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While I wish you all a very Happy 2022, I believe the word may have gotten out so I feel I must address the elephant in the room. As many of my friends and colleagues in the wine business have done in recent years, I too am embarking on the next phase of this adventure. I know everyone says that nothing will change and that the quality and character will continue. In fact, more often than not they assure you it will actually get better! I tell you honestly and sincerely, I hope they are right! I suppose I always knew this day would eventually come and am actually glad I've been given the opportunity to make this announcement at all. As of today, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 it is official, I will no longer.....be forty nine years old. Yes that is correct, Fifty. Half a Century! Well, being the glass half full guy that I tend to be, at least I'm NOT retiring or selling the place!!

Seriously though, fifty is kind of awesome. I look way older now and Viquel looks exactly the same so people must think I'm super wealthy. Reece and Gage are both in high school now and are becoming these remarkable young men so I'm pretty excited I get to live vicariously through them and rehash my glory days hanging out at their basketball games saying things like "back in my day" and "chip off the old block." The team at Torrin now understands that my lack of participation on social media is not because I'm antisocial, but because I'm too old to actually understand how to fully operate my phone, so they just take care of it all. Yup fifty, it's pretty boss!

All joking aside, life is easy, brutal, exhausting, kind, tragic and beautiful among countless other things and it is ours to experience and share. I'm so incredibly grateful for every fork in the road that led me to today and for the many hands that have held mine along the way. I'm looking forward with an open mind, heart and a surplus of optimism to the year ahead and the decades to follow. But first, I'm making my way to the cellar and digging out a bottle knowing that while there is a story behind it and potentially years ahead of it, I'm going to open and savor everything that it is today in this moment. I encourage you to join me. You know, if we are always waiting to see how beautiful something can become we may very well miss out on how beautiful something is. Take a look at the vintage chart we have included and grab a bottle, pull that cork with wonder and enjoy.

We have an amazing year ahead of us with a fantastic 2021 vintage resting in the barrels, blending trials for the 2020's on the immediate horizon, the upcoming release of the benchmark 2019 vintage, vines going in the ground here on our estate and some exciting tasting opportunities we are exploring here at the winery. So, be sure to keep an eye out for updates as they head your way.

Thank you all for your continuing support. Have a wonderful 2022!

Cheers,

The Hawley Family and Team Torrin