



MUIR'S LEGACY

Organically Grown Fine Wines

From the descendants of John Muir

Tasting Notes 2007 Bully! Red

Harvest Dates:	August 20 to October 10
Sugar Level:	23.5° - 26° Brix
Total Acidity:	Approx 0.55 g/100ml
Vineyard Source:	Hanna Vineyards, Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley Orchard Vineyards, Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley
Fermentation:	6 days with 3x daily pump overs. Pressed at dryness.
Malo-lactic:	Three months in tank.
Barrel Aging:	13 months in French oak. Two rack and returns.
Bottled:	March 25, 2009. 640 cases produced.
Alcohol:	14.5% by volume.

Bully! Red is a proprietary blend that varies from year to year. This vintage consists of 80% merlot, 6.5% petite verdot, 5.5% cabernet franc, 3.5% pinot, and the balance primitivo and cabernet sauvignon. This is the first year of 100% OKD fruit with the cabernet sauvignon coming from Orchard Vineyards, owned by Michael and his sister, Kristin. The cabernet franc and petite verdot come from the John Muir Hanna ranch, and the remaining varieties come from Bill & Claudia's ranch.

Each variety was inoculated with yeast on the day of harvest and the juice was pumped over or punched down three times daily. They were pressed when all measurable sugar was used. The merlot and pinot went to tanks and the remainder to barrels for malo/lactic conversion. The wine was racked to clean barrels in March and the blend was made in August..

The wine was aged for a total of thirteen months in French oak barrels, six months prior to blending and 7 months after. It was topped every month and racked once after blending. A final racking preceded filtration and blending. The wine was bottled on March 25, 2009. 640 cases were produced.

The 2007 Bully! Red is a rich, full-bodied wine that pairs well with barbequed meats, heavy red sauces, and flavorful cheeses. Its strong fruity nose is highlighted by only the slightest hints of oak, and the varietal characteristics of each of the components blend together perfectly. Although this wine is made to drink now, it will age well.

"Everybody needs Beauty as well as Bread." - John Muir