



**Julie LePla**  
WINERY



## Harvest in Progress

# "Passport Weekend" Coming

### Wine Available for Purchase Now

#### 2009 Zinfandel

*18 Cases Remain*

Purchase at

[www.julielepla.com](http://www.julielepla.com)

### Coming Events

- **August**
  - 2010 Zinfandel - Bottled and Labeled - CHECK!
  - Bottled a Surprise Vintage/Varietal - CHECK! More later on this ....
- **September**
  - Harvest - In Progress
- **October 8-9**
  - Roots to Wine Passport Week End
  - First Anniversary at Root Stock
  - Release of 2010 Zinfandel

*PLUS*

We are at our Winters tasting room in Root Stock most Friday nights for live music and wine tasting. Join us this week (9/23) to hear my neighbor Rick Harris. He will be strumming and singing 'outlaw-style country'.

### ZinClaire and Zinfandel

The first of the harvest was 9/5, when we picked and crushed some Zin for ZinClaire. The juice stayed on the skins for about 18 hours. Fermentation has slowed and now it is just a matter of time, about 8-9 months, before it is bottled and ready for purchase. Good news for all of our ZinClaire fans!

On 9/9, we harvested the rest of the Zinfandel and that wine is almost finished fermentation. It will be pressed and barreled in the next couple of days having spent 13-14 days on the skins.

We have been testing the Malbec and Barbera every 2-3 days and there is a good chance that the Malbec will be picked in the next 4-5 days. The pH is good but we would like to see the Brix (sugar) up a bit more and the skins softer so they release more of the rich color. The Barbera has a way to go in both Brix and pH and are more likely a week away.

Then there is the Cabernet. It may be early October before its harvest. This will be great news for those of you attending Passport Weekend with a visit to Julie LePla Winery. We could still be fermenting which would enhance the winery tour.

### Speaking of Passport Weekend



Plans for Passport Weekend October 8 and 9 at Julie LePla Winery are coming together. This will be the 1st annual event of its kind sponsored by Roots to Wine, the Solano and Yolo Counties' regional wine growers association. It will provide a rare opportunity to visit Julie LePla Winery and appreciate its uniqueness as the smallest winery in the region. Passport participants will enjoy special events including a tour of the vineyard and winery

Check the following for schedule of events at Root Stock.

<http://www.rootstockgifts.com>

## Coming Varietals for 2011

- Ranch-grown Zinfandel
- Ranch-grown ZinClaire, a dry Rose
- Yolo County Barbera
- Yolo County Malbec
- Solano County Cabernet Sauvignon

and tasting the newly released 2010 Zinfandel. You will also have an opportunity to taste other wines and enjoy food pairings. Discounts on wine purchases will be given to Passport holders.

Passports to Julie LePla Winery and the 10 other wineries in the region are on sale now. Click on [www.rootstowine.com](http://www.rootstowine.com) to find the link to purchase your Passport.

Julie LePla Winery will be open that weekend to those that have not purchased Passports but the special discounts on purchases will not apply.

Coinciding with Passport Weekend, is the 1st Anniversary of the opening of Root Stock which is the tasting room home of Julie LePla Winery. Root Stock will also be pouring the 2010 Zinfandel at the anniversary event.

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