

## **2010 - 2007 Vintage Release Letter**

*Hi Everyone,*

*We are happy to announce the release of our 2007 vintage wines, but first please indulge me as I do a quick bit of rambling.*

*So winemaking has its perks, I mean in addition to the fact that you get to make wine for a living. Not too long ago Viquel and I were invited to attend a small dinner Don and Susie Law, some very generous folks I consult for, purchased as an auction lot last year at Hospice du Rhone. John and Lorraine Alban and Vickie and Howard Carroll were our gracious hosts. Gracious is actually a bit of an understatement. They raided their personal cellars and put together a list of wines nearly 20 years in the making from some of the greatest producers of Rhone Varietal wines in the world. This is no exaggeration as some of the finest expressions from Cote Rotie, Condrieu, Hermitage, Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Priorat and California graced the table. The wine lineup alone would have made for an incredible evening, but it was the virtual tour given by our hosts that accompanied each wine that truly elevated it to an unforgettable experience. Each wine had a story, many that began long before the wine was made and continued to the moment the last drop was enjoyed. The interesting part was that in each of these stories it was the people and the circumstances that brought them together that stole the show. The wine became an intricate web that connects us, encourages us to explore and ultimately reap the reward of experience.*

*So you ask, what does this have to do with the new release of Torrin Wine? Shouldn't I be talking about pH's, barrel programs and growing degree days? Well the connection between our recent dining experience and our new release is soul. These wines we shared, our wines, many of our neighbors wines are rooted in passion and curiosity. Chemistry doesn't have soul, but the expression of a varietal, a sense of place, and the creative process paired with the unique personal experience surrounding it most certainly does. This is why*

*we make wine in the first place, what it's all about. It is why if you have been by to try wines here at the winery you may have noticed I have a glass as well. I prefer to view it not as tasting our wines, but sharing what we do. This is just one of the many experiences we link together and call life and we are honored that ours have crossed paths. Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy the wines.*

*With all of that said, we are proud to present two wines this year. First at 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah is another powerhouse of a Grenache based blend in the 2007 "Maven". Next at 100% Syrah is an incredible expression of the varietal in the 2007 "Akasha". We are sorry to say there will not be a "Banshee" released for 2007. Why? Well unfortunately the Alicante didn't make the cut this year and we aren't about to sell you a bottle of wine that we ourselves aren't truly excited about.*

*As Torrin Customers we would like to thank you for your support by making the wines available to you two weeks prior to releasing them to the balance of the mailing list. Just click on this link and you'll be taken to a special section of the website where you can place your order. Our production for 2007 was just shy of 240 cases total so please order what you like, just do it quickly! We are certainly sensitive to the economic woes of the past year that have reached virtually everyone in some fashion so we've opted to pick up the shipping costs on six packs or more.*

*We love this stuff, hope is shows.*

*Our sincerest thanks,*

*Scott and Viquel Hawley*