

visiting san francisco means visiting the wine country—you're surrounded. to the north are Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino; to the east lie Livermore Valley and the Sierra Foothills; heading south are the Santa Cruz Mountains, Monterey and the Central Coast. each appellation is unique, possessing its own personality and strength with respect to the grapes grown and the styles of wines produced. however, each has a common bond: quality.

top quality wine represents a partnership between the grape grower and wine maker. sometimes they are the same people, but it is more common today for each to be a specialist. wines of extraordinary concentration and depth are more commonly produced these days thanks to aggressive vineyard management. many grape growers have turned, or rather returned, to organic viticultural practices. without pesticides, herbicides and synthetic fertilizers farmers are producing healthier grapes whose flavors truly express their terroir. while only a small number of domestic vineyards are *certified* organic, all growers are committed to practicing some degree of sustainable agriculture and organic viticulture.

at LarkCreekSteak we focus on the best farm to table ingredients. of course we pay a little extra attention to steaks and chops. with this in mind we've collected an exciting range of great american wine, including some old favorites, new discoveries and special values.

Brian Newman
Wine Manager



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BY THE GLASS

Our wine by the glass selections have been chosen to offer a variety of styles and flavors in the hope that you can find a wine that appeals to you. Within each broad category, we have arranged the wines in a general progression of weight, intensity and complexity from lightest to fullest in body and flavor. As you read down through the selections expect the wines to be fuller and more intensely flavored, complex and full bodied.

CORKAGE

we would be happy to open and serve any wine you have brought with you to the restaurant and for each bottle purchased from our wine list we will waive the corkage fee on a bottle you have brought with you.

Our corkage fee is \$25 per 750 ml.

Sparkling

	<i>glass</i>
<i>Sparkling, Gloria Ferrer Brut, Sonoma NV</i>	9.25
<i>Sparkling, Iron Horse, "One Market Cuvee" Brut, Sonoma Green Valley 2003</i>	13.75

White

<i>Chenin Blanc-Viognier, Pine Ridge, Clarksburg 2007</i>	8.75
<i>Riesling, Sineann, Willamette Valley 2007</i>	10.75
<i>Sauvignon Blanc, Provenance Vineyards, Napa Valley 2007</i>	11.00
<i>Sauvignon Blanc, Mauritson, Dry Creek Valley 2007</i>	10.00
<i>Rose, Lucia, "Lucy", Santa Lucia Highlands 2007</i>	9.50
<i>Pinot Gris, Chehalem, Willamette Valley 2007</i>	10.75
<i>Chardonnay, Heron, California 2006</i>	7.75
<i>Chardonnay, Hafner, Alexander Valley 2005</i>	10.00
<i>Chardonnay, La Crema, Sonoma Coast 2007</i>	12.00

BY THE GLASS (CONTINUED)

Red

<i>Pinot Noir</i> , MacMurray Ranch, Sonoma Coast 2007	11.50
<i>Pinot Noir</i> , Melville, Verna's Vineyard, Santa Barbara County 2007	14.50
<i>Pinot Noir</i> , Handley, Anderson Valley 2006	15.50
<i>Syrah</i> , Old Press, Paso Robles 2005	10.50
<i>Merlot</i> , Gainey, Santa Ynez Valley 2005	11.50
<i>Zinfandel</i> , St. Francis Winery and Vineyards, Old Vines, Sonoma County 2006	13.50
<i>Zinfandel</i> , Mauritsen, Dry Creek Valley 2006	14.00
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Moon Mountain, Sonoma County 2006	8.75
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Philippe-Lorraine, Napa Valley 2003	12.00
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Bennett Family, The Reserve, Napa Valley 2005	14.00
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Obsidian Ridge, "Obsidian Ridge Vineyard" Red Hills, Lake County 2005	14.50

Dessert

<i>Gewurztraminer Ice Wine</i> , Andrew Rich, Washington-Oregon 2006	13.00
<i>Orange Muscat</i> , Quady "Essensia," California 2006	7.50

