



Enjoying a finely-crafted wine is like embarking on a personal journey. With so many sights, flavors and fragrances to absorb, no two people will ever have the exact same experience — even when their travels lead them down the same path. For this reason, we send our wine to a number of different “taste travelers” to gather their unique perspective on each of Kerloo’s vintages.

Among our flock of tasters, “Miss Sally F.” has quickly become one of our favorite frequent fliers, and we always look forward to hearing her colorful accounts of each Kerloo trip we send her on. Though, admittedly, we’re pretty big fans to begin with, Sally has a way of uncovering new and exciting things to love about Kerloo wines. Miss Sally shares her latest Kerloo travel adventures...

2008 Tempranillo—Columbia Valley

Kerloooo Ryan and Renee!

Per your request, I opened your Tempranillo first and I gotta be honest, you took me for a bit of a ride on that one. I don't know much about Spanish grapes grown here in my home town, but I've enjoyed many Riojas in my day and even though we talked about it, if we hadn't I think I would've guessed that you like Rioja too. I learned something from enjoying this bottle! A lot of the stuff I like about drinking Riojas comes from the grape, not from the place. Or from the grape when it comes from a good place, I guess.

You definitely achieved the tannins and the spice you were looking for! There's also a bit of smoke that is present from the moment you open the bottle until you discard the empty. But oh boy, this wine has something quite opposite of Spain, and that's the dark, slow-burning fruit of Walla Walla. You can see it right away in the color. Much darker (and more blue? Or is that me being crazy?) than the Spaniard's strawberry brick version. This is not a wimpy wine but I wouldn't say that it's a heavy wine either. Like they say in the old movie "Hot Dog" it's just riiiiight down the middle. But maybe with a little extra oomph.

I think that's about all I can say about it. Now that I know these are going to be published (unlike last year when ignorance was bliss!), I'm a little bit nervous. Ha!

*Best to you both,
Sally*

P.S. Upon re-reading this short note I realize I should've written it while I was drinking like I did the other two. BIG mistake. I'm a real dullsville when I take things too seriously!