

# Sand Castle Newsletter

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*All of us at  
Sand Castle Winery  
Wish you a  
Happy Valentines Day*

## Looking forward to 2009

Despite all the bad news of the economy and the old ruler in the media "Good News" is no news, we have to live. Farmers have always had a positive attitude on life and the future because you live for the next season and the future years. Snowy winter provided many nutrients for the plants which can only be obtained by melted snow. Temperatures so far have not reached 0 degrees so the buds should have a very high percentage of survival. Marketing grants for River Road and Bucks County Wine Trail will help us with marketing, and of course your over whelming support is the driving force behind our optimism.

## Winter and Alpine Spice

Hot Alpine Spice is a first line of defense against the cold and snowy weather. Experts are telling us that the spices are great to fight the cold and sore throat, but I think it makes you feel good all over. Food combinations would include smoked Gouda, smoked fish, Virginia Ham, (it makes a great glaze on baked pork), but my favorite combination is vanilla ice cream.

## Vineyards

Pruning continues in the Riesling. Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon are the last ones to be done. If anyone would like to have the cuttings for their private vineyard, please contact the winery.

## Winery

2008 young wines are performing beyond our expectations. Last bottling of Pinot Noir 2005 has been done and any lovers of this vintage should know there are only 200 cases in stock.

## Calendar of Events

		9 Days of Valentines 2-7-2/15
2/7	*	Chardonnay & Dark Chocolate
2/8	*	Cabernet Sauvignon & Chocolate
2/14	*	Sweet Heart Festival
2/15	*	Best of Wine & Chocolate
2/14-15		Scottish Irish Festival Valley Forge Conv. Center
2/19		Villa Capri Ristorante Doylestown, PA Gourmet Wine Dinners featuring Sand Castle Johannisberg Dry Riesling
2/27,28, 1st		PA Spring Home Show Ag Hall Allentown, PA
3/14-15	*	Author Carrie Gamble will be introducing her cookbook with Grandma's old recipes
3/21-22	*	Art Festival * at Sand Castle