



SAVEUR

PICKIN' AND GRINNIN'

*The first crush
is the deepest*

MY WIFE and I moved to the Napa Valley last fall. Shortly thereafter, I was enlisted to take part in an “artisanal grape-demolishing operation” by my friend Richard Haake. A chef at Cakebread Cellars and for the past three years a rogue winemaker for the tiny operation he calls Dirt Floor Cellars, Richard makes only about a dozen cases of wine a year, and it goes without saying that he doesn't sell them.

Late one Friday afternoon in Richard's *(continued on page 22)*



