

Chateau Lorane winery celebrates 25 years



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Chateau Lorane is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Located 14 miles from Cottage Grove, the winery plans to host events for members of its wine club this summer to commemorate the occasion along with events for the general public sometime this fall.

Chateau Lorane was a passion project of Linde Kester that quickly grew into a thriving business.

"Now what you see here is when a hobby gets out of control," Kester said.

Kester started making wine as a hobby over 35 years ago. An electronics engineer who worked his way up to business owner, Kester made wine for friends and family out of his garage. Producing a couple hundred barrels of wine each year, Kester said he got great reviews for his wine.

"My friends and relatives all seemed to like it, so I kept on doing it," Kester said.

Kester took wine making classes at the University of California, Davis with the hopes of improving his technical knowledge in the craft. Retiring at the age 46, Kester and his family moved from the San Diego area out to Oregon in 1990.

"We just wanted to get away. We had taken a few vacations to Oregon and fell in love with it," Kester said.

Kester said his family moved to a ranch in Southern Oregon, but retirement couldn't keep him from pursuing his passion of wine making. In 1992 he turned his hobby into a business, and Chateau Lorane was born. Kester's been selling his wine ever since.

"When you're doing something you enjoy, time just flies by," Kester said.

The flagship wine for Chateau Lorane is a Marechal Foch, a hybrid wine made from crossbreed of French and American grapes. Many of Kester's wines have gone on to win awards at several competitions, such as at the Tasters Guild International Judging. Kester said he has always had an interest in little known or unusual varieties of wine.

"I decided I wanted to do something different than everyone else," Kester said.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary, Kester said he plans to host several events in the next couple of months for the members of Chateau Lorane's wine club. Wine club members receive three bottles of wine each quarter and are some of Kester's greatest supporters, Kester said. Other events available for the general public are in the works and could occur this fall.

"We didn't have any parties for 10th, 15th, or 20th anniversary, but I thought, 25, now that's kind of special," Kester said.

The building that houses the winery was constructed in 1996. Comprising of 4,000 square feet, the modern facility is able to produce 10-15 thousand gallons of wine a year. A year later a tasting room was added on.

The 208 acre parcel of land the winery sits on was bought by Kester in 1988. Located three miles from where his ranch originally stood, the property was once a corporate retreat for a timber baron. A 25 acre lake is located on the land, of which the winery overlooks from nearby hills.

In 1994, a building that sat near the lake was converted

from a rec room into a wedding venue. A parking lot was added along with garden in the vicinity. Between five to six hundred weddings have been done at the property ever since.

Kester said he plans to retire soon and has put the winery up for sale. He said he hopes for whoever buys the property to have as much of a passion of the art of wine making that he has had over the years. In any case, he plans to give them any help if asked.

"To really succeed, you've got to have a passion for wine. And I caught the bug and never got over it," Kester said.

Around 90 percent of the Chateau Lorane's wine is sold locally while the rest is sold online on their website.

The Kester's wine can be found at local wine shops and both Fred Meyers and Market of Choice in the Eugene area.



Photos courtesy Chateau Lorane



Worship Directory

DRAIN:
HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:
6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor:
Seth Bailey
Service: 10am,
Sunday School: 9am for all ages
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www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday
6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun:
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www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave.
(Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cscottagegrove@gmail.com

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 11am
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Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

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33761 Row River Rd.
541-942-4851
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Service: 10:00am

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33087 Saginaw Rd. East
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Pastor: Karen Hill
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1:00 pm

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Sunday School & Adult Education
9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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Thur 5:00pm TLC Groups
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334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
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2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm
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Worship Service: 10:00am
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Fires

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as well.

"We're sending an engine with three people," Raade said, noting a state agreement. Evacuation warnings are already in effect in the area.

Unusually hot temperatures have ignited fires around the state and scheduled events have only heightened fire fears.

Two music festivals—one in northern Oregon, the other in southern Oregon, were scheduled for the weekend and an estimated one million additional tourists were expected to crash into the state between August 17 and August 21 to view the total solar eclipse.

While the surge in population is welcomed by local businesses, it raises concerns over fire dangers as campgrounds and the state were completely booked even as fire bans were in place throughout the state.

"We're concerned about it," Raade said on Friday, August 17. "We're concerned about the traffic on I-5. We're not sure what's going to happen when people start showing up on Monday."

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