

ROSS ANDREW

WINERY

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Greetings from Ross Andrew Winery!

With harvest well under way, we're up to our elbows in sticky grape juice. We'll fill you in more on that later, but rest assured 2008 is shaping up to be an incredible harvest.

I won't keep your ears (or eyes) long with this letter, but we want to make sure you clear some space on your calendar on *November 1st or 2nd from noon to 4* for the inaugural release of our Boushey Vineyard Syrah. Dick Boushey arguably grows some of the most flavorful, rich, balanced (and highly sought after) Syrah in the State and we're lucky to be working with it.

Bottom line: we really think you're going to like this wine. It has wonderfully spicy aromatics highlighted by loads of dark fruit. The palate is balanced, round and lush. Here is some of what *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* had to say last month about this wine:

"The 2006 Syrah Boushey Vineyard is a blend of three [syrah] clones from this renowned terroir. Dark ruby/purple, it offers up a smoky, spicy nose... Layered and ripe on the palate with gobs of spicy, sleek blue and black fruits, this tasty, balanced wine will evolve for 2-3 years and be at its best from 2010 to 2017." 91 points

We also decided to set aside some of our spring white wines for this release. These two wines will be fantastic as your go-to whites for the holidays. Here are some notes from *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*:

2007 Ross Andrew Winery MEADOW, Oregon White Wine 90 Points

The 2007 Meadow is Pinot Blanc [dominant] blend sourced from Oregon's Willamette and Rogue Valleys. Medium straw-colored, it has an enticing bouquet of mineral, spice box, floral notes, melon, and tropical fruits. Complex, ripe, and lively, it is an ideal aperitif wine reminiscent of the village blends produced by Marcel Deiss in Alsace.

2007 Ross Andrew Winery Celilo Vineyard, Columbia Gorge AVA 91 Points

The 2007 Pinot Gris Celilo Vineyard, from a superb terroir for white wine grapes, is medium straw-colored with aromas of apricots, tangerine, spring flowers, and mineral. On the palate, it is crisp, refreshing, vibrant, and balanced. Dry, mouth-filling, and long, there are a great many Alsace wineries that would be proud to turn out a Pinot Gris of this quality.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends on November 1st or 2nd from Noon to 4.

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Regards,

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