

Harvest: winemakers seek complex flavors in pinot

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Cooks expects that harvest will continue at Cherry Hill for another two to three weeks.
Monday, the winery crew spent the day monitoring the fermentation of fruit harvested on Sept. 19, the vineyard's earliest start to date.
"We will be pressing and barreling the first pinot in the next couple of days," Cooks said. "That's pretty exciting."
Johns is hoping to avoid the on and off rain cycles that can happen in October. The vineyard had a good

start last weekend, thanks to volunteers.
Emerson hosted a "harvest party" of sorts on Sunday, inviting wine club members to help pick its block of Marechal Foch grapes.
The variety is a French-American hybrid that is less susceptible to disease and funguses that can plague European strains. Johns said the block is nearly hands-off for him.
"All I do is prune them in the winter and pick them in the fall," he said.
Picking them is the tricky part, though.

The variety produces small grapes and clusters, making them undesirable for professional pickers as they are paid by weight.
Johns usually imports students from Oregon State University to pick the grapes, but that option was off the table this year. He tried harvesting the block on his own — hauling in 600 pounds per day and not making much of a dent.
He sent an email to the winery's wine club members asking for assistance and a crowd of about 20 people showed up ready to pick. The block was finished in

about three hours and the volunteer pickers were treated to lunch — and wine, of course.
Amanda Kelly, the owner and operator of wine tour business Oregon Posh, was among those lending a hand Sunday. It was her first hands-on experience with harvest.
"The Oregon wine community is really family oriented," she said. "I drive the tours, but I also help out the wineries when I have the day off," she said.
As for the rest of the vineyard, Johns will keep an eye on the rain forecast, but something else will take precedence.
"I can't pick until the flavors are right," Johns said. "That's the main thing."



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A Cherry Hill employee monitors fermenting wine.

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Oct. 6 Candidates Forum Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
• Columbia Room in the Werner University Center on the campus of Western Oregon University • Parking: Free in Lots H and F • Event: Presented by the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center and the Associated Students of Western Oregon University, the candidates forum is designed to provide an opportunity in a neutral environment to engage the community and students on the upcoming election while learning about area candidates to help voters make informed decisions on the November ballot. Participants in the forum include House District 20 and Monmouth and Independence mayoral and city council candidates. The forum will begin at 7:00 PM in the Columbia Room in the Werner University Center on the campus of Western Oregon University and entail opening remarks from candidates followed by a Q&A session. Registration to attend is not required. Free parking is available in lots H and F. For more information, visit www.micc-or.org or call 503-838-4268.

Oct. 18 2016 Fall PEP Talks Series: October Workshop
• 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM • Hawk Hall in the Henry Hill Education Support Center (750 S 5th Street, Independence) • Workshop Topic: Connections to Keep Your Mind Sane in a 24/7 World • Workshop Overview: The Fall PEP Talks Series presented by the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center will focus on "Connections That Count." The series kicks-off in October with "Connections to Keep Your Mind Sane in a 24/7 World" on Tuesday, October 18 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM at the Henry Hill Education Support Center located at 750 S 5th Street in Independence. Attendees will learn core scheduling challenges, insights and methods to stay focused, review a daily method of operations, and complete a personal workstyle assessment. Registration fee is \$20 or \$15 for MI Chamber members and includes a boxed lunch from Critelli Sweets. Learn more about the series and register for workshops at www.micc-or.org or call 503-838-4268.

Oct. 20 October After-Hours Mixer • Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
• Location: Monmouth Hardware (401 Main Street E, Monmouth)
• Event: Join the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center's October after-hours mixer hosted by Monmouth Hardware and Monmouth Power & Light from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 18. Enjoy light refreshments while you network and build your professional relationships at Monmouth Hardware located at 401 Main Street E in Monmouth. Mixers are open to MI Chamber members, friends, and guests. Registration is not required, but is preferred, and can be completed at www.micc-or.org or by calling 503-838-4268. Participants are encouraged to bring a small giveaway valued at \$10 or less to promote your business or organization.

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Oct. 29 Spooktacular Bingo • Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
• Location: Monmouth Independence Family YMCA (301 S Main Street, Independence) • Event: Presented by the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, Spooktacular Bingo provides a family-friendly afternoon of bingo with great prizes and activities, including cash prizes, costume contests, and kids crafts from 1 PM to 4 PM at the Monmouth Independence Family YMCA located at 301 S Main Street in Independence. Buy 1 bingo card for \$1 or get 12 cards for only \$10. All bingo games are open sessions. For more information, visit www.micc-or.org or call 503-838-4268.

Oct. 31 Monmouth Downtown Safe Trick-or-Treating! Halloween Spooktacular 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM Note: The library is closed on Mondays, but the meeting room, lobby, and restrooms will be open for this event.

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