

Dear Present and Future Customers,

I hope everyone is doing well and had a great summer!

Harvest 2008

Life at the vineyard and winery has been busy the last several weeks. Red Bud Ranch's 2008 Zinfandel crop was early and was harvested in mid-August. The selective pruning techniques worked in reducing this year's crop but I didn't expect the low yield I got. I can only deduce the late frost in April was the culprit. The good news is that I am pleased with the grapes that found their way to the fermenter.

After pressing only 58 gallons of Zinfandel and starting its barrel aging, I decided to buy some grapes. In the coming years I will have a 2008 Barbera and a Carignane that I will blend with some tasty Grenache. Today I crushed Petite Sirah. It is fun to add some variety to my wine-making and will try a little blending this year.

2007 Zinfandel Ready!

In addition to the 2008 vintage activities, I completed the bottling of the 2007 Zinfandel and today I am announcing its release. It has received exciting reviews from several wine lovers, which pleases me. It has great dark cherry and strawberry tastes and a hint of vanilla. Many have commented about the velvety mouth feel and the spicy finish. Here are a few statistics.

Alcohol 13%
Ph 3.71
Titratable Acidity 6.1
Residual Sugar < 0.25%

Ordering Wine

As of today the 2007 Zinfandel is now listed along with my 2006 and 2007 ZinClaire offerings on my website. You can purchase any or all of them by accessing the website using the link below. I have also attached an order form that you can fill out and send to me via electronic or regular mail. Whichever way to choose, I will determine the tax and shipping costs and confirm the total with you before finalizing the purchase. In addition, I am happy to work with you on ways to avoid shipping costs.

Website

Here is the website link - <http://www.julielepla.com/index.htm>. For your peace of mind, the website is 'secure' plus there is an additional layer of encryption to protect the most sensitive information. If you ever encounter any problems accessing or using the website, please notify me.

Thank you all for your interest and I hope you enjoy the wines with a personal touch from
Julie LePla Winery!

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