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Spring 2009 is finally here! Snow started in November so it

has seemed like a very long winter.

Grape production in Washington was up 14 percent in 2008. A record high level of 145,000 tons was produced with Cabernet Sauvignon showing the largest increase – up 20 percent from 2007. Top white variety went to Riesling, overtaking Chardonnay, 28,500 tons compared to 28,000 tons respectively. Total wine grape production was split 52 percent white and 48 percent red varieties.

The top four varieties were as follows:

- **Riesling** – 28,500 tons = 20 percent of total state production
- **Chardonnay** – 28,000 tons = 19 percent of total
- **Cabernet Sauvignon** – 26,100 tons = 18 percent of total
- **Merlot** – 25,400 tons = 18 percent of total

Remaining leading white varieties were Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris, Gewürztraminer, Viognier, Chenin Blanc and Semillon. Other whites produced in Washington are Müller-Thurgau, Madeline Angevine, Siegerrebe, Rousanne, Muscat Ottonel and Orange Muscat.

Additional red favorites were Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Pinot Noir, Sangiovese, and Lemberger.

Rounding out the red offerings were Grenache, Zinfandel, Barbera, Petit Verdot, Nebbiolo, Mourvèdre and Petit Syrah.

Now is the time to start placing orders for your 2009 juice and grapes to assure supply! Contracts for the white juices will be entered into during April. Nothing is guaranteed after that time.

Bulk Wines are now available.

The selection changes almost daily, but here is a sampling of what is available at the time of this writing – both 2007 and 2008 vintages

- **Columbia Valley** – Cabernet, Malbec, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Syrah, Sangiovese, Riesling and Chardonnay
- **Yakima Valley** – premium reds and whites.
- **Wahluke Slope** – Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Chardonnay
- **Red Mountain** – Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot
- 2008 Dry Riesling, Sweet Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Chenin Blanc

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flours are gluten-free. Add these items to your tasting room offerings! See the article in the April 2009 edition of *Wine Enthusiast* – *From Trash to Treasure*. Samples are available upon request.

