



# SPOTTED OWL VINEYARDS

## IN THE VINEYARDS

I believe I speak for all of us, this summer was not what we expected. After years of drought in the valley we were blessed with an abundance of rain into May. Then came unusually cool days that kept us wondering when will summer arrive? Now fall is here and were all scratching our heads asking what happened? That said the grapes are looking great!! Small clusters of tiny berries on healthy green shoots, will ripen beautifully into October. This past week we did another pass through the vineyards dropping fruit to one cluster per shoot and picking off any green berries on the remaining clusters. So this years crop will be a lot less than in years past but the flavors should be exceptional.



## FROM THE WINERY

Thank you for your support and making the inaugural release of our "Mountain Cuvée" 2007 a resounding success. Many of you have commented that you find this Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah blend a very "sexy wine" - which makes all of us here smile and blush ☺. I'm not quite sure what "a sexy wine" really means, but, I do know that "sex sells" and our 2007 "Mountain Cuvée" has developed quite a passionate following!

One of our big supporters has been the Auberge du Soleil resort here in Napa. Auberge chose our 2007 "Mountain Cuvée" as their wine to be poured by the glass for the entire year. So when you want to have a truly exceptional experience in Napa go to Auberge, have a glass of SOV "Mountain Cuvée" and take in one of the most spectacular views of the Napa Valley.

Another great restaurant that has embraced Spotted Owl Vineyards is Brix. We have long enjoyed this highly regarded eatery on highway 29 just north of Yountville. With its beautiful garden patio facing west this is one of the best views of the vineyards that dot the lower slopes of the Mt Veeder appellation. Jeff Creamer – the wine director at Brix – has taken a very personal liking to all the SOV wines and specially chose our 2007 "Mountain Cuvée" to pair with their delicious braised beef entree. I have to say this pairing is truly fantastic – one of those ahhh haa!! paring moments. So if you're roaming the valley drop into Brix and ask Jeff to suggest a pairing with some Spotted Owl wine. It will be an unforgettable experience. Let Jeff know Mikhail sent you. -Salud!



## MORE NEWS

Join Spotted Owl Vineyards and an exclusive list of wineries like Bond, Colgin, Harlan, Opus One, Scarecrow, Screaming Eagle & Staglin at what is called Napa's premier cult wine tasting event. September 11, 2010 at The Staglin Family Winery, Music Festival for Mental Health. This annual event has raised over 85 million dollars for mental health research and is a great opportunity to taste the best of what Napa has to offer. <http://www.imhro.org/the-staglin-music-festival-for-mental-health-2010/reception-richard-reddington.html>

**Coming Soon: 2007 "Alexandria's Cuvee"!!** *The critics have started to weigh in calling it "... an impressive wine. So dense and layered, it reveals tiers of complexity with every sip ...".*

More to come