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Dear Dr. Qiu,

It was my great pleasure to visit the Missouri State University at Mountain Grove foundation vineyard with you on June 5, 2008.

During my visit I compared the vines growing in the foundation vineyard to published records and descriptions of each variety, specifically Cayuga White, Chambourcin, Chardonel, Norton, Traminette, Vidal blanc, and Vignoles. I am a skilled and experienced practitioner of ampelography, the practice of identifying grapevine varieties and species by examining their leaves, shoots, shoot tips, stems, and other plant parts. I used these techniques to confirm that all the vines I examined match recognized and published standards of description for the respective varieties and to the best of my knowledge I confirm the correct identification of the vines I examined.

Dr. Qiu, please contact me at your convenience if there are any questions concerning my examination of the vines, the techniques I used to examine them, or if there is any additional information I may provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Cousins".

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