



**2007  
Washington State  
SPOKANE BLUSH**

*Creating*

*fine wines*

*from*

*Washington*

*State*



**MOTHER NATURE WAS EARLY  
START — THEN THE WAIT**

Smiles of relief can be found on all our faces — harvest is over. A cool, wet spring and late bud-break fooled us into believing that we were going to have a later-than-normal harvest, so we spent much of August playing and enjoying our new granddaughter. But then all of a sudden havoc throughout the state. The very warm summer caused early ripening varieties to progress so rapidly that some needed picking before September came; the earliest I'd ever seen in Washington State. A cool spell in mid-September though, slowed things to a halt. We didn't see a single grape come into the winery for nearly two weeks during the middle of the month. The problem was not the sugar level in the grapes (one of the picking criteria we measure), it was the extremely high acid levels resulting from the cool temperatures. Fortunately the weather held, allowing for the extra hang time needed to get those later ripening grapes into balance. Although a late-October freeze spoiled attempts for some to get absolutely "perfect" numbers, we felt lucky that we were already done. Summing up this vintage: "Mother Nature smiled on Washington State once again this year and provided a near ideal climate for grapes. She provided us with a fast start, a slow middle and a long finish to produce a vintage to remember. The grapes got as ripe as wanted and the color was intense and dark for the reds. The wines are going to be really good."



**TASTING NOTES**

This continues to be one of Spokane's favorite blush wines. It's wonderful, crisp balance and exceptional fruit characters are achieved by the blending together of premium Washington State varietal wines — specifically White Riesling, Chenin Blanc, and a small amount of Sangiovese to achieve just the right "blush". The result is a wine with a bright fresh bouquet and flavors of berries and cherries.

*Spokane Blush* is an ideal accompaniment to summer barbecues, today's lighter meals and also a delight by itself. If you enjoy "blush" wines but have grown tired of the sameness of White Zinfandels, then Spokane Blush is the "blush" for you.

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**WINE MAKING NOTES**

Harvest date: October 14, 2007  
Brix: 24.0 T.A.: .97 pH: 3.17  
Vineyard: 100% Tagaris Vineyards  
Yeast: D-47  
Bottled: February 15, 2008  
894 cases

