

# ~ VINTAGE NOTES *2009* ~

## HARVEST 2009:

In the end, 2009 made some spectacular wines, but reflecting back, my most dominant impression is how schizophrenic it was! There was no clear understanding of whether we were having a cool vintage or a warm vintage until all was said and done.

After a colder than normal winter, we started off with a late budbreak. As we headed into the summer the temperatures were quite moderate leading us to believe we were in for a late, cool year. Then, July and



August brought extreme heat spikes, desiccating fruit, rushing ripeness along and catching our attention. We began harvest in late September with some very ripe young vineyards and white varietals. October cooled down again and we had the luxury of

leaving the majority of the fruit to gain flavor without accumulating sugar, while the cool nights kept our acidity in check. 2009 proved to be very similar to the 2002 or 2006 vintage.

