

VILLAGE

CALIFORNIA BISTRO
and
WINE BAR



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SUMMER'S ON!

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As you can imagine my daily work consists of tasting wines and trying to find the perfect products to match our cuisine here at the Village California Bistro. When the summer comes around it is always very challenging because our palate really changes so much with the beautiful weather here in California. Although we are enjoying more "lighter" wines during these sunny and warm days, we can still enjoy a nice "big" Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah or Zinfandel. During our SUMMER'S ON! promotion we'll give you an opportunity to taste our version of "Summer Wines", but I've added a few reds just to make sure we don't forget about them ... and they go so well with our steak and chicken menu items.

We have some great wines made from Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier and of course the "King of Whites" Chardonnay. Not to be left out though are our 'unusual' white varietals like Albariño, Muscat, Roussanne, Marsanne and Semillon ... give some of these a try and you'll get a different slant on what white wines can bring to the table.

Last but not least, what can be more refreshing on a summer afternoon or evening than a great Rose ... a perfect match with our new summer menu.

Santé...

SPECIAL FEATURES & EVENTS

Please see our website thevillagebistro.net for details or ask your server for one of our contact cards to receive email reminders of our wine events

FEATURED WINE FLIGHTS

SUMMER FLING

*- Prosecco Caposaldo, Veneto - Italy, Sauvignon Blanc Neil Ellis - South Africa,
Miner Sangiovese Rosado - Napa Valley*

"POP KISS FIZZ" ...

*- Prosecco Caposaldo, Veneto - Italy, Gran Cava d'Abbatis "Mas Arago," Catalunya - Spain '05,
Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin, Reims - France*

CHARDONNAY "HERE COMES THE KING"

*- Healdsburg Ranches, Sonoma County '07, Marimar "Don Miguel," Russian River Valley '06,
Clos du Val, Carneros '07...*

RED HOT SUMMER

*- Martin Alfaro Pinot Noir "Lester" Santa Cruz Mountains '07, Nieto Senetiner Reserva Malbec,
Mendoza - Argentina '08, Tejada Tempranillo-Garnacha, Lake County '05...*

SUMMER ENTRÉES

FEATURING THE BEST OF OUR CALIFORNIA PRODUCE FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY & DELTA.

This Month, Summer is On, and our Summer menu focuses on our bounty of products and the lighter style of eating during the warmer evenings

FEATURED

WINES

20% OFF THE FOLLOWING FEATURED WINES

SAUVIGNON BLANC- SEMILLON

CROCKER & STARR, NAPA VALLEY '07	52
DE SANTE <i>OLD VINE</i> , NAPA VALLEY '07	45
LAIRD "RUTHERFORD RANCH," NAPA VALLEY '08	44
MERRY EDWARDS, RUSSIAN RIVER '09	69
OJAI "MC GINGLEY," SANTA YNEZ '08	59
ORIN SWIFT <i>VELADORA</i> , NAPA VALLEY '09	58
POMELO <small>BY</small> MASON, CALIFORNIA '08	37
ROCHIOLI, RUSSIAN RIVER '09	89
WALTER HANZEL, RUSSIAN RIVER '09	45
WHITEHAVEN, MARLBOROUGH '08	39
BRIDESMAID SAUVIGNON BLANC-SEMILLON , CALIFORNIA '08	49

CHARDONNAY

ANCIEN, CARNEROS '06	70
BARNETT "SIANGIACOMO," CARNEROS '07	66
CEJA, ESTATE, CARNEROS '07	76
ETRE, SONOMA COAST '08	65
LAIRD "COLD CREEK RANCH," CARNEROS '07	58
MALDONADO "PARR," SONOMA COUNTY '07	59
BREWER-CLIFTON, "SEASMOKE," SANTA RITA HILLS '05	106
MELVILLE, SANTA RITA HILLS '07	64
MOUNT EDEN VINEYARDS, ESTATE, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '05	104
OJAI "BIEN NACIDO," SANTA MARIA '07	59
RIDGE, "MONTE BELLO," SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '04	120
TALBOTT, MONTEREY COUNTY '07	60

20% OFF THE FOLLOWING FEATURED WINES

STIMULATING WHITE VARIETALS

MUSCAT (DRY), BONNY DOON CA' DEI SOLO, MONTEREY '09	43
PINOT GRIS, ETUDE, CARNEROS '08	47
RHONE BLEND, REMELLURI, RIOJA BLANC, SPAIN '03	85
ROUSSANE-GRENACHE BL, BONNY DOON LE CIGARE BLANC "BEESWAX," ARROYO SECO '07	46
VIIGNIER, DARIOUSH, NAPA VALLEY '08	85

ROSES...

GRENACHE CINSULT, DOMAINE DE LA FOUQUETTE, COTES DE PROVENCE-FRANCE '09	46
MOURVÈDRE, TABLAS CREEK, PASO ROBLES '07	47
SYRAH, SAXON BROWN "FLORA RANCH," CHALK HILL '08	45
SYRAH, CEJA, SONOMA COAST '07	46

SUMMERY REDS...

MERLOT

CORTÉ RIVA, NAPA VALLEY '04	59
JAYSON BY PAHLMAYER, NAPA VALLEY '05	69
PARCEL 41, NAPA VALLEY '06	48
PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS, NAPA/SONOMA '06	119

PETITE SYRAH

CARVER SUTRO, "PALISADES," NAPA VALLEY '05	94
ENVY "ENVY," NAPA VALLEY '07	54
MOSHIN, RUSSIAN RIVER '07	85

ZINFANDEL

CORTE RIVA, NAPA VALLEY '06	58
NEYERS, "TOFANELLI," NAPA VALLEY '06	77
ORIN SWIFT <i>SALDO</i> , CALIFORNIA '08	63
SAXON BROWN, "CASA SANTINAMARIA," SONOMA VALLEY '06	65

20% OFF THE FOLLOWING FEATURED WINES

PINOT NOIR

CEJA, ESTATE, CARNEROS '06	84
CUBANISIMO, WILLAMETTE VALLEY '08	65
DONATIELLO, RUSSIAN RIVER '06	66
EN ROUTE, <i>LES POMMIERS</i> , RUSSIAN RIVER '07	99
LEMELSON <i>THEA'S SELECTION</i> , WILLAMETTE VALLEY '07	75
MARTIN ALFARO, GARYS' VINEYARD '07	85
OJAI, "BIEN NACIDO," SANTA MARIA '07	88
RADIO COTEAU, "LA NEBLINA," SONOMA COAST '05	98
REX HILL, DUNDEE HILLS '07	79
TWOMEY, RUSSIAN RIVER '08	99
WALTER HANSEL "THE SOUTH SLOPE," RUSSIAN RIVER '06	84

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ARTESA, NAPA/SONOMA COUNTIES '05	52
ELIZABETH SPENCER SPECIAL CUVEE, NAPA VALLEY '07	58
LAIRD FAMILY "DIAMOND MOUNTAIN RANCH," NAPA VALLEY '03	91
LEVIATHAN, NAPA VALLEY '07	115
SEQUUM "KIDD RANCH," NAPA VALLEY '06	89
STELTZNER, STAGS LEAP DISTRICT '06	75

WINE DIRECTOR

“D” S PICKS

Because I'm the poor guy who has to taste most of the wines to please your tastes during your dining experience with us, as often as I can I like to find special “deals”, or, as I call them, “good bottles to share between friends” for the best values. When I get a fair “deal” I make sure to share it with you as I would with my friends...