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Start with Conundrum and then move to Lang and Reed Cabernet Franc. Conundrum is a blended white wine that consists primarily of sauvignon blanc, chardonnay and muscat canelli. The folks at Conundrum also admit to adding viognier and Semillon. They won't tell you exactly what else or what the blend is-but who cares? The wine is refreshing and different; with a rich texture, peach and vanilla aromas and sufficient acidity to ensure a second sip (or a second glass). Cabernet franc is supposed to be softer than its cousin, cabernet sauvignon, which is the grape you're supposed to grow in Napa Valley. Their cabernet franc features a mix of red and black fruit flavors with chocolate overtones and balanced oak tones and tannin. It is a nice departure from cabernet sauvignon, but still great with a steak.

HALF BOTTLES

half bottles are a great way to pair wine with food and provide a reasonable way to begin with a lighter wine and then move into something more substantial.

Sparkling

- Sparkling*, Gruet Blanc de Noirs, New Mexico, NV 22
- Sparkling*, Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs, Napa Valley 2005 44

White

- White Table Wine*, Conundrum, California 2006 31
- Pinot Blanc*, Robert Sinskey, Los Carneros 2007 43
- Pinot Gris*, King Estate, Oregon 2006 22
- Viognier*, Qupe, Ibarra-Young Vineyard
Santa Ynez Valley 2007 *FW* 35
- Sauvignon Blanc*, Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2006 29
- Sauvignon Blanc*, Mason, Napa Valley 2005 19
- Chardonnay*, Lynmar, Quail Hill, Russian River Valley 2005 48
- Chardonnay*, Matanzas Creek, Sonoma County 2006 34

Red

- Pinot Noir*, Cambria, Julia's, Santa Maria Valley 2005 32
- Pinot Noir*, Domaine Serene, Willamette Valley,
Evenstad Reserve 2005 70
- Pinot Noir*, Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands 2006 45

HALF BOTTLES CONTINUED

<i>Rhone Style Blend</i> , Bonny Doon Le Cigare Volant, California 2004	35
<i>Merlot</i> , Clos du Val, Napa Valley 2004	34
<i>Merlot</i> , Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2005	56
<i>Merlot</i> , Rombauer, Napa Valley 2003	33
<i>Syrah</i> , C.G. Di Arie, Sierra Foothills 2004	35
<i>Zinfandel</i> , D-Cubed, Napa Valley 2005	32
<i>Zinfandel Blend</i> , Ridge, Geyserville, Dry Creek Valley 2004 <i>FW</i>	43
<i>Zinfandel</i> , Seghesio Family Vineyards, Sonoma County, Old Vines 2005	41
<i>Cabernet Franc</i> , Lang & Reed, Napa Valley 2003	45
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , A.Rafanelli, Dry Creek Valley 2005	47
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2005	70
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Grgich Hills, Napa Valley 2005	67
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon Blend</i> , Ridge Red, Santa Cruz Mountains 2005 <i>FW</i>	47

MAGNUMS

<i>Sparkling</i> , Schramsberg, Blanc De Blancs, Napa Valley 2004	128
<i>Pinot Noir</i> , Hirsch Vineyards, Sonoma Coast, 2006	192

it is pretty easy these days to have a wine labeled for you. it is a different matter altogether to have one made especially for you. and really rare to have a sparkling wine made for you, because the commitment in time on the part of the winery is difficult to justify. Lark Creek Cuvee is an exception. We have been working with the Sterling family at Iron Horse since 1989 to develop this unique sparkling wine produced expressly for Lark Creek. over the years we have worked very closely with the Iron Horse team to developing and evolving our special blend. it all begins with a base wine of 2000 Iron Horse Brut, to which is added our special dosage. The resulting wine possesses crisp apple and citrus fruit flavors, it finishes with richness, elegance and complexity. we think it is the perfect way to begin your dining experience.

