



Mountain Meadows LODGE

Happy
ST. PATRICK'S
Day

Wine with a Cause

When it comes to wine, as with beer, we can order any brand that is carried by our Vermont distributors. As you may be aware, we prefer to stock wines that give some or all of their profits to charity or certain causes. Whether these vineyards are fighting against deforestation or breast cancer, or they are helping to give medicine and support to sick children, you can feel confident that your wine purchases at Mountain Meadows Lodge are contributing to a greater cause.

Two of our wine providers plant trees in previously deforested areas. You probably know that more than half of the world's rainforests have already been cut down! While that is a depressing fact, you can know that for every bottle of Trinity Oaks Pinot Grigio you drink, a tree is being planted, with nearly 15 million trees planted to date! Check out [this link](#) for the most recent estimate. One Hope Sauvignon Blanc donates half of its proceeds to reforestation in Asia, Africa, and South America, and you can check out their [website](#) to see that One Hope has not just planted over 50,000 trees, but they have also contributed to a number of different causes through their various types of wines.

Breast Cancer is the third most deadly form of cancer in terms of mortality, and it only affects half of the world's population. The Handcraft Winery realizes this, which is why they have created the [Handcraft Cares](#) organization. When you drink a glass of our Handcraft Malbec, you can know that you are supporting a winery that, despite their small size, has managed to donate over \$270,000 since 2012 to breast cancer research, prevention, and awareness programs.

Sickness in children is a very sad thing and we know that millions of children worldwide are afflicted by preventable tropical diseases. One Hope

realizes this, which is why their Merlot donates half of its proceeds to giving underprivileged children medicine to prevent these diseases. To date, 33,312 children have benefitted from this program. Our Save Me San Francisco line of Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, and Chardonnay also helps sick children by donating all of their proceeds to the [Family House](#) organization. This organization provides housing to the families of sick children that live more than 50 miles from the hospitals where their children are receiving care, allowing parents to remain with their children.

We also carry a few other wines (a fine Shiraz, a Reisling, and a white zinfandel) and we continue our search for popular varietals that support a charitable endeavor and match our standard of quality.

We hope that you too will enjoy our Wines with a Cause, but, certainly let us know if there is a specific wine with special meaning in your relationship, and we'll see if we can stock it.



[Our pinterest page](#)



Vendor News

[Vermont Fresh Pasta](#) wrote to tell us that they have a new pesto: kale cashew sriracha! Check out their [complete list](#) if you need a ravioli item on your wedding menu.

Brian, from [Ember Photography](#) has this to say: We are happy to offer couples a 5% break on wedding photography packages for 2017 if you book before July 1, 2016. Also, we are now offering the option for couples to stagger their time with us. For example, when hiring the two of us (which 90% of couples choose to do), a 6-hour package provides the couple with 12 hours to work with. Thus, I could be on site photographing for 8 hours, while Emily focuses her time for only 4 hours. It's a nice way to extend photography coverage without having to pay for both of us to be there. Please contact us at info@emberphoto.com for details. More info about our work and wedding photography, generally, at EmberPhoto.com.

Guitarist and singer [Dwight](#) writes: I'm usually a good fit for the more relaxed and informal affairs, which seems like that might be your sweet spot, as well. Because I'm both an instrumental guitarist and a singer, couples have a lot of options working with me. At this point, I actually have a number of dates still open for 2016...and , of course, it's never too early to start booking 2017.



Visits for Planning

We hope many of you can make it to Mountain Meadows Lodge to do some wedding planning! We're happy to sit down with you and discuss your event when you come. It's 50% off lodging if you come and stay overnight.

Weekdays are pretty much wide open and as of today, the following upcoming weekends are good times to come

- April 8-9, 15-17, 22-24
- May 7-9
- June 4-6

Don't worry if you can't come: we can conference call, skype and swap loads of emails and get everything done that way.

