

Our Second Annual release Event will be 29 July, 2001 from :00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the winery.

Dear Friends,

It's been a busy year

since our first release! Our wines were very well received by critics, merchants, restaurants and all the other fine folks who tried them. We received distribution in New York, Chicago, Ohio, Las Vegas, San Francisco, and Portland. With the 1999 vintage our wines will also be in London. Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar and Decanter have published great comments and reviews, and we're slated for inclusion in Hugh Johnson's World Atlas of Wine, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, later this year. Thank you all – this has been a wonderful start to our venture. In the meantime Gaye and I have been occupied with a home remodel and the birth of our first child in August. I hope our little girl is ready to help with crush this year...

Back in the present we are pleased to announce the release of our quartet of 1999 vintage wines. With the 1999 vintage we keep Larry Pearson's Tapteil and the Derby's Spring Valley vineyard designated blends. Thanks to Larry for another knockout vintage, and thanks to the Derby's for the fruit from their great site. This year we're excited to introduce Ciel du Cheval vineyard and our first Reserve wine.

The Reserve is our first wine to blend components from each of our vineyards. As a result the wine has extraordinary power, depth, tannic structure and fruit concentration. There are only 40 cases available for sale.

Ciel du Cheval, owned by Jim Holmes, is located on Red Mountain down the hill from Tapteil. Ciel is best described as the most elegant vineyard on Red Mountain. Ciel fruit is highly allocated, and finds it's way into most of the top rated Washington Bordeaux blends. The trellis system, soils, aspect and Jim's management practices all add up to produce extraordinary fruit.

We also wish to announce the addition of Klipsun Vineyard to our program of vineyard-designated wines. Klipsun is also on Red Mountain. (See a pattern here?) Klipsun is a powerhouse in counterpoint to Ciel du Cheval's elegance. In fact, Steve Tanzer believes "Klipsun fruit must be handled with a whip and a chair!" We think we're up to the job through our careful fermentation practices and balanced approach to varietal blending. Look for a Merlot/Cabernet blend from Klipsun starting with the 2001 vintage. Thanks to Patricia and David Gelles, owners of Klipsun, for supporting our winery.

Look for our new and vastly improved website courtesy of Jon Tobey, <u>www.cadencewinery.com</u>, about the time you receive this newsletter.

Everyone is invited to our second annual release event on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. We'll be pouring all the 1999 vintage wines and hope to have a surprise or two as well.

Best Regards,