

Mendocino News, Autumn 2007

Dear Friends,

We hope your Fall season is off to a great start. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events – please don't hesitate to contact us directly with any questions or special requests.

Best,

Eli and Jared

HALF-PRICED WINE SUNDAYS

Don't forget! We're still offering our incredible wine list at half-price on Sunday nights.

So finish the Times crossword early, turn off 60 minutes, and join us for some amazing deals on some fantastic wines.

WELCOME OUR NEW MANAGER, NICOLE SALADYGA

Nicole Saladyga joined Mendocino in early 2007 as a newcomer to the restaurant industry and a rare-crossover from the world of boutique wine distribution and sales. Owners Eli Hengst and Jared Rager leapt at the opportunity to bring on a young, bright, and outgoing wine representative with a palate developed over years of tasting and selling the best limited-production vintages.

Her first foray into wine was working for a small Virginia winery doing special events and tastings. Initially, wine was just a serious hobby. Upon completing her master's work and returning to Washington, Nicole decided to turn her hobby into a career and in 2004 joined Constantine Wines, a local boutique importer and distributor based in Columbia, MD, as a wine consultant.

Nicole's current focus is sharing her passion for wines with guests at Mendocino – whether they are a demanding connoisseur or a nervous novice unsure of how to approach the first taste. She is currently planning a series of private tastings and vintner dinners, and working closely with Executive Chef Barry Koslow, as always, to find the perfect pairings for Mendocino's seasonal Mid-Atlantic menu.

P.S. -We'd like to send you occasional reminders of events at Mendocino - if you ever wish to be dropped from the list, just let us know