

Hi Friends,

The Holidays and January have come and gone and we are already in the second month of 2009. My focus these days is on the impending birth of my grandson who is overdue, much to the chagrin of my daughter, Erica and her husband, Eric. While I await the call to 'grandma duty', I made the best of the beautiful weather we had the last couple of weeks in Northern California. Half of the vines are pruned and I didn't even have to wade through mud to do it. Obviously this is the blessing and the curse as we desperately need rain and my well could use a recharge. While there is nothing I can do about, I am concerned about the size of the buds this early in the season. Thankfully it cooled off a bit this week and we even had some rain!



A lot of aging is in progress within the winery. Soon I will be bottling the 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon. I recently racked it out of the French Oak barrel after 15 months and it is waiting in glass carboys until there is the opportunity (read that to mean.. after baby) to bottle it.

The 2008 vintages of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Barbera and Carignane are showing promise. It has been very interesting and exciting producing different varietals this year.

I am happy to announce my 2007 Zinfandel is now being served and sold at WineStyles, in the Town Square in downtown Vacaville (www.winestyles.net/vacaville). I hope to do a special pouring at the store in the near future (again... after baby). Stop by if you are in the area.

Thanks to your interest in my wines, I have sold out of my 2006 and 2007 ZinClaire. I appreciate your support. There is however, 2007 Zinfandel available. Go to www.julielepla.com or give me a call to make a purchase.

Until the next update... my best to each of you.

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