at

<https://democracyvineyards.ticketbud.com/birth-of-democracy>.

Local musicians **Pete Farnham**, **Sue Harlow** and **Renee Ruth Peckham** will play throughout the day. In addition to Democracy, taste wines from **Lazy Days Winery**

<http://www.lazydayswinery.com/>, **Mountain Cove Vineyards**

<http://www.mountaincovevineyards.com/>, and **Rebec Winery** <http://www.rebecwinery.com/>.

Enjoy great food from **Pok-E-Joe's** and **The Breakfast Guy** and shop local crafts and gourmet food stuffs from local artisans and crafters such as **Advocare**, **Favored Flavors**, **Lularoe**, **Painting the Booze**, **Perfectly Posh**, and **Scentsy!** Early bird tickets are available for \$20/pp.

Non-taster and under-21 attendee tickets are \$10/pp. Children under 5 admission is free. To buy go to <https://democracyvineyards.ticketbud.com/birth-of-democracy>.

Special Festival Event! Take part in the first ever **Democracy [wines] versus Trump [wines] blind wine tasting!** Yes – this was too tempting to pass up. Festival attendees will have the chance to test if their tastes run to Democracy [wines] or Trump [wines]. Voting will take place throughout the day and the winner will be selected by popular vote. Alas, those under 21 must be disenfranchised.

In The Tasting Room

Thank you to Jeff Schapiro, senior political reporter with the Richmond Times Dispatch, for a most informative afternoon on May 13. Guests had an opportunity to hear Jeff's reflections about the state of politics in Virginia and his prognostications for the 2013 gubernatorial race as well as engage in a lively discussion about the status of civic engagement in our country. Our

Voices of Democracy After Hours offers one more program this spring that you won't want to miss.

Voices of Democracy – After Hours

June 17 – 5:30 to 7 pm – On June 15, 1215, the balance of power in England shifted thanks to the Magna Carta, whose principles of liberty informed many subsequent governing documents, including our own U.S. Constitution. A modern day effort to realign power structures in Virginia is that to reform some of the more egregious aspects of gerrymandering election districts. **OneVirginia2021 Executive Director Brian Cannon** comes to the tasting room to talk about his group's efforts to achieve nonpartisan redistricting in the state, it's successes and failures in the 2017 General Assembly session, and prospects for the future. Please RSVP your plans to attend to 434-263-8463.

Music and More - Thanks to our May musicians Jim and Renee Oliphant of Ragtop, Paulo Franco and Renee Ruth Peckham for their sensational sounds and songs! Meanwhile, we invite you to enjoy more great music to accompany your wine in June!

June 3 – Jim and Renee Oliphant with Ragtop are in the tasting room with their delightful blend of classic rock, R&B and blues from **2 to 5 pm**.

June 10 – Charlottesville musician, **Vicky Lee**, brings the lilting sounds of her Celtic harp to the vineyard from **2 to 5 pm**.

June 17 – **Ray VanWagner** plays classic songs of the 1930s, 40s and 50s on keyboard from **2 to 4 pm**.



Looking Ahead

July 2 – Paulo Franco continues the July 4th weekend fun with his rock, blues, progressive country music from **2 to 5 pm**

July 15 – Jason Burke plays music informed by the 1960s and 1970s American and British rock and roll from **2 to 5 pm**

July 16 – The Free Radicals liven up the place with their honkytonk rhythms from **2 to 4:30 pm**

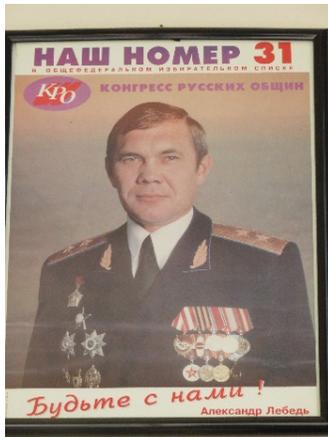
Upcoming Festivals

We look forward to crossing paths with many Friends of Democracy at the following June festivals. If you plan to attend and hope to buy a particular brand of our wine, give us a call at 434-263-8463 or email us at the address below so that we can be sure to make it available. We only bring a limited number of our vintages to festivals and want to ensure that we have on hand any that we might not ordinarily stock.

Many, many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped us at Montpelier [Laurie Favire, Bill Kluesner, Sharon Cheng], Front Royal [Sharon Cheng] and Valley Fest [Frank and Linda Doherty]. If you'd like to join the Democracy festival team, shoot us an email to democracyvineyards@att.net with "Festival Help" in the subject line.

June 24 – Vine on the Waterfront Wine Festival at Oronoco Park in Alexandria, VA from Noon to 6 pm. For information go to <http://vineonthewaterfront.com/> and **Summer Solstice Wine Festival** from 11 am to 7 pm at Lazy Days Winery in Amherst, VA Ticketing and other information can be found at <http://www.summersolsticefestival.com/#-home>.

July 29 – from 11 am to 5 pm – Augusta County Wine Festival



Since Russia's been in the news a lot lately, we thought we would share another of the posters in the tasting room – this one featuring one time Russian Presidential candidate, General Alexander Lebed. As a Red Army officer, he resisted the coup attempt against Mikhail Gorbachev in 1991, standing with Boris Yeltsin, then President of the Russian Federation. Having become disenchanted with Yeltsin's leadership, General Lebed ran for President of Russia in 1996 against him, coming in third behind Yeltsin and a Communist Party candidate. A member of the moderate-nationalist party – Congress of Russian Communities - he was expected to challenge Vladimir Putin in a forthcoming contest for President but died in a helicopter crash in 2002.



Apple Wine Is Almost Ready! The juice has fermented quite nicely. The bottles are in the winery. Now all we have to do is get the juice into the bottles and the labels affixed thereon – and Village View Gold will be ready for your drinking pleasure! Estimated time of arrival is mid-June so we hope to have it available at our June 24 festivals as well as Birth of Democracy! Keep your fingers crossed!

Remember to Like and Follow us on Facebook and remember – Democracy is about choices! In our case, red, white or apple wine!

Cheers! Susan & Jim