

# ~ VINTAGE NOTES *2008* ~

## HARVEST 2008:

A winemaker is lucky to receive a handful of really magical vintages in a lifetime. 2008 is one of those vintages. In the Willamette Valley we started the season two weeks late due to a cool spring, which delayed budbreak. A cool season throughout June and into July persuaded us to bring already low crop levels even lower to ensure ripening for what was shaping up to be a very cool vintage. To our surprise and excitement, the sun came out in August and persisted into September



and October with a gorgeous Indian summer. The daytime temperatures remained high while the nighttime temperatures dropped into the 40s equating to ripe, beautiful fruit with retained natural acidity. We began picking in October and finished in

the first part of November. Long hang time for the vines and the luxury of picking when we wanted made this vintage exceptional!

