



2009 Syrah...Hot off the press!

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I like to drink wine while making dinner. I like to drink wine while eating dinner...and with dessert. I sometimes like to drink wine while watching TV or reading a book. I like to drink wine at parties. Sometimes I like wine during lunch breaks while hiking. ..and while talking on the phone. And while enjoying a night looking at the stars and a full moon. And during a long, slow, mid-summer picnic lunch. And while sitting around a campfire. I don't like wine for breakfast. I don't like wine right after brushing my teeth. I usually don't drink wine before noon.

Basically, I like the taste of wine, so I drink a lot of it. It is an important part of my daily routine. But I don't like to drink so much that I feel that lazy, over-served feeling the next morning. It suits me to have a wine that is lower in alcohol, so I can keep drinking every time that I want the taste! And I want a wine that has a lot of taste.

These two Syrahs are just the ticket! The 2009 Sawi Vineyard Syrah is only 13.5% alcohol while the 2009 Napa Valley Syrah is a low 14.2%. The Culler Syrah from the Sawi Vineyard is very Rhone-esque with its peppery, clove, blueberry aromas and the very refreshing acidity and low alcohol. The wine is ready to drink now...no need to cellar this one, although it will age for 5-8 years.

The Culler Syrah Napa Valley is once again from the Alexander and Cortese Vineyards and is big, full of bramble fruit and bacon fat and saddle leather, and chunky tannins. It has yet to open up fully, but can be drunk now with decanting, and should age for a good 10 years.

Both of these wines are in very limited quantity, so if you are interested, let me know soon. I will begin shipping when it cools..probably in late October or November.

Thanks again and cheers!

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