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Greetings. I know that I harp on the vintages constantly and I talked extensively about the difference between the 09 and 08 vintage in our last newsletter. Understanding vintage variation in Oregon isn't an easy task, however, and my aim is to make sure that you have good experiences with Lenné wines. I am always sensitive to the ageability of our wines and try to be conservative when giving suggestions on aging Lenné Pinot Noir.

It is true that warmer vintages tend to fade quicker in the bottle than cooler vintages. I recently had a customer tell me that he tried a 2006 LeNez Pinot Noir and it had raisened. I have very little of that wine and haven't tried it for 8 months but I opened a bottle recently and am glad to report that it drank beautifully. How long would I age it?

Well I think the wine will add more aromatic complexity with a couple more years in the bottle but it is drinking great right now. For those of you who have other vintages I thought I would make some suggestions. The 2005 and 2007 Lenné wines still have a good life ahead of them. I would say 4-6 years for the 2005 wines and 4-7 years on the 2007 Pinot Noir. For the Pinot's from the 2008 vintage, I would suggest 8-12 years.

Like many other winemakers, I have said the 2008 may be the greatest vintage ever. The wines are perfectly balanced and have a long life ahead of them. I just implore you to wait at least another year before drinking them. They will add both aromatic complexity with bottle time and gain suppleness. Many of these wines may well be around 20 years from now.

I am including the 2008 Lenné Estate in this shipment. While I like the 07 version of this better for drinking now, this may well be the best wine we have ever produced given some bottle age. I like that it has the Pommard clone for backbone and the 115 clone for some silky texture on the mid palate. We will be sending 20 cases of the 2007 and 2008 Lenné Estate Pinot Noir's to the library to be released a couple years down the road.....at a significantly higher price.

I am also including the 2009 Jill's 115 in this shipment. This is an opulent, silky wine that I recommend drinking over the next 2-4 years, though it is delicious now.

Finally, I had to include the new release of the Big Table Farm Syrah in this shipment. They are gaining recognition and raised the price a bit this year and I wasn't going to include it in the shipment. Then I sat with a bottle of the wine. I couldn't stop drinking it. You know I have always been a fan of this wine and this is the best release yet.