

The Prince Departs

After regularly publishing 540 issues of the *PinotFile* since 2001, the Prince has written the final issue. Although the *PinotFile* has been a joyous reason to drag myself out of bed each day, I have decided to abandon critical tasting and get on with the business of drinking and fully enjoying Pinot Noir. I still crave that perfect Pinot Noir experience and certainly more than common sense would indicate.

Although I will no longer be reviewing current releases of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, all my previous reviews will remain freely accessible on the Prince of Pinot website at **princeofpinot.com**.

Any inquiries regarding becoming a suitable replacement for the Prince and continuing the publication of the **PinotFile** should be directed to **prince@princeofpinot.com**.

Recent testimonials:

"I am pretty sure that I have never met anyone that has as much infatuation and knowledge of Pinot Noir. No one has written in more detail and with such deep research on Pinot Noir, vineyards, diseases and challenges than YOU."

"Your mission in spreading the word about wine, specifically Pinot Noir and the attendant joy it brings, is and will remain legendary. Your friends, readers and admirers experienced the coming age of Pinot, a phenomenon to which you not only commented on but advocated for and ushered in."

"I wanted you to know that I am just one of thousands of people who have been truly touched by your work, and your passion, palate and wit will be so sorely missed."

Thank you for raising the bar with your in-depth, personal and thoughtful reviews - you are truly a legend."

"You have always brought a voice of reason and detail and incredible research to Pinot Noir and for that many of us are fortunate."

"Thanks so much for considering us small producers and taking the time to critically evaluate what's in the bottle, not in our marketing or publicity. You are a true gem of the wine industry."

"I wanted to tell you how much I have appreciated everything you have done for Pinot Noir in this country. You have been such an integral part of the growth of Pinot Noir and your love of it has been passed on to many you have come in contact with."

"I am indebted to you for your many years of fine investigative research. I've discovered many producers that are now habits due to your work."

"You are and probably always be be the go-to-site for trying to figure out if a domestic producer is worth our time."

"Thank you for all the effort you put into the Prince of Pinot these past 18 years. It was truly an honor to have our wines reviewed by you as I very much appreciate your concise, thoughtful and honest reviews."

