



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 Syrah—Walla Walla Valley

I sure have enjoyed this second run of trying your wines before the masses get their paws on 'em. I use the word “paws” in honor of my cat friend Szanzibar who passed recently. Meow meow, my little amigo! I dedicate this note to you, furry friend. (I know she's resting in peace because the spot where I buried her out back hasn't moved an inch. Ha ha!)

Your Walla Walla Syrah was a knock-out that makes you go “whew!” at first, like a bodacious woman with no cellulite. My friend's youngest daughter (she's 35) just read that and said “like J-Lo!” which thankfully she had the sense to spell-check because I'd written Jay Low. Anyhow, flowers, baked berries, and a creamy mouthfeel that was very supple. Did the birth of your son have something to do with this particular outcome? Because this is a strong wine from strong grapes, but your rendering of it is wonderfully gentle. In that light, I dedicate this note to the birth of your little one, too. A perfect circle we've got there, eh?

I can't tell you how gratifying it is to get on in the years and see the young people coming to my homeland and loving the earth and her fruits the way my family has for generations, even though we grow different goods. You're the reason I say that, Ryan. You treat your vineyards with such great respect, and look what they give you in return! This bottle is the epitome of proof. That freeze we had made me a bit nervous for you but when I taste your Walla Walla Syrah the predominate flavor is this: Health. Healthy land, healthy vines, healthy practices and healthy wine. Healthy wine = balanced, robust flavor, and if you're drinking alone it can provide good conversation.

I bet you'll live to be even older than I am now, and I hope you get to have this same experience of seeing the “young guns” come in and treat the Earth right. I think I said it last year but here it goes again: you deserve the good that's gonna come your way if you keep making wine like this.

Best to you both,
XOXO,
Sally