Santé... “D”

FAR NIENTE CHARDONNAY, NAPA VALLEY '08 \$ 79

I have always had a great respect for the wine vision of Gil Nickel. When he decided to purchase his winery in the late 70's, he wanted to make a wine that people would talk about for decades. In my opinion, he succeeded with Far Niente. Gil passed away in the Fall of 2003. Far Niente blends wines from its various estate Chardonnay vineyards to create its distinctive style. When young, these wines offer fresh fruit and a marvelous finish; with time, they slowly reveal the wine's complex nature through added texture, richness, weight, and depth. Far Niente Chardonnay has earned its reputation as one of the great white wines worthy of aging. Cheers to Gil.

COLD HEAVEN “SANFORD & BENEDICT,” VIOGNIER SANTA MARIA VALLEY '08 \$ 75

Morgan Clendenen's mission and goal as a winemaker is to illuminate and define Viognier, to elevate its profile and explore its potential through keen observation and copious tasting. She seeks to sound the depths of this enigmatic grape, to reveal its secrets and shine a bright light on the extraordinary fruit grown in the cool vineyards of the Santa Maria and Santa Ynez Valleys of California's Central Coast. This wine is packed with initial lovely aromas of apricots, sweet butter, and pears and it moves to a kind of wet brook scent – much like classic Condrieu. The finish is sweet and lingering.

MARTINELLI *BELLA VIGNA* PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER '08 \$ 85

All of the Martinelli Estate vineyards are farmed by Lee Martinelli, Sr., and sons Lee, Jr., and George Martinelli. The wines are made by consultant winemaker, Helen Turley, and their winemaker, Bryan Kvamme. These handcrafted wines are un-fined, un-filtered, neither cold nor heat stabilized and may contain naturally occurring sediment. The Bella Vigna Pinot Noir is a select blend of some their single vineyards. A delicate style, ripe, smooth and elegant, with a creamy texture and complex cherry, berry and spice flavors that linger long on the finish.

ROTH CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ALEXANDER VALLEY '07 \$ 62

Roth is a family owned producer, dedicated to crafting Cabernet Sauvignon that is reflective of its origins. In 2000, the first vintage was made from select vineyard sites within the southern most tip of the Alexander Valley AVA.

The 2007 vintage has the deep fruit and firm tannins characteristic of this AVA's southern expanses - blackberry, red cherry, plum and cassis, accented by hints of white pepper, cedar and nutmeg that carry over the long finish. Aged 18 months in seasoned French and American oak barrels, the wine gently fined to preserve varietal character. While stylistically fruit forward and ready to drink upon release.

WINES BY THE GLASS

BUBBLES

PROSECCO, CAPOSALDO, BRUT, VENETO ITALY, NV	9
SPARKLING ROSÉ, DOMAINE CARNEROS <i>DAMASK</i> , CARNEROS NV	12
SPARKLING, GRAN CAVA D'ABBATIS "MAS ARAGO," CATALUNYA SPAIN '05	11
CHAMPAGNE, VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN <i>YELLOW LABEL</i> , REIMS FRANCE NV	17

WHITE

ALBARINO, CAMBIATA, MONTEREY '08	10
CHARDONNAY, HEALDSBURG RANCHES, SONOMA COUNTY '07 UNOAKED	9
CHARDONNAY, MARIMAR "DON MIGUEL," RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY '06	11
CHARDONNAY, CLOS DU VAL, CARNEROS '07	14
MUSCAT (DRY), BONNY DOON CA' DEI SOLO, MONTEREY '09	11
PINOT GRIGIO, CIELO, DELLE VENEZIE ITALY '09	9
RIESLING KABINETT, WEGELER, WEHLENER SONNENUHR, MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER GERMANY '07	11
SAUVIGNON BLANC, N. ELLIS <i>SINCERELY</i> , WESTERN CAPE SOUTH AFRICA '09	9
SAUVIGNON BLANC, TWOMEY BY SILVER OAK , NAPA VALLEY '09	14
SEMILLON, SAXON BROWN "CRICKET CREEK," ALEX. VALLEY '08	11
VIOGNIER, MINER "SIMPSON," CALIFORNIA '08	12

ROSÉ

GRENACHE, VALDEMAR, RIOJA '08	8
SANGIOVESE, MINER, MENDOCINO '09	10

RED

BORDEAUX BLEND (MERLOT & CABERNET), CHÂTEAU TROCARD, BORDEAUX '06	10
CABERNET SAUVIGNON, LINE SHACK, SAN ANTONIO VALLEY (MONTEREY) '07	9
CABERNET SAUVIGNON, B.R. COHN, NORTH COAST '07	13
MALBEC, NIETO SENETINER <i>RESERVA</i> , MENDOZA '08	9
MERLOT, ADASTRA, CARNEROS '06	10
PINOTAGE, NEIL ELLIS, STELLENBOSH, SOUTH AFRICA '08	12
PINOT NOIR, CAPIAUX <i>CHIMERA</i> , SONOMA COUNTY '07	15
PINOT NOIR, CAMUS-BRUCHON, BOURGOGNE FRANCE '07	13
PINOT NOIR, MARTIN ALFARO "LESTER," SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '07	10
PINOT NOIR, MORGAN <i>TWELVE CLONES</i> , SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS '08	12
TEMPRANILLO-GARNACHA, TEJADA, LAKE COUNTY '05	13
ZINFANDEL-SYRAH, PELERIN <i>RTW</i> , MONTEREY '07	11
ZINFANDEL, RUNQUIST Z "MASSONI RANCH," AMADOR COUNTY '07	13

FEATURED WHITE FLIGHTS

UNUSUAL WHITES

ALBARINO, CAMBIATA, MONTEREY '08

Dry, with a good balance between alcohol level and acidity.

SEMILLON, SAXON BROWN "CRICKET CREEK," ALEX. VALLEY '08

Aroma of candied fruits and white flowers. Medium to full bodied swept clean by crisp acidity. Flavors of tropical fruits.

VIIGNIER, MINER "SIMPSON," CALIFORNIA '08

Lovely restrained floral scents, dry, silky smooth and full bodied on the palate, with white peach on the mid-palate and a hint of minerality through the somewhat warm finish.

THREE 2 OZ TASTES ... 13

"POP KISS FIZZ" ...

PROSECCO, CAPOSALDO, BRUT, VENETO ITALY, NV

Pale straw with greenish undertones; fruity aroma with citrus, green apple and acacia flowers. A pleasant acidity, freshness and full-bodied flavor.

