

Thurston Wolfe

2001 Newsletter

VINEYARD UPDATE

A mild winter and virtually frost-free spring have left wine grapes healthy and with large crop potentials. Growers are currently cordon suckering (removing unwanted shoots) vines to open canopies and adjust cluster numbers. Yields will be fine-tuned in July after berry set by cluster-thinning. So far a mild, wet spring has mitigated the impact of the drought on Yakima Valley vineyards. A limited water supply during mid-summer should help keep berries small and flavors concentrated as in 1994.

NEW RELEASES

2000 PINOT GRIS - VIOGNIER: \$11.00

A perfect blend of Yakima Valley Pinot Gris (70%) and estate-grown Viognier (30%). Viognier rounds out the delicate fruit of Pinot Gris with peach and tropical fruit aromas and rich, full-bodied flavors on the palate.

1999 ZINFANDEL, BURGESS VINEYARD: \$20.00

80% Zinfandel and 20% Petite Sirah from the Burgess Vineyard in Pasco, WA. 1999 was a great vintage for reds, with low crop allowing full ripening and rich, intense flavors. Our best Zinfandel yet.

1999 DR. WOLFES FAMILY RED: \$15.00

A special blend by Dr. Wolfe, Thurston Wolfe's winemaker, of Petite Sirah, Syrah, Sangiovese and Lemberger, all Washington grown. Aged 16 months in new and one year in old American oak barrels.

RELEASED THIS SPRING

1999 Sangiovese: \$20.00

1999 Syrah: \$20.00

1999 Blue Franc (Lemberger): \$13.50

1998 JWT (Port-style dessert wine): \$20.00

Discounts

10% on purchase of 6 or more bottles, 20% on two or more cases. Mixed cases allowed.

We look forward to seeing you.

Dr. Wolfe, Becky and Josh