

GRAPES AVAILABLE!!!

I have Cabernet Sauvignon and Primitivo from my backyard in Lafayette. I would like to share my grapes if anyone is interested (perhaps, in return, they could share some of the wine they make from my grapes).

I am getting ready for a bigger harvest this year, which is the fourth year, although the late frosts really hit the buds hard, even in Lafayette. Assuming I can keep the raccoons somewhat at bay (I already lost a good number of clusters to raccoons a week ago, but I think I now have a system that will now keep them away), I would guess that I will have a few hundred pounds of each this year and, hopefully, a lot more next year.

If anyone does have an interest in making wine from my grapes, I would be very pleased to meet with them at my house to show them the vineyard and come up with brix/acid/ph targets for the harvest. FYI - I have used almost no irrigation, so the vines may have been somewhat more stressed and less vigorous than desirable a little earlier due to the dry, very hot weather, but I think that the berries should be good. Also, pesticide-wise: I sprayed the dormant vines with lime sulfur in winter and, after that, was lucky as I only needed to spray the vines twice this year to prevent powdery mildew (I only used Stylet Oil this year -- no other pesticides); so I am pretty happy about that.

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