GRAN CAVA D'ABBATIS "MAS ARAGO ," CATALUNYA SPAIN '05

Delicate bubbles and intense taste. It is produced from aged Peralada vineyards grown in Mas Aragó state. After two years of ageing, the result is this smooth cava which goes extremely well with light dishes.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN YELLOW LABEL, REIMS FRANCE NV

A crowd-pleaser if there ever was one! The non-vintage Veuve Clicquot is a bold, heavy-weight Champagne, boasting complex almond, honey and ginger flavors, surrounded by a rich texture.

THREE 2 OZ TASTES ... 15

HERE COMES THE KING

HEALDSBURG RANCHES, SONOMA COUNTY '07 UNOAKED

bright lime, lemon pith, green melon.

MARIMAR "DON MIGUEL," RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY '06

Tropical fruit, ripe pear, creme brulee, hazelnuts, well balanced .

CLOS DU VAL, CARNEROS '07

Consistent minerality, lemon custard, hazelnuts, oaky finish

THREE 2 OZ TASTES ... 14

FEATURED RED FLIGHTS

RED HOT SUMMER

Did I ever say that we have to drink only white or light red wines during the summer? No way!!! This flight is a perfect taste of few great reds that you can enjoy all year long...

PINOT NOIR, MARTIN ALFARO "LESTER," SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '07

Rich aromas and flavors of red currant, raspberry, sage, mushroom, and fresh, earthy notes.

MALBEC, NIETO SENETINER RESERVA, MENDOZA '08

Complex and inviting with a broad, ripe array of toasty buttery oak and a smooth core of currant, herb and spicy flavors that stay with you on a long, full finish.

TEMPRANILLO-GARNACHA, TEJADA, LAKE COUNTY '05

Rich, ripe plum, black cherry flavors, milk chocolate, kirsch, toasty cedar, structured tannins.

THREE 2 OZ TASTES ... 13

BACK TO BASICS REDS

In this flight we wanted to give you the opportunity to taste a true expression of the "terroir" from a particular grape in a particular area. This time you can enjoy a typical blend of Merlot and Cabernet from Bordeaux, the unique taste of a Pinotage from South Africa and a Cabernet Sauvignon from California...

BORDEAUX BLEND (MERLOT & CABERNET).

CHÂTEAU TROCARD, BORDEAUX '06

Coffee bean and ripe fruit on the nose. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a wonderful concentration of ripe fruit and currant.

PINOTAGE

NEIL ELLIS, STELLENBOSH, SOUTH AFRICA '08

Deep red color, plummy cherry fruit with subtle hints of tobacco fill the aroma of the wine. Well balanced ripe tannins giving a soft elegant taste.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

B.R. COHN, NORTH COAST '07

Firm and intense, with cedar, roasted herb, green olive and black currant flavors. Solid tannins.

THREE 2 OZ TASTES ... 13

HALF BOTTLES

WHITE

We are very proud of our collection of half bottles. The producers that you see on this list are committed to the highest quality possible and believe, as we do, that the half bottle allows the drinker to experiment and indulge. Many of the nearly 100 labels are very small production wines that you won't see on other wine lists ~ even in full bottles. We're excited whenever we can lend a hand, so if you'd like some help pairing some with our seasonal cuisine, let us know.

BUBBLES

CHAMPAGNE , KRUG, "GRAND CUVEE" BRUT NV	119
CHAMPAGNE , LOUIS ROEDERER <i>BRUT PREMIER</i> , BRUT NV	58
CHAMPAGNE , NICOLAS FEUILLATTE, BRUT ROSÉ NV	55

RIESLING

CALIFORNIA , VENTANA VINEYARDS, ARROYO SECO ESTATE '08	19
KABINETT , GUNDERLOCH, 'JEAN BAPTISTE' RHEINHESSEN '07	28
SPÄTLESE , EMRICH-SCHÖNLEBER MONZINGER HELENBERG, NAHE '05	34
AUSLESE , S.A. PRUM, WEHLENER SOHNONHUR '00	36
AUSLESE , DR. LOOSEN ÜZIGER WÜRGARTEN, MOSEL '04	41
AUSLESE EMRICH-SCHÖNLEBER MONZINGER FRÜHLINGSPLÄTZCHEN, NAHE '04	55

INTRIGUING WHITES

CHENIN BLANC , VOUVRAY CLOS BAUDOIN, FRANÇOISE CHIDANE, '05	36
CONUNDRUM <small>BY</small> CAYMUS , CALIFORNIA '07	22
PINOT GRIGIO , BENNESSERE, NAPA VALLEY '07	28
VERDICCHIO DEI CASTELLI DI JESI CLASSICO, BUCCI '06	30

RHONE STYLE WHITES

VIIGNIER , QUPE, "IBARRA YOUNG," SANTA YNEZ '06	30
MARSANNE , BLACKBART 'M NAPA VALLEY, '06	32
RHONE BLEND , TABLAS CREEK <i>ESPIRIT DE BEAUCASTEL</i> '05	34

SAUVIGNON BLANC

BRANDER, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY '08	19
MASON, NAPA VALLEY '08	21
SANCERRE <i>TERROIRS</i> , SYLVAIN BAILLY, FRANCE '09	31
SELENE, "HYDE," CARNEROS '06	52

CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY

ALMA ROSA, SANTA BARBARA '08	31
MARTINELLI, "MARTINELLI ROAD,"RUSSIAN RIVER '05	58
PATZ & HALL "HYDE, " CARNEROS '06	55
PRIDE, NAPA VALLEY '08	39
SCHUG, CARNEROS '08	35
TALBOTT "SLEEPY HOLLOW," SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS '06	32

WHITE BURGUNDY

CHABLIS 1ER CRU "MONTEE DE TONNERRE", VOCORET '06	38
SAINT VERAN <i>RIVES DE LONGSAULT</i> , DOMAINE DEUX ROCHES '06	29

DESSERT WINES

EY MUSCAT DE RIVESALTES, FRANCE '07	35
KRACHER EISWEIN, BURGENLAND AUSTRIA '08	69
LATE HARVEST SEMILLON, DOLCE, NAPA VALLEY '05	75
ROYAL TOKAJI 5 PUTTONYOS, HUNGARY '05	58
SAUTERNES, CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT , FRANCE'05	98

HALF BOTTLES

RED

BURGUNDY & EUROPEAN PINOT NOIR

AUGUST KESSELER, 'CUVEE MAX' RHEINGAU, GERMANY '03	55
LOUIS LATOUR, MARSANNAY BOURGOGNE '06	27
NICOLAS POTEL, CUVÉE GERARD POTEL, BOURGOGNE '06	35
NUITS ST. GEORGES DOMAINE DE L'ARLOT 1 ^{ER} CRU "CLOS DES FORETS DE ST. GEORGES," '05	83

NEW WORLD PINOT NOIR

ALFARO FAMILY ESTATE, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '06	32
AU BON CLIMAT "LA BAUGE AU-DESSOUS," SANTA BARBARA '07	42
BETHEL HEIGHTS <i>CASTEEL RESERVE</i> , WILLAMETTE VALLEY '06	54
BETHEL HEIGHTS <i>EOLA-AMITY HILLS</i> , WILLAMETTE VALLEY '08	31
CHEHALEM <i>3 VINEYARDS</i> , WILLAMETTE VALLEY '07	36
DOMAINE DROUHIN, WILLAMETTE VALLEY '07	46
HIRSCH VINEYARDS, ESTATE, SONOMA COAST '06	58
KOSTA BROWNE, RUSSIAN RIVER '08	79
LEATITIA, SANTA MARIA '07	29
MERRY EDWARDS, RUSSIAN RIVER '07	46
PATZ & HALL, SONOMA COAST '07	43
ROW ELEVEN <i>VINAS 3</i> "THREE," CLIFORNIA '07	27

