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2007 Big Guy Red Wine California

“The best thing about a man is his dog.” – French proverb.

Winemaking goes to the dogs!

After many years of faithfully welcoming guests to the winery, Ty (our Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier whom Anthony calls “Big Guy”) shares his own favorite wine for those lovely BBQ dinners he so enjoys. Our Big Guy Red blend pairs beautifully with spare ribs, pork tenderloins, burgers, rib eyes – you get the idea! Don’t forget to share a tidbit with your faithful friend, and ENJOY!

Our Big Guy Red Wine is a blend from select lots drawn from California appellations. Bordeaux varietals Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Malbec are blended with Syrah, a Rhone varietal. These lots display lively fruit aromas and flavors. Enjoyable while young, the tannin structures will allow the wine to develop gracefully for several years.

Vintage Notes

The 2007 growing season was a wonderful year for grape growing. Overall, it was a very dry, cool. Winter temperatures were warmer than normal into spring resulting in earlier budding, bloom and set in the vineyards across all varieties. Few days in summer topped 100 degrees, fewer days in the 90s than normal, and this meant less irrigation, allowing the grapes to mature naturally and slowly. A brief heat spike around Labor Day added the boost of sugar development that growers were looking for to complement the excellent acid structure developed in the white varieties. Harvest commenced in mid-August and was evenly paced. With wines of incredible intensity and concentration, 2007 looks to be the best vintage in many years.

Tasting Notes

The 2007 Big Guy blend is strongly influenced by Syrah from the Canterbury Vineyard in the Sierra Foothills. This vineyard yields grapes with ripe, luscious, sunny fruit flavors and a delicious mouthfeel. Cabernet sauvignon and other Bordeaux varietals are blended with the Syrah to create a wine with lively fruit aromas, rich, ripe fruit flavors on the palate and soft, supple tannins on the persistent finish. The addition of Syrah makes this wine approachable at an earlier age, while still having a structure that will allow the wine to develop for several years. A medium-bodied wine, with rich, complex flavors of fruit and toasty oak integrated with supple tannins, this delicious wine is a delightful accompaniment to any occasion.

Technical Analysis

Varietal: Syrah (53%), Cabernet sauvignon (36%)
Petit Verdot (8%), Merlot (2%), Malbec (1%)
Source: Napa Valley and Sierra Foothills
Alcohol: 14.8%
Bottle Date: March 2010
Production: 1,050 cases

