# SEVEN HILLS WINERY

ESTABLISHED 1988

Autumn 2002

No. 7

## Vintage 2002

### Fifteen Years in the Walla Walla Valley

With a cooler early and middle growing season followed by a moderately warm late August and September, vintage 2002 reminds me a bit of 1999. The fruit exhibits strong color and flavors, and the acidity levels bode well for aging potential. At this writing we have all our red grapes in the winery.

We are working with a new red varietal this year; Tempranillo, a famous Spanish grape, that we feel is ideally suited to the soils and growing conditions of the Walla Walla Valley. Our vision for Tempranillo is a 100% varietal wine with robust structure, dark cherry, rose petal and nutty flavors accented by American oak.

Progress continues with our two Bordeaux style blends. Once again we harvested four types of wine grape varietals from Ciel du Cheval Vineyard to create a single vineyard blend. The five component-varietals of our Walla Walla Valley blend came in with terrific flavors and have started their cellar life in French oak.

The Walla Walla Valley portion of the 2002 Pinot Gris is in the winery and we await the balance from southern Oregon this week. We feel very fortunate to have found another Columbia Valley Riesling vineyard, planted in 1979, allowing us to increase production of this very versatile wine from exceptionally old vines. Late season warmth has brought the Syrah to velvety ripeness.

Even as we expand our wine offerings, we remain committed to our line of vineyard-designated Cabernet Sauvignons and Merlots, and the Columbia Valley series. It was fifteen harvests ago that we brought in our first Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from Seven Hills Vineyard. The thrill of our first crush is renewed each year when the fruit comes in!

As we reflect upon our growth as a winery we are thankful to our families, our friends, our employees, our growers and our customers for your encouragement and support. It has been a splendid journey.

Cery J M Clella Winemaker



## Holiday Barrel Tasting December 6, 7, 8, 2002 Noon – 4:00 pm

Seven Hills welcomes you to celebrate the 6th annual Holiday Barrel Tasting. The Walla Walla Valley is brimful of merriment and holiday anticipation this weekend. Please join us to Barrel-sample our Ciel du Cheval single vineyard blend and new releases.

We will be pouring our 2000 Cabernet Sauvignons from Klipsun and Seven Hills vineyard, as well as the Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley and Merlot, Klipsun Vineyard.

In acknowledgment and gratitude to Walla Walla Community Hospice for their contribution to the people of our Valley we will donate five percent of sales from this weekend to support their work.

To those of you who will miss the Barrel Tasting, we wish you and your families good holidays, peace and prosperity in 2003.

### New Release notes

2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Klipsun Vineyard, Columbia Valley (\$30)

Aromas of red cherry and spices, enticingly balanced dark fruit flavors, acidity and tannin. A very ageable, powerful Cab with potential for exceptional longevity.

## 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Seven Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley (\$30)

Complex range of flavors from herbal hints to dark fruits layered on an elegant structure. A classic Northwest vintage showing the depth of flavors that old vines give.

2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley (\$22) Full bodied, deeply colored, showing herb, pepper, red-fruits and floral overtones. The diverse vineyard sites show in a broad range of flavors and a sound structure with depth and length.

### 2000 Merlot, Klipsun Vineyard (\$28)

Ruby-red color, with aromas of ripe red cherry, redcurrant and raspberry. Clove and cinnamon frame the abundant fruit component. Soft tannins, ample fruit by mouth, and a warm lengthy finish make this a delightful Merlot.





The Barrique Society

Happy Anniversary Barrique Society members! The November shipment marks the second anniversary of the Barrique Society. Members received our newly released 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Seven Hills Vineyard and the 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Klipsun Vineyard. Both vineyards have well-deserved reputations for world renowned quality fruit which Casey uses to create critically acclaimed wines.

We thank both our original members and those of you who have joined us over the past two years. Do make plans to visit the tasting room—we have thoroughly enjoyed meeting you at the guided tastings and at the tasting bar. If your visit falls outside regular tasting room hours, please call to arrange an appointment.

We are in the process of planning a Barrique event to chase away the mid-winter doldrums. Suggestions from members are always welcome.

All are invited to join the Barrique Society. Members enjoy exclusive discounts and advance buying privileges on limited releases, and are included in annual invitational events at the winery. Please call us at the winery or check the website for membership details.

### Accolades

Our wines have enjoyed tremendous press since our last newsletter. Most recently Wine & Spirits magazine has included us as an American Winery of the Year 2003 in the Artisan category. We are very proud to be on this listing for the second consecutive year. Other stellar recognition follows:

	Wine & Spirits	Wine Spectator	Wine Enthusiast
1999 Cabernet Sauvignon, Klipsun Vineyard	93	90	90
1999 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley	88	92	
1999 Cabernet Sauvignon, Seven Hills Vynd	90	90	91
1999 Merlot, Klipsun Vineyard	93		91
1999 Merlot, Seven Hills Vineyard			
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1999 Merlot, Columbia Valley			ly Top Ten Bon Appetit
1999 Merlot, RESERVE Columbia Valley	90		89
2000 Syrah, Walla Walla Valley			
2000 Syrah, Columbia Valley			ly Top Ten Bon Appetit

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	RED WINE			
	2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley, Seven Hills Vineyard	\$30	\$360	
	2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, Klipsun Vineyard	\$30	\$360	
	2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley	\$22	\$264	
	2000 Merlot, Columbia Valley	\$22	\$264	
	2000 Merlot, Klipsun Vineyard, Columbia Valley	\$28	\$336	
	1999 Merlot, Reserve, Columbia Valley	\$40	\$480	
	2000 Planing Mill Red, Red Table Wine	\$18	\$216	
	2000 Syrah, Walla Walla Valley	\$35	\$420	
	2000 Syrah, Columbia Valley	\$22	\$264	
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	2001 Pinot Gris, Oregon	\$14	\$168	
	2001 Riesling, Columbia Valley	\$10	\$120	

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### PLANING MILL RED

This fall marks the release of our first red table wine. The Planing Mill Red is a tribute to the woodworking artisans who labored for nearly a century in the Whitehouse-Crawford building prior to its renovation as our winery. Select lots were chosen for their forward character and accessible structure and crafted to be a delicious wine for everyday drinking. We have less than 30 cases of this wine to sell at the winery. With the case discount, the Planing Mill Red is \$16.20/bottle—perfect for your holiday gatherings.

### E-Mail newsletter option

If you would like to receive your newsletter and winery news via email, please forward your email address to jacquie@sevenhillswinery.com. Be sure to include your name as it appears on your mailing

label in the body of the message so we can find your name in our mailing list database. Thank you.

### **Exhibits**

It has been our privilege this year to show the work of local artists at Seven Hills. We are blessed with gorgeous, natural light and soaring, open beam ceilingsa beautiful room made more gracious with their talents. Most recently we featured a collection of handmade books and broadsides by Ian Bovden. Crabquill Press. Visit his website at crabquill.com to see more of his work. Leslie Williams Cain has created a new collection of chalk pastels for display in November and December. A Walla Walla native, Leslie has a profound understanding of the character of the land and nuances of light throughout the seasons... The tasting room is open October through April, Thursday through Saurday, Noon-4:00 pm.