SPAIN & ITALY

AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO, MONTE FAUSTINO, VENETO '01	75
BARBARESCO CANTINA DEL PINO, PIEMONTE '03	58
BAROLO, PARUSSO, PIEMONTE '04	64
BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO, CANALICCHIO DE SOPRA, TUSCANY '03	79
CHIANTI CLASSICO, QUERCIABELLA, TUSCANY '06	36
SANGIOVESE, BENESSERE, NAPA VALLEY '06	29

BORDEAUX

CH. BELLE VUE, HAUT MEDOC '05	29
CH. BEYCHEVELLE, ST.-JULIEN '05 <i>2ND GROWTH</i>	98
CH. CANON, ST. EMILION GRAND CRU '05	121
CH. FRANC LA ROSE, ST. EMILION GRAND CRU '04	52
CH. RAUZAN-SÉGLA, MARGAUX '95 <i>2ND GROWTH</i>	152

MERLOT

MERLOT, ADASTRA, CARNEROS '06	34
MERLOT, PRIDE SONOMA COUNTY/NAPA VALLEY '06	53

CABERNET SAUVIGNON / FRANC

CABERNET SAUVIGNON, B.R. COHN, OLIVE HILL, SONOMA '05	56
CABERNET SAUVIGNON, JUSTIN "ISOSCLES," PASO ROBLES '06	64
CABERNET SAUVIGNON, PAHLMAYER, NAPA VALLEY '04	119
CABERNET FRANC, PALAZZO "TRUCHARD," NAPA VALLEY '07	79

GRENA CHE / MOURVEDRE

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, DOMAINE DE BEAURENARD '04	65
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, PIERRE USSEGLIO '06	58
CÔTES DU RHÔNE, E. GUIGAL '05	27
GIGONDAS, MONTIRIUS '05	44
MOURVÉDRE BLEND, TABLAS CREEK <i>ESPRIT DE BEAUCASTEL</i> '06	42

SYRAH & PETITE SIRAH

CROZES-HERMITAGE, CHARLES & FRANCOIS TARDY '06	32
PEAY "LES TITANS," SONOMA COAST '07	49
PELERIN, SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS '06	32
SAN SAKANA, <i>TRIO</i> , SONOMA VALLEY '05	38
PETITE SIRAH BIALE, <i>ROYAL PUNISHERS</i> , NAPA VALLEY '06	53

ZINFANDEL

ZINFANDEL, BIALE, "BLACK CHICKEN," NAPA VALLEY '06	51
ZINFANDEL, CAROL SHELTON <i>WILD THINGS</i> "COX," MENDOCINO COUNTY '06	32
ZINFANDEL, D CUBED, NAPA VALLEY '05	29
ZINFANDEL BLEND, BIALE <i>ZAPPA</i> , NAPA VALLEY '05	45

BUBBLES

BILLECART-SALMON BLANC DE BLANCS, GRAND CRU, MAREUIL	139
DUVAL-LEROY, BRUT, VERTÚS NV	80
PIPER HEIDSEICK, NV REIMS	66
ROLAND CHAMPION, BLANC DE BLANCS, GRAND CRU, CHOUILLY '00	130
TAITTINGER <i>COMTES DE CHAMPAGNE</i> BLANC DE BLANCS, REIMS '98	289
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN <i>YELLOW LABEL</i> , REIMS NV	79
EQUINOX, BLANC DE BLANCS, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '97	92
GRAN CAVA D'ABBATIS "MAS ARAGO ," CATALUNYA-SPAIN '05	46
MERRY EDWARDS, <i>CUVÉE MEREDITH</i> BLANC DE NOIRS '00	159
GRUET, BRUT ROSÉ , NEW MEXICO NV	42
DOMAINE CARNEROS ROSÉ DAMASK , BRUT, CARNEROS '05	49

SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

ARIETTA, "ON THE WHITE KEYS," NAPA VALLEY '06	90
CROCKER & STARR, NAPA VALLEY '07	52
DE SANTE <i>OLD VINE</i> , NAPA VALLEY '07	45
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WHITEHAVEN, MARLBOROUGH '08	39
BRIDESMAID SAUVIGNON BLANC-SEMILLON , CALIFORNIA '08	49

EURO WHITES

CHENIN BLANC , CLOS DE LA COULEE DE SERRANT, NICOLAS JOLY '02	100
SAUVIGNON BLANC , TOURAINE, LES DEUX TOURS, LADOUCETTE '07	39
RHONE BLEND , REMELLURI, RIOJA BLANC, SPAIN '03	85

STIMULATING

WHITES

ALBARINO , CAMBIATA, MONTEREY '08	40
MUSCAT (DRY) , BONNY DOON CA' DEI SOLO, MONTEREY '09	44
PINOT GRIS , ETUDE, CARNEROS '08	47
ROUSSANE-GRENACHE BL , BONNY DOON LE CIGARE BLANC "BEESWAX," ARROYO SECO '07	46
VIIGNIER , DARIOUSH, NAPA VALLEY '08	85
VIIGNIER , MINER "SIMPSON," CALIFORNIA '08	48

RIESLING

Trocken, Kabinett, Spätlese and Aüslese are German terms denotes the sweetness level of the grapes at harvest. Aüslese is the sweetest—often a perfect accompaniment to our Artisan Cheeses. However, each style can be wonderful with savory or spicy.

T R O C K E N	
KNEBEL "VON DEN TERRRASEN," MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER '07	48
K A B I N E T T	
DÖNNOFF, OBERHÄUSER LEISTENBERG, NAHE '06	62
LANGWERTH VON SIMMERN, ERBACHER MARCOBRUNN, RHEINGAU '06	49
GRAND-FASSIEN, PIESPORTER MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER '06	47
WEGELER, WEHLENER SONNENUHR, MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER '06	51
S P Ä T L E S E	
DR. LOOSEN URZIGER WURZGARTEN, MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER '06	70
MÜLLER-CATOIR, HAARDT BÜRGERGERTEN, PFALZ '05	62
FRIITZ HAAG, BRAUNEBERGER JUFFER SONNENHUR, MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER '06	66
TONI JOST, BACHARACHER HAHN, MITTEL RHEIN '05	58
A U S L E S E	
VON HÖVEL, SCHARZHOFBERG, MOSEL '05	61
A L S A C E	
TRIMBACH, CLOS SAINTE HUNE, ALSACE '01	169