SPARKLING WINE

once upon a time the quality of california sparkling wines lagged far behind champagne. champagne was the gold standard and california sparkling did not merit a lot of attention. oddly, the champagne producers themselves signalled a change of heart when they bought up a great deal of california vineyard land and established "outposts" here. these days, no one apologizes for the quality of california sparkling wine, though we can understand the need to apologize for the *price* of champagne.

sparkling wine often represents the best value on a wine list. just think about the commitment in time and skill required to produce even an indifferent bottle—not to mention the great ones we've found. we've assembled a collection that spans from the every day to the really special. think of your favorite champagne *tefe de cuvee* and we think we have an american answer for it.

Domaine Carneros Le Reve, Blanc be Blancs, Carneros 2004		156
Gloria Ferrer Brut, Sonoma NV		35
Gloria Ferrer Brut Rose, Sonoma 2004		69
Gruet Blanc de Noir, New Mexico NV	375 ml	22
Iron Horse "One Market Cuvee" Brut, Sonoma County Green Valley 2003		53
J Wine Company Brut, Sonoma NV		57
Richard Grant Blanc de Noir Reserve, Napa Valley 2000		118
Roederer Estate Brut, Anderson Valley NV		50
Roederer Estate Brut Rose, Anderson Valley NV		60
Roederer L'Ermitage Brut, Anderson Valley 2000		101
Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs, Napa Valley 2005	375 ml	44
Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs, Napa Valley 2004	1.5 l	128
Schramsberg Brut Reserve, California 2000		144
J. Schram Brut, Napa Valley 1999		156
J. Schram Brut Rose, North Coast 1998		195

AROMATIC WHITE

White Varieties

Chenin Blanc-Viognier, Pine Ridge, Clarksburg 2007 33

Dry Muscat Canelli, La Sirena Moscato Azul,
Napa Valley 2007 *FW* 61

Gewurztraminer, Stony Hill, Napa Valley 2006 44

Riesling

Chateau Ste Michelle "Eroica," Columbia Valley 2006 53

Sineann, Willamette Valley 2007 38

Trefethen Dry, Napa Valley 2006 47

Pinot Gris

Chehalem, Willamette Valley 2007 44

Sineann, Oregon 2007 38

Pinot Blanc

Elk Cove Vineyards, Willamette Valley 2007 39

Robert Sinskey, Los Carneros 2007 375 ml 43

St Innocent, Willamette Valley, Freedom Hill 2007 51

Yamhill Valley Vineyards, Willamette Valley,
McMinnville, Reserve 2005 32

Riesling: floral, plum, peach aromas, body can be substantial, tantalizing "other" aromas can develop, like famous *gout de petrol*. And no, that's not bad.

Pinot gris: pinot noir clone, sheds acidity when ripe, picked early makes a crisp wine with subtle aromatics.

Pinot blanc: pinot gris clone, often made like chardonnay, which it can resemble from vineyard to glass.

Chenin blanc: surprisingly, one of the most widely planted varietals in California. Can make an uninteresting wine, but we don't sell those.

Malvasia Bianca: Italian as the name suggests, floral nose, can be rich and sweet, though often dry (as here).

Viognier: popularity benefits from the "Anything But Chardonnay" phenomenon – reaction to an overabundance of similar, expensive chardonnays. Hard to grow, can make a wine with weight and exotic floral aromas.

Marsanne: low acidity and round mouth feel, subtle citrus or floral aroma.

Roussane: high acidity, subtle floral and herb tea aromas, generally oak aged.

Muscat Canelli: intense aroma marks muscat grapes, grown for wine and table use.

