

CULLER



When the Frost is on the Punkin'*

When the frost is on the punkin' and the Syrah is in the cask

And you hear the sigh of a winemaker finally sittin' on her ass.

And the fermenters are all clean and the press is put away,

And another great vintage rests until it's bottlin' day

O, it's then the time a winemaker is a-feelin' at her best.

With a settin' sun to greet her from a day of poetic jest,

As she leaves the winery, tired, but happy to go sit upon her ass

When the frost is on the punkin' and the Syrah is in her glass.

(*My apologies to James Whitcomb Riley for creating a vintner's rendition of his beautiful poem)

Well, I don't actually have time to sit around yet, but there is plenty of Syrah in my glass! Plenty of the new release of Culler 2008 Syrahs...Napa Valley and Sawi Vineyard. Both are delicious wines, each with unique personalities.

2008 Culler Syrah, Napa Valley. This wine is again a blend of two great vineyards in the cooler regions of Napa Valley...Alexander and Cortese. The blend of the wine from these two sites makes a wine that is full of blueberry, cassis, bacon fat and a touch of coffee from the Burgundian oak barrels. The palate is thick, rich and very cellar worthy.

2008 Culler Syrah, Sawi Vineyard. The Sawi Vineyard, high in the hills of Sonoma, is my coldest vineyard. The cool temperatures and rocky soil make a very varietal (in the best sense) Syrah...nice and juicy, a little funky, very peppery, and plenty of smooth tannins and acidity.

If I am holding Cabernet for you for cooler shipping weather, I will combine any Syrah that you order with your Cabernet. Right now, I think shipping will start in late October in cool areas and November or later in warmer areas.

Harvest 2010 updates: I am making small snippets of videos from this harvest and posting on my facebook page. If you would like to see the progress (and wonder when I get to sit on my ass!), please friend me on facebook and enjoy the show.

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