CHARDONNAY

NORTH COAST

ANCIEN, CARNEROS '06	70
BARNETT "SIANGIACOMO," CARNEROS '07	66
CEJA, ESTATE, CARNEROS '07	76
ETRE, SONOMA COAST '08	65
FAR NIENTE, NAPA VALLEY '08	79
HARTFORD COURT "STONE CÔTE," SONOMA COAST '06	110
HEALDSBURG RANCHES, SONOMA COUNTY '07 UNOAKED	36
LAIRD "COLD CREEK RANCH," CARNEROS '07	58
PEAY," SONOMA COUNTY '05	89
MALDONADO "PARR," SONOMA COUNTY '07	59
MARTINELLI, "MARTINELLI ROAD," RUSSIAN RIVER '06	99
NICKEL & NICKEL "MEDINA," RUSSIAN RIVER '06	70
RAMEY "HYDE," CARNEROS '05	117

CENTRAL COAST

BREWER-CLIFTON, "SEASMOKE," SANTA RITA HILLS '05	106
MELVILLE, SANTA RITA HILLS '07	64
MOUNT EDEN VINEYARDS, ESTATE, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '05	104
OJAI "BIEN NACIDO," SANTA MARIA '07	59
RIDGE, "MONTE BELLO," SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '04	120
TALBOTT, MONTEREY COUNTY '07	60

BURGUNDY & BEYOND

BOURGOGNE, JOSEPH FAIVELEY '06	49
CHABLIS "VAUDÈSIR GRAND CRU," JOSEPH DROUHIN,'06	125
POUILLY FUISSE, DEMESSEY '06	77
PULIGNY-MONTRACHET "FOLATIERES 1 ^{ER} CRU," JOSEPH DROUHIN,'06	135

PISONI COLLECTION PINOT NOIR & SYRAH

Gary Pisoni has forever changed the way grapes are grown and wine is made in the Santa Lucia Highlands, about one hour south of here. His “special” French Pinot Noir clones are the most highly prized pinot grapes in California. In addition to his Estate vines, his Garys’ Vineyard, with Gary Francioni, also produces stellar Pinot Noir and Syrah. We’re proud to feature some of our favorite vintner’s expressions of Gary Pisoni’s efforts.

Gary Pisoni’s own clone of Pinot Noir is affectionately called the Pisoni Clone, but it originally was clipped from one of the most famous Pinot Noir Vineyard in the world—La Tâche, in France’s Vosne-Romanée area of Burgundy.

PISONI VINEYARD

CAPIAUX, PISONI VINEYARD '05	107
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MIURA, PISONI VINEYARD '06	109
PISONI, PISONI ESTATE '06	128
PATZ & HALL, PISONI VINEYARD '05	139
RYAN, PISONI VINEYARD '05	99
ANTIQU ² S, SYRAH , PISONI VINEYARD '06	121
ANTIQU ² S, SYRAH , PISONI VINEYARD '05	104
LUCIA SYRAH , SUSAN’S HILL VINEYARD '06	89

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MARTIN ALFARO, GARYS’ VINEYARD '07	85
MINER, GARYS’ VINEYARD '07	119
MIURA, GARYS’ VINEYARD '05	115
MIURA, GARYS’ VINEYARD '06	108
CAPIAUX, GARYS’ VINEYARD '05	97
LUCIA, GARYS’ VINEYARD '07	99
ROAR, GARYS’ VINEYARD '08	109
RYAN, GARYS’ VINEYARD '05	107
LUCIA SYRAH , GARYS’ VINEYARD '06	83
ANTIQU ² S SYRAH , GARYS’ VINEYARD '04	99

SILACCI VINEYARD

MIURA, SILACCI VINEYARD '06	110
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PINOT NOIR

OREGON

CUBANISIMO, WILLAMETTE VALLEY '08	65
LEMELSON <i>THEA'S SELECTION</i> , WILLAMETTE VALLEY '07	75
O'REILLY'S, OREGON '07	55
REX HILL, DUNDEE HILLS '07	79
WILLAZENZIE "TERRES BASSES," WILLAMETTE VALLEY '07	115

MENDOCINO

ADRIAN FOG "SAVOY," ANDERSON VALLEY '05	147
COPAIN, <i>EN BAS</i> "KISER VINEYARD," ANDERSON VALLEY '05	94
RADIO COTEAU "SAVOY," ANDERSON VALLEY '05	120

SONOMA COAST

PEAY, "POMARIUM," SONOMA COAST '06	99
PEAY, "SCALLOP SHELF," SONOMA COAST '07	111
RADIO COTEAU, "LA NEBLINA," SONOMA COAST '05	98
RYAN, "VAN DER KAMP," SONOMA MOUNTAINS '07	83

RUSSIAN RIVER

BARNETT "TINA MARIE," RUSSIAN RIVER '08	62
DONATIELLO, RUSSIAN RIVER '06	66
DUTTON RANCH "THOMAS ROAD," RUSSIAN RIVER '07	85
EN ROUTE, <i>LES POMMIERS</i> , RUSSIAN RIVER '07	99
HARTFORD COURT "ARRENDELL," RUSSIAN RIVER '05	149
KOSTA BROWNE, "KOPLIN," RUSSIAN RIVER '06	193
ROCHIOLI, RUSSIAN RIVER '06	141
TWOMEY, RUSSIAN RIVER '08	99
WALTER HANSEL "THE SOUTH SLOPE," RUSSIAN RIVER '06	84

CARNEROS

CEJA, ESTATE, CARNEROS '06	84
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SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

MOUNT EDEN VINEYARDS, ESTATE, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '07	99
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MONTEREY & SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS

LUCIA, SANTA LUCIA '08	84
MINER, "ROSELLA'S," SANTA LUCIA '05	114
MINER, "ROSELLA'S," SANTA LUCIA '07	124
PELERIN, "ROSELLA'S," SANTA LUCIA '07	99
ROAR, SANTA LUCIA '08	88
SEQUANA "SARMENTO," SANTA LUCIA '08	71

(PLEASE SEE OUR COLLECTION OF PISONI WINES)

SANTA RITA HILLS & SANTA MARIA VALLEY

AMBULLNEO <i>BULLDOG RESERVE</i> , SANTA MARIA '06	116
AMBULLNEO <i>CANIS MAJOR</i> , SANTA MARIA '06	99
AMBULLNEO "SOLOMON HILLS," SANTA MARIA '06	149
BREWER CLIFTON "ASHLEY'S," SANTA RITA HILLS '05	98
BREWER CLIFTON "MT. CARMEL," SANTA RITA HILLS '05	119
OJAI, "BIEN NACIDO," SANTA MARIA '07	88
OJAI, "CLOS PEPE," SANTA RITA HILLS '05	105
ROESSELER "SANFORD & BENEDICT," SANTA RITA '05	98
SEASMOKE "SOUTHING," SANTA RITA HILLS '07	109
SEASMOKE "TEN," SANTA RITA HILLS '07	169
WHITCRAFT "MELVILLE," STA. RITA HILLS '06	94

CABERNET

SAUVIGNON

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

MOUNT EDEN VINEYARDS, ESTATE, SANTA CRUZ MTNS. '05	89
RIDGE, "MONTE BELLO" SANTA CRUZ MTNS. '96	280
RIDGE, "MONTE BELLO" SANTA CRUZ MTNS. '04	220
RIDGE, "MONTE BELLO" SANTA CRUZ MTNS. '05	190

