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Spring greetings Rotiesians,

We are pushing the limits both in the vineyard and cellar and 2018 is no exception as we gear up for a big year at Rotie Cellars. We have recently merged with Proper Wines, drawn up plans for a new tasting room facility, and 7.5 acres of estate Rocks Grenache will be coming on line for the first time.

This winter was much better than the last. Much milder with a great acclimation period so the vines could withstand the cold that did come. Unless something catastrophic happens we will not be needing the burial canes. This is good news as we have some pretty serious projects planned.

We're thrilled to announce the acquisition of Proper Wines and their vineyards into the Rotie Cellars family. The Proper founders and I have just solidified a deal that will help both companies become more efficient and share in the economies of scale. With close proximity to the Rotie Rocks Vineyard and the fact I've been making the wine since 2010, it just made sense. We sent out the press release about this merger and have posted it on our website. Proper will remain a totally separate entity that continues to focus on the 6 acre rocks estate vineyard. With this new partnership, we are bringing on a second and more mature vineyard that expresses both beauty and power with its own sense of place. We are busy working on the exact details, but the bottom line is that we will be offering Rotiesians an exclusive opportunity to purchase Proper wines at special pricing.

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Our friend and highly acclaimed architect, George Suyama, has agreed to design a tasting room on the Rotie Rocks 15.5 acre vineyard. The idea started when we climbed the wind machines together and discovered a spectacular 360 view of the Walla Walla Basin. You feel like you're floating over the vineyard. George's design will make our vineyard tasting room completely unique and our plans will be on display at club events. As one of the first wineries to open a tasting room in this area, we're doubling down on The Rocks. We are working toward a grand opening the first week of April 2019, just in time for the Crawfish Boil next year, but we will let you know how construction progresses.

Enough of the nitty gritty! It's time to start talking wine. The whites are bright and fresh, each one distinctive and true to the varietal. The reds are layered, complex, rich, and aromatic. Finally we can show off the 2016 vintage. I would also like to mention I'm relying on Kevin, Tioni, Maddie, and Chris more and more and without their tireless passion we would not be here. Furthermore, NONE of this would be possible without your support. Thank you. We hope you enjoy this year's line up.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Boyd".

Sean Boyd