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Five Dot Ranch Newsletter

Your Monthly News & Updates



Hello everyone! We hope you find the information in this newsletter to be informative and fun.

Enjoy!

Ranch Happenings *On the Move*

At the beginning of every summer, many of our cows leave their winter ground and are turned out into different mountain allotments in Northern California. When the cattle arrive the feed is plenty and many watering holes can be found due to the winter snow and spring rain. The cows spend the summer months grazing in the cool mountain air, following the same trails they have travelled in summers prior. The ground is familiar and these creatures of habit have no problem navigating the expansive mountainsides.



As the seasons change so does the feed and water supply resulting in a large migration of Five Dot cows. The cattle can sense the changing of the weather and will naturally start to migrate back to lower ground. The cowboys will arrive and lead the herd back to the home ranch. The natural migration of cattle cuts out some of the gathering work for the cowboys, however there will always be a few stragglers. The cowboys will spend their fall days riding around the allotments looking for those few cows who are still roaming the mountains. They check every watering hole and follow every cow

trail. Once a final headcount is reached the summer ground is left to regenerate during the winter months, starting the cycle again.



Upcoming Events

Napa Valley Film Festival

Another plug for the Napa Valley Film Festival!

Our menu special for NVFF Passholders has been announced!

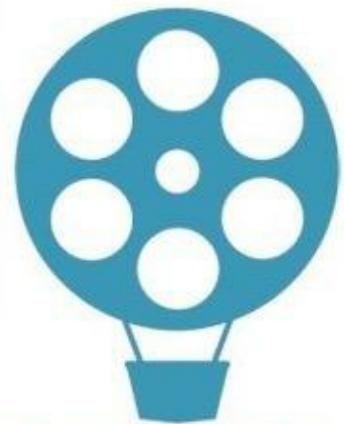
"Steak for Two" - Grilled Chateaubriand with mushroom and mascarpone creamy polenta, roasted bone marrow and red wine jus.



The Napa Valley Film Festival (NVFF) is an immersive, sense-awakening celebration of the finest in cinematic story-telling dedicated to the notion that the best of humanity lies ahead of us. At NVFF, each year's most outstanding new independent films are washed down with world class food and wine, tucked into bed each night with sublime hospitality, and greeted each gorgeous morning with opportunities to deepen the bonds between artists and audience. NVFF16 takes place November 9 - 13.

November 9 - 13, 2016

NVFF



NAPA VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL

More information on NVFF can be found here [NVFF16](#)

Employee Spotlight

Kirby Swickard

This face may look familiar as she has appeared in a Five Dot Ranch newsletter before, several years back. Over the years, Kirby has worked in several different capacities at Five Dot Ranch. As the oldest daughter of Todd and Loretta Swickard, owners and CEO and CFO of Five Dot Ranch, she grew up working on the ranch in many different capacities. From gathering cattle horseback to miscellaneous administrative duties in the main office to dragging meadows on a tractor, Kirby has grown up knowing all aspects of the operation.



After graduating from California State University, Chico in 2011 with her Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business, Kirby took on part-time duties at Five Dot Ranch including social media campaigns and this newsletter in addition to her full-time job at the California Beef Council. With her love of travel Kirby later found herself back at Chico State working as a full-time staff member in the Office of International Education as a Study Abroad and International Exchange student advisor. All the while she maintained her part-time Five Dot Duties.

Several years and Master's degree later, Kirby is finally here at Five Dot Ranch as a full-time employee as of summer 2016. She has become the lead of Human Resources as well as having a hand in Catering and Public Relations. And of course, she will continue to write this newsletter. Yep, that's right, Kirby here! And if you are wondering... yes, it is very strange writing about myself. Regardless, I am happy to be here at Five Dot Ranch, working alongside my family, the wonderful employees that keep this company going, and the patrons that trust in us to provide the best beef in Northern California.

Five Dot Ranch Catering

Consider us for your next event!

We are available for wine club events, crush pad lunches, harvest parties, weddings, corporate lunches, and more!

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