LAKE COUNTY

75 BECKSTOFFER, "AMBER KNOWLES," LAKE COUNTY '05	52
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SONOMA COUNTY

SILVER OAK, ALEXANDER VALLEY '05	99
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NAPA VALLEY

ARTESA, NAPA/SONOMA COUNTIES '05	52
CAIN <i>FIVE</i> , NAPA VALLEY '05	197
CAYMUS <i>SPECIAL SELECTION</i> , NAPA VALLEY '06	194
CIMAROSSA, "RIVA DI PONENTE," HOWELL MOUNTAIN '04	134
ELIZABETH SPENCER SPECIAL CUVEE, NAPA VALLEY '07	58
FAR NIENTE, OAKVILLE '05	209
FAR NIENTE, OAKVILLE '06	165
HAVENS, NAPA VALLEY '06	74
HEITZ CELLARS, NAPA VALLEY '06	68
HEWITT, ESTATE, RUTHERFORD '06	148
JOHN ANTHONY, NAPA VALLEY '05	65
KENWOOD <i>ARTIST SERIES</i> , SONOMA COUNTY '05	92
LAIRD FAMILY "DIAMOND MOUNTAIN RANCH," NAPA VALLEY '03	91
LEVIATHAN, NAPA VALLEY '07	115
MEANDER, NAPA VALLEY '05	123
NICKEL & NICKEL, "CC RANCH," RUTHERFORD '05	153
NICKEL & NICKEL, "JOHN C. SULLENGER," OAKVILLE '06	139
NICKEL & NICKEL, "ROCK CAIRN," OAKVILLE '05	156
NICKEL & NICKEL, "MARTIN STELLING," OAKVILLE '06	204
NICKEL & NICKEL, "VOGT," HOWELL MOUNTAIN '05	142
ORIN SWIFT <i>PAPILLON</i> , NAPA VALLEY '06	105
PALMAZ VINEYARDS, NAPA VALLEY '04	175
PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS, NAPA/SONOMA '07	134
SEQUUM "KIDD RANCH," NAPA VALLEY '06	89
SILVER OAK, NAPA VALLEY '04	174

STELTZNER, STAGS LEAP DISTRICT '06	75
VERAISON, "STAGECOACH," NAPA VALLEY '05	111

CENTRAL COAST

LINE SHACK, SAN ANTONIO VALLEY '07	36
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FRANCE

BURGUNDY

Burgundy (French: *Bourgogne*) is made in the Burgundy region in eastern France. The most famous wines produced here - those commonly referred to as Burgundies - are red wines made from Pinot Noir grapes.

CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY, MICHEL GROS '06	120
GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, JOSEPH DROUHIN '06	92
NUITS-ST.-GEORGES, LOUIS LATOUR '05	105
NUITS-ST.-GEORGES, DOMAINE JEAN GRIVOT LES CHARMOIS '05	107
POMMARD <i>TAVENES</i> , FERNAND & LAURENT PILLOT '05	85
VOSNE ROMANEE VIEILLE VIGNES, FREDERIC MAGNIEN '05	124

BORDEAUX

The Left Bank of the Gironde River is known for producing some of the most coveted Cabernet Sauvignon-based wines in the world. On the Right Bank, Merlot takes center stage.

LEFT BANK

PAUILLAC, L'ORATOIRE '04	63
SAINT-JULIEN, L'INATTENDU '01	68
SAINT-JULIEN, CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE-LAS CASES <i>2ND GROWTH</i> '03	315
SAINT ESTEPHE, VIEUX CAILLOUX '02	61
PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, CH. HAUT BRION <i>1ST GROWTH</i> '04	340

RIGHT BANK

GRAVES DE VAYRES, CHÂTEAU PONTÊTE-BELLEGRIVE '05	52
LUSSAC ST EMILION, CHÂTEAU CROIX DE RAMBEAU '06	49
POMEROL, CHÂTEAU LA TRUFFE '05	88
ST EMILION <i>GRAND CRU</i> , CHÂTEAU FRANC LA ROSE '05	71

ZINFANDEL

CAROL SHELTON, "MAPLE," OLD WINE, DRY CREEK VALLEY '05	62
CORTE RIVA, NAPA VALLEY '06	58
BIALE, <i>NAPA RANCHES</i> , NAPA VALLEY '07	79
MARTINELLI, "GIUSEPPE & LUISA," RUSSIAN RIVER '07	128
NEYERS, "TOFANELLI," NAPA VALLEY '06	77
NICKEL & NICKEL, "PONZO," RUSSIAN RIVER '06	94
ORIN SWIFT <i>SALDO</i> , CALIFORNIA '08	63
ORIN SWIFT <i>THE PRISONER</i> , NAPA VALLEY '08	71
PARADISE RIDGE <i>THE CONVICT</i> , "ROCKY RIDGE," ROCKPILE '06	59
ROSENBLUM "ST. PETER'S CHURCH," SONOMA COUNTY '05	112
SAXON BROWN "CASA SANTINAMARIA," SONOMA VALLEY '06	65
SEQUUM "KIDD RANCH," NAPA VALLEY '06	59
VALDEZ "ROCKPILE ROAD," ROCKPILE '06	71
VINEYARD 29 "AIDA," ST. HELENA '07	141

MERLOT

ADASTRA, CARNEROS '06	48
BLANKIET, "PARADISE HILLS," NAPA VALLEY '02	239
CORTÉ RIVA, NAPA VALLEY '04	59
HAVENS <i>RESERVE</i> "HYDE & BEAU TERROIR," CARNEROS '04	69
JAYSON BY PAHLMAYER, NAPA VALLEY '05	69
NOVELTY HILL, COLUMBIA VALLEY '05	49
PARCEL 41, NAPA VALLEY '06	48
PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS, NAPA/SONOMA '06	119

CABERNET FRANC

ARIETTA, "H BLOCK HUDSON," NAPA VALLEY '04	189
ARIETTA, "H BLOCK HUDSON," NAPA VALLEY '05	229
CORTÉ RIVA, NAPA VALLEY '05	79
SELENE <i>CHESLER</i> , NAPA VALLEY '03	112
TRESPASS, NAPA VALLEY '05	86

PETITE SIRAH

BIALE, <i>ROYAL PUNISHERS</i> , NAPA VALLEY '06	82
CARVER SUTRO, " <i>PALISADES</i> ," NAPA VALLEY '05	94
CORTE RIVA, LAKE COUNTY/NAPA VALLEY '05	77
ENVY "ENVY," NAPA VALLEY '07	54
JC CELLARS "FREDIANI," NAPA VALLEY '05	83
MARILYN REMARK, "ROAD'S END," MONTEREY '06	47
MOSHIN, RUSSIAN RIVER '07	85
ROSENBLUM, 'RHODES' REDWOOD VALLEY '04	65

AUSTRALIA

TORBRECK

Winemaker David Powell has fashioned the most acclaimed wines in Australia with Torbreck. Powell utilizes some of the oldest vines in the Barossa Valley. In fact, his Run Rig uses Shiraz grapes from vines as old as 140 years. Whimsically named after places from his days as a woodcutter in Scotland, these old vine wines are masterpieces of the marriage of skill & terroir.

