



MARTIN RAY WINERY

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THE LEGACY CLUB

707 829 6156

In this shipment:

CELLAR

- 2010 Martin Ray Reserve Los Carneros Pinot Noir
- 2007 Martin Ray Napa Valley "Synthesis"

RED / WHITE

- 2010 Martin Ray Monterey County Pinot Gris
- 2009 Courtney Benham Alexander Valley Petite Sirah

RED ONLY

- 2009 Courtney Benham Sonoma County Pinot
- 2009 Courtney Benham Alexander Valley Petite Sirah

Greetings Legacy Club Members!



NEWS FROM THE VINEYARDS

Veraison is occurring now in many of our vineyards, and Winemakers Bill & Megan are assessing quality for the upcoming harvest. While the long and rainy Spring means that we will have a lower yield than usual, the inconsistent weather has let the fruit ripen slowly and evenly. As a result, the quality of the fruit is diverse and we are looking forward to some exceptional wines from this vintage. The first of the 2011 wines to be released will be the Angeline Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc in late Spring.

They have also been looking for Zinfandel grapes, and think they have found just what they have been

searching for in the head-trained hillside vines growing in the Mule Hill Block of Puccioni Vineyards in Dry Creek Valley. We look forward to tasting a fruity, robust Zin from this vineyard in 2013.

Our estate vineyards are under 24 hour surveillance—owls now patrol the vineyards from their nests in mounted boxes we've installed for them, looking for invasive creatures. We love to spot them, and appreciate the natural pest control they provide.

NEWS FROM THE CELLAR

Meanwhile, deep inside the cellar, our first ever Port-style Dessert Wine is spending its last few months in oak. It will be a limited-edition wine sold exclusively in the Tasting Room, available to the Legacy Club later this winter.

Bill and Megan are also very pleased with two of our 2009 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignons: Stags Leap District and Sonoma Mountain. After we fulfill our Futures orders, we will make them available to all of our Legacy Club members before the general public. Their favorite by far, however, is the 2007 "Synthesis" from the Napa Valley. Bill described it as "beautiful" and "Old School" while Megan feels it is a "classic Bordeaux – style blend."

We would love to hear what you think of the wonderful wines from this shipment – please do not hesitate to contact us with comments and questions. wineclub@martinraywinery.com.

Enjoy! Emily Lynch Tasting Room and Wine Club Manager