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Burt and Raleigh discuss Spring, food art and the drought

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Dear Family and Friends,

Each fall we are privileged to be able to share our olive oil with you. Harvesting in fall is hectic, and at times frantic; however, spring is probably the most exciting time on the ranch. We would like to share a bit of our spring with you.

Food Art

Every year we receive wonderful and sometimes quite amusing messages from our friends and family regarding our olive oil. Recently, we received a new type of comment when Dario Montelvere the chef at the Kailani restaurant located in the Four Seasons Hotel, Lanai, sent us photos of some of his creations using Quattro Olive Oil. Dario uses our oil as one element in creating beautiful and tasteful presentations of "traditional" Italian recipes.



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The Four Seasons Lanai is a spectacularly beautiful hotel and if you visit be sure to order Dario's *sugo* which is fabulous.

Spring

It has been a strange year. We hardly had any winter, but we are having a magnificent spring. Over the years we have written a number of letters to you describing the pain and agony Mother Nature has inflicted upon us. Notwithstanding the occasional infliction of pain, it is obvious that Mom cares about us and has a specific plan for our ranch. Mom gave us the combination of a unique soil and a microclimate that is perfect for producing our olive oil. In addition, Mom has graced our ranch with a colorful palette. Gorgeous yellow poppies appear every spring, but they only bloom above the orchard



while blue lupine only grace the slopes below the orchard.



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Drought

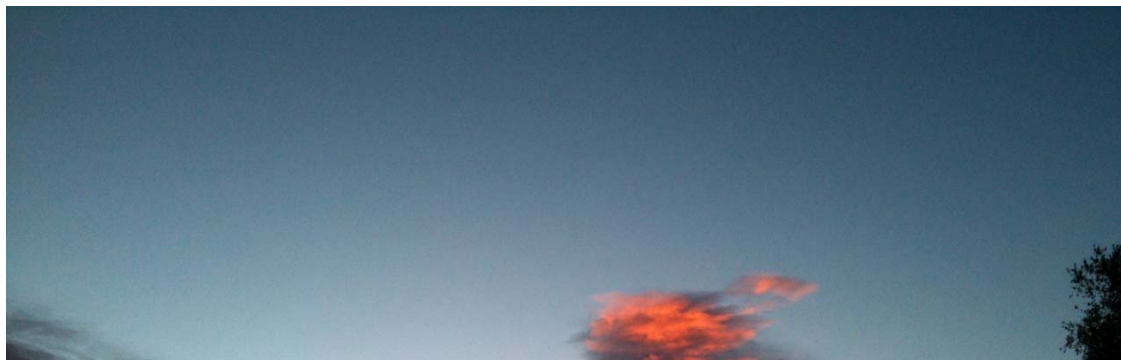
Many people have asked us about the effect of the drought on our trees. We were lucky that in February and March we had two substantial storms at optimal moments. Good fortune is smiling on us since we are experiencing a slow steady rainfall as we write this letter. Thus, as we enter spring the trees look terrific.

Olive trees do well with little or no water. While we do not know the effect of the drought we hope that the current mild weather conditions will continue through flowering and setting of the fruit.

Last year because of concerns about the dry year, we used minimal irrigation and obtained the best crop we've ever produced. We plan on following the same pattern this year and hope that we enjoy the same success. As the year progresses we will let you know the status of our harvest.

The End of the Day

At this time of the year Mom also provides one additional wonderful feature. She frequently closes out the day with a wonderful display of color.

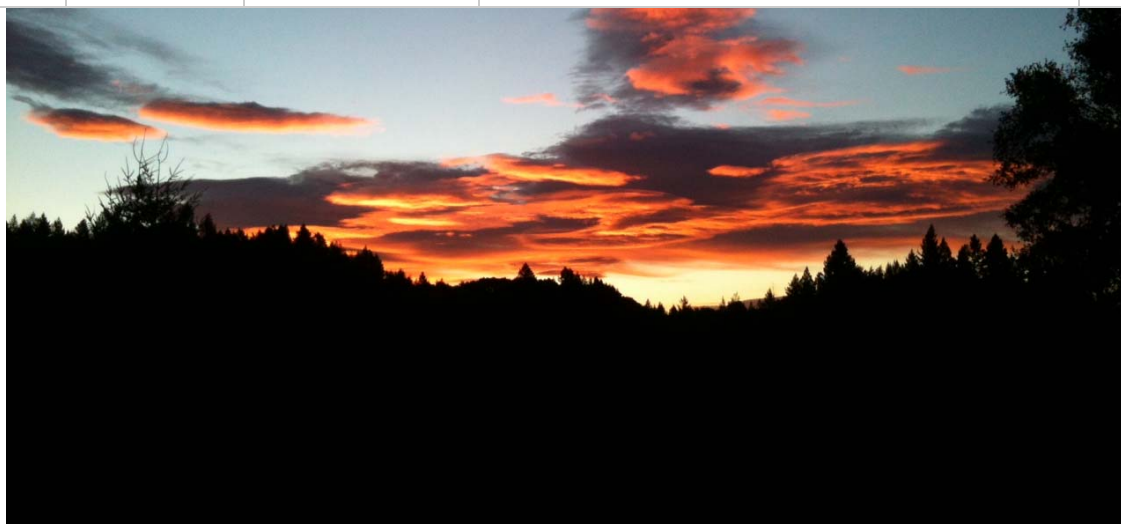


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Best wishes,

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