THE STEADING, GRENACHE/SHIRAZ/MATARO , BAROSSA '03	50
THE FACTOR, SHIRAZ , BAROSSA '03	139
THE FACTOR, SHIRAZ , BAROSSA '04	144
DESCENDANT, SHIRAZ , BAROSSA '04	144
RUN RIG, SHIRAZ , BAROSSA '02	289
RUN RIG, SHIRAZ , BAROSSA '03	279
PICT, MATARO , BAROSSA '04	199
LES AMIS, GRENACHE , BAROSSA '03	161

ARGENTINA

CABERNET SAUVIGNON , NIETO SENETINER "CADUS," MENDOZA '03	91
MALBEC , NIETO SENETINER <i>RESERVA</i> , MENDOZA '08	36

NEW WORLD

RHÔNES

SYRAH / SHIRAZ

ALBAN, CENTRAL COAST '05	80
ANTIQU ² S "GARYS'," SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS '04	99
ANTIQU ² S "PISONI," SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS '06	121
ANTIQU ² S "PISONI," SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS '05	104
CEP BY PEAY WINERY, SONOMA COAST '07	55
DUMOL, RUSSIAN RIVER '06	115
HAVENS, NAPA VALLEY '04	59
LA DILIGENCE BY MINER "STAGECOACH," NAPA VALLEY '06	77
LUCIA "GARYS'," SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS '06	83
LUCIA "SUSAN'S HILL," '06	89
MARTELLA "HAMMER," CALIFORNIA '06	56
PEAY <i>LA BRUMA</i> , SONOMA COAST '07	92
PELERIN, MONTEREY '06	55
RADIO-COUTEAU "LAS COLINAS," SONOMA COAST '05	82
SAXUM "BROKEN STONES," PASO ROBLES '03	139
SEQUUM "KIDD RANCH," NAPA VALLEY '06	71
TRAVIESO <i>EL CHUPACABRAS</i> , SANTA BARBARA '06	69
THORN CLARKE <i>SHOTFIRE</i> , BAROSSA '08	49
TURKEY FLAT, SHIRAZ, BAROSSA '04	89

GRENA CHE & MOURVÉDRE

SAXUM "JAMES BERRY," SGM , PASO ROBLES '04	89
TABLAS CREEK <i>ESPRIT DE BEAUCASTEL</i> , MOURV. , SANTA MARIA '06	85

OLD WORLD

RHÔNES

NORTHERN RHÔNE

CORNAS, ALAIN VOGÉ, LES VIEILLES VIGNES, '04	139
CROZES-HERMITAGE, ALAIN GRAILLOT '07	72
SAINT JOSEPH, DELAS <i>SAINTE EPINE</i> , '01	74
SAINT JOSEPH VIEILLES VIGNES, TARDIEUX-LAURENT <i>LES ROCHES</i> , '06	97

SOUTHERN RHÔNE

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, BOSQUET DE PAPES '06	99
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, CHAPOUTIER, 'LA BERNARDINE' '05	134
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL '03	189
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL '05	235
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, DOMAINE DU GALET DES PAPES '03	93
CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE, AUGUSTE CLAPE '04	87
CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE, AUGUSTE CLAPE '05	89

ITALIAN REDS

BARBERA D'ALBA , COGNO 'BRICCO DEI MERLI' PIEMONTE '05	49
BARBERA D'ALBA , RONCHI, 'LA TERLE,' PIEMONTE '06	52
BARBARESCO , RONCHI, 'RONCHI,' PIEMONTE '05	79
BARBARESCO , PELISSERO "NUBIOLA," PIEMONTE '04	90
BAROLO , DAMILANO, 'LE CINQUEVIGNE,' PIEMONTE '04	87
BAROLO , E. PIRA, 'CANNUBI,' PIEMONTE '99	178
BAROLO , MICHELE CHIARLO, 'CANNUBI,' PIEMONTE '04	149
BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO , VAL DI SUGA, TOSCANA '03	119
CHIANTI CLASSICO , VOLPAIA TOSCANA '05	51
CHIANTI CLASSICO , FONTODI TOSCANA '06	79
DOLCETTO D'ALBA , SANDRONE, PIEMONTE '07	52
MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO , MARRAMIERO 'INFERI' ABRUZZO '03	77
NERO D'AVOLA , FEUDO DISISA, SICILIA '06	42
SUPER TUSCAN , TENUTA DI TRINORO, 'LE CUPOLE' TOSCANA '05	68
SUPER TUSCAN , CA'MARCANDA (GAJA) CAMARCANDA, TOSCANA '01	190
VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO , ICARIO, TOSCANA '03	70

SPANISH REDS

CASTILLA Y LEÓN , MAURO, <i>TEMPRANILLO</i> '04	98
JUMILLA , JUAN GIL, <i>MONASTRELL</i> '06	40
PRIORAT , CLOS MOGADOR, <i>GARNACHA-CAB-SYRAH BLEND</i> '04	150
PRIORAT , CLOS PISSARA <i>EL RAMON</i> '07	89
RIBERA DEL DUERO , EL ARTE DE VIVIR, <i>TEMPRANILLO</i> '07	44
RIOJA , VIÑEDOS DE PÁGANOS <i>EL PUNTIDO TEMPRANILLO</i> '02	110
TORO , NUMANTHIA-TERMES, TERMANTHIA, <i>TINTO DE TORO</i> '03	280
TORO , NUMANTHIA-TERMES, TERMANTHIA, <i>TINTO DE TORO</i> '04	280

GLOSSARY OF TASTING TERMS

ACIDITY

Acidity in a wine can preserve the wine's freshness and keep the wine lively. Too little acidity can make a wine taste flat, while too much will mask flavor.

AGGRESSIVE

Usually applied to wines that are either high in acidity or have harsh tannins—or both!

AUSTERE

Often used to negatively describe a wine that is very dry with a lack of richness and fruit.

BALANCED

A balanced wine is one where the concentration of fruit, level of tannins, and acidity are in total harmony. This is the most desired of traits.

BARNYARD

*Describes an unclean, farmyard aroma that is imparted to a wine from unclean barrels or winery equipment that contain the fungus *Brettanomyces*, or “Brett”—this can be a desirable quality in a wine when in short supply.*

BUTTERY

A wine that is buttery has gone through Malolactic Fermentation—a secondary fermentation that converts the malic acid into lactic acid. This process produces diacetyl—the compound that makes margarine taste like real butter.

CHEWY

A wine that is rather dense, with a viscous texture from a high glycerin content, can be described as chewy.

CLOSED

A young wine that is not showing its full potential. It is common for wines to close up 12-18 months after bottling and, depending on conditions, stay closed for up to a decade.

CORKED

This is a wine that has been affected by an unclean or faulty cork. The smell of a corked wine reminds me of an old book, pulled from my grandmother's basement.

EARTHY

Used to describe a wine with a fresh, rich, clean soil aroma. Could also describe a wine with aromas of damp soil, pine needles, & twigs.

