

Wine Lovers Rejoice

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each year. On Mother's Day weekend, it provides hors d'oeuvres, live music and wine at reduced prices on Saturday and Sunday. Around Oct. 1, the Gerbers hold a Harvest Case Sale. On the weekend following Thanksgiving, they have a wine-tasting event.

For information visit foriswine.com or telephone 592-3752.

Vineyard owners are plagued by a variety of varmints, from insects to deer to bears. Asked how he keeps bears out of the grapes, Gerber said that he has two dogs to chase them out. Using a novel approach, he also plays several radios in the vineyards at night, tuned to a talk radio station. He said that this is very effective at keeping bears away.

Down the road from Foris at 4210 Holland Loop is Bridgeview Vineyards & Winery, owned by Bob & Lelo Kerivan. Set beside a large, pretty pond, Bridgeview's wine-tasting room has a spacious deck where weddings, parties and fund-raisers are held.

Visitors may picnic outdoors and watch the swans, geese and ducks on the pond, and large trout in the pond.

The Kerivan Family started the

vineyard in 1986. Bridgeview now has nearly 200 acres in grapes in the Illinois and Applegate valleys. Lelo's son, René, came to Cave Junction from Germany in 1980 to work in the family business, and he is now the winemaker.

Bridgeview quickly became well-known on the West Coast and is now one of the largest wineries in Oregon. Bridgeview bottles its wines under the Blue Moon and Black Beauty labels, besides the Bridgeview labels, and are moderately priced.

Buyers can choose from German white wines to Merlot, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay. Special offers are available at the tasting room or via bridgeview.com.

Bridgeview's entertaining facilities make it a hot spot for summer dinner parties and fund-raising events by local schools and non-profit organizations. A fun Grape Stomp event will be hosted by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 20 at Bridgeview.

At 2789 Holland Loop is 50-acre Windridge Vineyard Estate founded in 1989. Owners Cate & Terry Bendock bought the vineyard in 1998, and bot-

tle Pinot Noir wine under the Bendock Estate label. The vineyard is home to pinot noir grapes, Galloway cattle, orchards and gardens.

Windridge is open for tours and tastings from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. most days. The tasting room can be con-

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