

Summer 2009 Newsletter

It's been seven years now since Leo Hansen joined the Stuhlmuller team, and five years since he became our winemaker. As those of you who have been on our mailing list for a while already know, our wines have just gotten better and better with Leo at the helm. Leo's wines reflect a lushly elegant house style that captures the essence of our family-farmed estate vineyard. Not only are they great wines, we also believe they represent a great wine-drinking value. As a result, while we spent many years as one of the Alexander Valley's best-kept secrets, with the help of our wonderful mailing list members, that secret has been getting out lately. As our way of saying thank you for your loyalty and support, we wanted to do something really special for our list members. With this in mind, we are pleased to offer you a **15% discount** on any order of one case or more (includes mixed cases) and a **20% discount** on orders of two cases or more. To make things even more exciting, this special offer also includes rare pre-release access to our amazing **2007 Estate Zinfandel** and our highly anticipated **2006 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon** (6-bottle limit per person). For a glimpse of just how good this wine is, check out the amazing scores below! We are pleased to make this offer available exclusively to our mailing list members.

All the best,

Fritz Stuhlmuller

Parker, Laube and Heimoff All Agree!

When *Wine Spectator*, *The Wine Advocate* and *Wine Enthusiast* all agree, you must be doing something right! In fact, so far in 2009, James Laube, Robert Parker and Steve Heimoff have essentially agreed across the board about the outstanding quality of our new and upcoming releases. Here's how they have scored our wines:

2006 Alexander Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (\$65)

93 Points, Robert Parker *The Wine Advocate*

92 Points, James Laube *Wine Spectator*

92 Points, *The Wine Enthusiast*

2007 Alexander Valley Estate Chardonnay (\$24)

92 Points, Robert Parker *The Wine Advocate*

91 Points, James Laube *The Wine Spectator*

92 Points, Steve Heimoff *The Wine Enthusiast*

2006 Alexander Valley Reserve Chardonnay (\$38)

90 Points, Robert Parker *The Wine Advocate*

90 Points, James Laube *The Wine Spectator*

90 Points, Steve Heimoff *Wine Enthusiast*

2006 Alexander Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$36)

91 Points, Robert Parker *The Wine Advocate*

91 Points, James Laube *The Wine Spectator*

87 Points, Steve Heimoff *The Wine Enthusiast*

Taste Before You Buy

As you might expect, all four of these wines are selling out quickly. If you would like to place an order, just fill out the enclosed order form. Or, if you would like to taste some of these delicious wines before purchasing, call 707.431.7745 to arrange a private tasting any day from Friday through Monday (10a.m. – 4 p.m.). Guided by our tasting room manager, Jacque, and held at the

poured cement tasting bar in the old converted barn that houses our winery, these free, by-appointment tastings are a relaxed and informative way to explore our wines!

Our Summer 2009 Lineup of Wines

Upcoming New Releases:

2006 Alexander Valley Reserve Cabernet (\$65/750ml bottle) 327 cases produced

This Reserve Cabernet displays an inviting inky-purple color that leads to pronounced aromas of blueberry, blackberry and violets, underscored by notes of nutmeg and vanilla. Rich and full-bodied, with powerful tannins cloaked in a velvety texture, it reveals sophisticated flavors of blueberry pie, blue flowers and loamy earth that conclude in a long, satisfying finish.

2007 Alexander Valley Estate Zinfandel (\$28/750ml bottle) 372 cases produced

Displaying a dark ruby-to-purple color with a bright rim, this Zinfandel begins with beautifully pronounced aromas of black raspberry and dark plum, alongside exotic notes of ripe peach and blue flowers. On the palate, it is lush and full-bodied, with a creamy mouthfeel and intense fruit flavors of boysenberry and black raspberry, underscored by hints of fig, violet, lavender, smoke and spice.

Current Releases:

2006 Alexander Valley Reserve Chardonnay (\$38/750ml bottle)

This wine offers a golden straw color. The aromatics are intense with ripe tropical notes underscored by layers of buttery peach, sweet vanilla and spice. The palate is rich, balanced and full-bodied with a creamy texture, refreshing acidity and flavors of ripe pineapple, pear, lemon cream pie and vanilla.

2007 Alexander Valley Estate Chardonnay (\$24/750ml bottle)

This wine displays a pale gold color with green reflections. Aromas of pineapple, sweet white corn and spicy Asian pear combine with notes of fresh nuts, barrel spice and hints of ginger. On the palate it balances medium acidity with integrated oak and a lush texture revealing layers of pineapple, pear, lemon cream pie, honeysuckle and spice.

2006 Alexander Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$36/750ml bottle)

This wine has an inviting dark ruby color that segues to aromas of black cherry, blackberry, tealeaf, anise, currant and clove. The rich and creamy mouthfeel echoes the bouquet with juicy layers of blackberry, dark cherry and currant, accented by spicy oak and fine-grained tannins.

If you would like to order any of these great wines, please complete the special order form found on our website and mail or fax to the San Francisco office.

Feel free to contact us at the San Francisco office with any questions.

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