

Maybe Buddha Was a Winemaker

As I walk the vineyard rows
caring for each vine
tending to each one's needs
I think Buddha would have liked this
being a vineyard worker or vineyard manager
watching as vines traveled from dormancy
then to first bud, breaking open like a haiku
and eventually bloom coming
early fruit followed by veraison.
Walking the rows,
I wonder if Buddha would have stopped
examining each vine for its character
or would he have stopped
only for the fragile vines?
Maybe Buddha would have preferred winemaking
developing each wine like a pupil
letting it know when it was ready to go
satisfied that he had helped it on its journey.