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Hi Everyone,

The Torrin Vineyard 2007 vintage release has arrived and as promised, you as valued Torrin Customers have the opportunity to purchase the wines before they are released to the balance of the mailing list. For those of you that have been by the winery to pay us a visit you know I can be a bit long winded. So, if you'd like to cut to the chase, no worries I won't take it personally, just click on the link below to get your orders in.

If you have a few minutes to indulge me let me fill you in on what's going on here at Torrin Vineyard. Although still almost humorously small, we are pleased tell you our production has grown by 10% from 217 cases in 2006 to a whopping 239 cases for 2007, and the wines are fantastic. We are releasing two wines this year, "The Maven" and "Akasha". The beauty of being the Winemaker, Owner and a completely irrational businessman is when something isn't up to par it doesn't get bottled and for 2007 the Alicante Bouschet didn't make the cut. Therefore, "The Banshee" has been silenced, but is slated to make its return for the 2008 vintage. On another note let's talk dollars and cents. I know the past year has had quite an effect on nearly everyone and we are aware that this may certainly have a role in your wine purchasing decisions this year. While our production size doesn't give us much leeway, we certainly don't want to add insult to injury. Therefore, while the bottle price will remain the same as last year, we'd like to cover shipping costs of orders of six bottles or more.

We recently previewed the 2007 vintage wines at a local charity event that featured some of our most highly regarded neighbors including; Saxum, L'Aventure, Booker and Terry Hoage. In such esteemed company we were really excited about how the wines showed. Like the 06's the 2007 wines are well structured and exciting young, but are built to continue to develop for a number of years. How well will these wines cellar? Let's just say they will probably outlast your willpower.

2007 was a great year for Rhone Varietals here in the Templeton Gap. Spring was dry with only 0.5 inches of rain from March through the Summer. This certainly kept the canopy under control and the berries small and intense. The challenge on these hillsides with such thin rocky soils is getting them to the finish line come October. Luckily the Summer was pretty hospitable with only a handful of days really pushing the heat envelope. These were often followed by days in the low 70's even upper 60's which allows the vines to recover a bit at gives the fruit more time on the vine to mature. The fruit came off beautifully in early October at around 2.2 to 2.5 tons per acre. If you would like more information regarding the specific vinification of each wine please visit the "Our Wines" section of our website.

- SCOTT HAWLEY