FLABBY

A wine that feels heavy on the palate due to a lack of acidity.

FLINTY

An aroma and flavor reminiscent of flint striking steel—also referred to as Gunflint. This characteristic comes from grapes grown in certain soils.

FLORAL

Describes a wine with the aroma of fresh flowers ~ orange blossoms, lilies, rose petals, violets, etc. Viognier is a wine that is often described as floral.

FULL-BODIED

A wine that is rich in extract, alcohol and glycerin. If it feels more like whole milk than water, it's probably full-bodied.

GRASSY

Grassy is a trait found in many Sauvignon Blancs; it can describe the aroma or flavor of fresh-cut grass clippings or dried grass.

HERBACEOUS

Some wines display characteristics of thyme, sage, rosemary, oregano, fennel & basil.

HONEYED

A wine with the distinct aroma or flavor of Bees' Honey.

HOT

No, this is not used to describe a particularly sexy wine—it actually describes a wine with too much detectable alcohol. When the depth of fruit is lacking, alcohol levels above 14% can taste “hot” or overly alcoholic.

JAMMY

When grapes reach a certain level of ripeness, they can produce especially concentrated wines that can be described as jammy.

OAKY

Wines that are aged in oak take on toasty vanilla aromas and flavors. If a winemaker decides to use more new barrels, these characteristics become more pronounced. Wines that display these qualities can be described as ‘oaky.’

OXIDIZED

A wine that has been over-exposed to air during its making or aging. Such a wine will taste stale.

PEPPERY

A peppery wine will have the aroma or flavor of white or black pepper. Zinfandel & Syrah are commonly referred to as peppery.

PERFUMED

Particularly fragrant & aromatic wines. Often these wines display a combination of floral, spice & exotic fruit aromas.

RIPE

Describes a wine whose fruit aromas and flavors are at optimal levels. They are clearly present with a distinct difference from underdeveloped, over-ripe or raisined fruit. Grapes grown in a warm climate with good weather during the growing season will often display Ripe characteristics.

ROUND

A round wine is one where tannin, acid, and glycerin are present but not dominant. The wine may seem full-bodied or even soft in the mouth but not 'Fat.'

SMOKY

Some wines can take on smoky characteristics—often as a result of the oak that is used to age it. This 'Smoky' aroma, or flavor, can resemble campfire smoke, cigar smoke, or even smoked meats. I have described many California Syrahs as having a pleasant 'Sweet Mesquite Smoke' characteristic.

SOUR

A term used to describe the taste of spoiled wine that is making its transition into vinegar. We hope the only sour wine you experience with us is Balsamic.

SPICY

Spicy can refer to any number of wines that have some sort of spice character to them, such as cinnamon, clove, vanilla, nutmeg, white pepper, black pepper, anise, etc. Some varietals are spiced, like Gewurztraminer, while sometimes the spiced characteristic comes from oak.

SOFT

A soft wine is one that is round & fruity, low in acidity, and has an absence of aggressive, hard tannins

TANNIC

Tannins are detected when your mouth dries out and gets the "Chalky" sensation. Thicker-skinned grapes such as Cabernet Sauvignon will often have higher tannins than thinner-skinned ones like Pinot Noir. Clumsy winemaking can sometimes split seeds in the grapes, thus increasing the tannins.

TOASTY

The smell of toasted bread or burnt toast can be an indication that the wine was aged in oak barrels that have been charred on the inside.

VEGETAL

Although some wines can benefit from aromas and flavors that can be found in the garden, such as herbs, flowers, fruits and some vegetables, the term 'Vegetal' is usually used to describe an undesirable characteristic. It is usually found in wines made from under-ripe grapes.

VELVETY

Unlike the velvet suit in your closet, this is a very attractive quality in a wine. Used to describe wines that are rich, soft and smooth. A synonym for 'Silky.'

FLAVORS & AROMAS

WHITE WINES:

<i>Apple</i>	<i>Hay</i>
<i>Baked Apple</i>	<i>Cat Pee (Yes I Said Cat Pee)</i>
<i>Poached Apple</i>	<i>Fresh-Cut Grass</i>
<i>Apricot</i>	<i>Green Tea</i>
<i>Peach</i>	<i>Geranium</i>
<i>Nectarine</i>	<i>Orange Blossom</i>
<i>Pineapple</i>	<i>Rose Petal</i>
<i>Melon</i>	<i>Walnut</i>
<i>Honeydew Melon</i>	<i>Hazelnut</i>
<i>Banana</i>	<i>Almond</i>
<i>Fig</i>	<i>Honey</i>
<i>Grapefruit</i>	<i>Butterscotch</i>
<i>Lemon</i>	<i>Butter</i>
<i>Lime</i>	<i>Clove</i>
<i>Passionfruit</i>	<i>Nutmeg</i>
<i>Mango</i>	<i>Vanilla</i>
<i>Guava</i>	<i>Honeysuckle</i>
<i>Bosc Pear</i>	<i>Diesel</i>
<i>Bartlett Pear</i>	<i>Kerosene</i>
<i>Poached Pear</i>	<i>Oak</i>
<i>Green Bell Pepper</i>	<i>Bread</i>
<i>Red Bell Pepper</i>	<i>Toast</i>
<i>Jalapeño</i>	<i>Chalk</i>
<i>Green Beans</i>	<i>Limestone</i>
<i>Green Olive</i>	<i>Wet Stone</i>
<i>Asparagus</i>	
<i>Artichoke</i>	

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RED WINES:

<i>Blackberry</i>	<i>Rosemary</i>
<i>Raspberry</i>	<i>Thyme</i>
<i>Strawberry</i>	<i>Violets</i>
<i>Black Currant</i>	<i>Rose Petal</i>
<i>Red Currant</i>	<i>Lavender</i>
<i>Red Cherry</i>	<i>Cola</i>
<i>Black Cherry</i>	<i>Cherry Cola</i>
<i>Blueberry</i>	<i>Dr Pepper</i>
<i>Plumb</i>	<i>Mesquite Smoke</i>
<i>Cooked Fruit</i>	<i>Tobacco</i>
<i>Raisin</i>	<i>Toasted</i>
<i>Prune</i>	<i>Almond</i>
<i>Fig</i>	<i>Chocolate</i>
<i>Strawberry Jam</i>	<i>Milk Chocolate</i>
<i>Blackberry Jam</i>	<i>Clove</i>
<i>Cherry Liqueur</i>	<i>Cinnamon</i>
<i>Green Bell Pepper</i>	<i>Nutmeg</i>
<i>Red Bell Pepper</i>	<i>Vanilla</i>
<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>Anise</i>
<i>Mint</i>	<i>Black Licorice</i>
<i>Green Beans</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
<i>Asparagus</i>	<i>Black Tea</i>
<i>Artichokes</i>	<i>Cedar</i>
<i>Black Olive</i>	<i>Oak</i>
<i>Kalamata Olive</i>	<i>Wet Stone</i>
<i>Mushroom</i>	<i>Tar</i>
<i>Black Truffles</i>	<i>Rubber</i>
<i>Dill</i>	<i>Leather</i>