



Paul Mathew Vineyards News Letter

Newsletter 2007

This was Mat's seventh harvest making Paul Mathew Vineyards Wines. We have developed a nice following, Thank you.

We can now see the wines have settled into a consistent style which we call Mat's style.

Low input winemaking & great vineyard sourcing producing wines of finesse and charm. With the Pinot craze continuing, We are thrilled that the world of wine parallels our passion of Pinot Noir. It is a time that Pinot Noir is highly sought after, prices are increasing & grape sourcing is becoming far more competitive. Our goal is to maintain at our price level as long as possible. We lost one of our vineyards from Taylor Lane. Sad, yes, but we will

continue to source the finest fruit we can.

2006 crush - started late; Our 1st grapes picked were from TnT vineyard. About 1/4th of the Vineyard was picked starting at 6:30am Sunday Sept.24th with a crew of about 10. We were done by 10:00 am.

Ruxton grapes came in the next day to get us off to a delayed but busy start of crush. TnT is only a two acre vineyard but was picked four times to insure even ripeness, mostly by friends and family.

The 2006 Vintage had a huge fruit set for Pinot not seen in many years. The grape size and cluster weights were significantly higher than normal making crop estimates and cropping levels more complicated. With the long

cool growing season that followed the vines struggled to ripen their fruit, vineyards over cropped really suffered. A heat spike in early July caused some problems not apparent until weeks later. The vines randomly shut down some clusters to save water and energy. These unripe clusters began to shrivel weeks later and had to be removed. The vines also made thicker skins to protect the grapes from the heat giving the 06 much higher tannin levels. We cutback from 4 punch downs a day to three and pressed some wines early that were getting too tannic. The wines are very good and are at the same high level of quality as our 05 Pinots.

Our first vintage of Gamay was also late to come in to the winery. The Gamay had the same big berries and clusters as the Pinot. The high tannin levels were a concern so we ended up doing more carbonic maceration than we had originally planned to do with this wine. The wine has great Gamay flavors and should be a good first effort for us. We have had two long, cool growing seasons that have followed three warm vintages in a row. The best wines should be of very high quality but there may be some lackluster wines from over cropped vineyards from this vintage, so choose carefully.

Wine Offerings

Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast 2005

The wine has a bright cherry red color and enticing aromas of cardamom, cinnamon, raspberry, strawberry, vanilla, white pepper and caramel. It is medium bodied with flavors of raspberry cream soda, dark cherry, red plum, red licorice, "red hots" spiciness and caramelized sugar. A long smooth and creamy finish leaves the taste of juicy watermelon, strawberry, and vanilla lingering on the palate.

Pinot Noir, TNT Vineyard, Russian River 2005

This wine has characteristics that include high toned fruit of red currant, raspberry & wild strawberry with watermelon on the nose & a touch of acidity. Bright cherry, wild strawberry with a hint of mushroom, sandalwood & ripe plum on the palette with a delicate finish. Ready now & will hold well for years.

Pinot Noir, Ruxton Vineyard, Russian River 2005

This was one of those good luck stories you only hear about. The grapes were unexpectedly available the day before they were picked. I received a call on Sunday and went out to the vineyards that afternoon. The

grapes were perfect. The 2005 vintage was near perfect with it's long, cool growing season and extended, even paced harvest. We were able to do all the things we wanted to do with the wines thanks to the mellow pace of the harvest.

A beautiful purple color that extenuates grapes with a rich ripe black cherry, cinnamon jamminess. This wine has strong structure, great full texture with a long fruit finish.

Gamay Noir, Knights Valley Sonoma County 2006

This wine is made from a 60 year old Vineyard just north of Calistoga at the entrance of Sonoma County that produces great fruit. The freshness on the nose of this traditional style Beaujolais shows strawberry, unripe banana characters with a hint of carbonic maceration technique. Mouth flavors follow suit with additions of a grapey soft low tannin wine. This wine is fun fruity & picnic perfect. Chill & enjoy for Spring & Summer fun.

Rose of Pinot Noir, Russian River 2006

100% Pinot Noir fruit gives this wine body & texture with a full mouth feel of silky strawberry & pink grapefruit finished With maraschino cherry. Drink while it's fresh & young. Great for afternoon BBQ's & canoe trips. Cheers

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2007 ORDER FORM

Wine	Btl.	Case	Quantity
Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast 2005	28 .		
Pinot Noir, TNT Russian River 2005	32 .		
Pinot Noir, Ruxton Vineyard 2005	34 .		
Gamay Noir, Knights Valley, Sonoma 2006	15 .		
Rose of Pinot Noir 2006	15 .		
Total			
Discount (10% on any case order – full case only)			
Sales Tax (7.75%)			
Shipping (State & location depending, please call us)			
Grand Total			

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Check enclosed

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard American Express

Account

_____ Expiration _____

Signature _____

Thank you

We are looking forward to many more great vintages & Thank you for your support.

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