Malvasia Bianca

Palmina, Santa Ynez Valley, Larner Vineyard 2005 54

Rhone Varieties

Viognier, Cold Heaven Domaine des Mondes, "Saints and Sinners," Santa Barbara County, Sanford and Benedict Vineyard 2005 61

Viognier, Failla, Edna Valley, Alban Vineyard 2004 73

White Rhone Style Blend, Tablas Creek Esprit de Beaucastel Blanc, Paso Robles 2006 90

Marsanne, Qupe, Santa Ynez Valley 2006 *FW* 42

Roussanne, Qupe, Santa Maria Valley, Bien Nacido Hillside Estate 2004 *FW+* 82

Viognier, Qupe, Ibarra-Young Vineyard, Santa Ynez Valley 2007 *FW* 375 ml 35

Rose

Lucia, "Lucy", Santa Lucia Highlands 2007 38

Verdad, Arroyo Grande Valley 2006 30

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Cliff Lede, Napa Valley 2006	50
Crocker & Starr, Napa Valley 2006	58
Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2006	52
Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2006	29
	<i>375 ml</i>
Fiddlehead Cellars "Happy Canyon," Santa Ynez Valley 2005	51
Gary Farrell, Sonoma County, Redwood Ranch 2005	50
Geyser Peak Winery, Russian River Valley, River Road Ranch 2006	52
Girard, Napa Valley 2006	42
Mason, Napa Valley 2006	34
Mason, Napa Valley 2006	19
	<i>375 ml</i>
Mauritson, Dry Creek Valley 2007	34
Merry Edwards, Russian River Valley 2007	59
Moon Mountain, Sonoma County 2006	32
Provenance Vineyards, Napa Valley 2007	48
Saracina, Mendocino County 2005	49
Voss, Napa Valley 2007	42

SAUVIGNON BLANC

It's my favorite white wine varietal—I like the over-the-top grassy style that's today's popular alternative to yesterday's make-it-like-chardonnay version.

Mason, Merry Edwards and **Cliff Lede** all offer that convertible-top-down-on-a-warm-day sort of appeal—it may not be a wine you want to curl up and write and opera about, but the bottle sure gets finished fast. If you're looking for a more "adult" experience try the **Gary Farrell**—the same youthful exuberance is lurking just beneath a cloak of toasty oak and a more rich texture.

Quinn McKenna

CHARDONNAY I

If Chardonnay were a woman she'd have an extraordinarily eclectic wardrobe: restrained to racy. Her moods would range from flirtatious and fun to serious and focused. In other words Chardonnay is not one-dimensional, but rather it is a captivating, multi-faceted, and often surprising variety. Chardonnay's stylistic diversity originates in the vineyard. Chardonnay is planted as far north as Washington state and as far south as sunny Santa Barbara. Typically an early ripening variety, Chardonnay can be subtle and compelling when cultivated in cooler vineyard sites. Though when cultivated in warmer regions Chardonnay will be bold, ripe, and showy. Diversity of terroir is only half the story when it comes to producing Chardonnay.

CHARDONNAY

<i>3P</i>	Big Horn Cellars, Los Carneros 2007	44
<i>9F</i>	Brickhouse, Willamette Valley 2006	56
<i>13A</i>	Brogan Cellars, Alexander Valley, Stuhlmuller Vineyard 2005	96
<i>6P</i>	Chateau Montelena, Napa Valley 2005	82
<i>7P</i>	Dehlinger Estate, Russian River Valley 2004	66
<i>2A</i>	Domaine Drouhin "Arthur," Oregon 2006	66
<i>2K</i>	Far Niente, Napa Valley 2006	111
<i>9P</i>	Ferrari Carano, Alexander Valley 2005	68
<i>4P</i>	Foley, Rancho Santa Rosa, Santa Rita Hills 2005	66
<i>4K</i>	Frank Family Vineyards, Napa Valley 2006	65
<i>8F</i>	Grgich Hills, Napa Valley 2005	82
<i>3K</i>	Hafner, Alexander Valley 2005	38
	Heron, California 2006	29
<i>5A</i>	Kendall Jackson, Grand Reserve, California 2006	48
	La Crema, Sonoma Coast 2007	46

CHARDONNAY CONTINUED

5K	Landmark "Overlook," Sonoma- Monterey-Santa Barbara Counties 2006	56
13D	Lewis, Napa Valley 2005	92
6K	Lynmar, Russian River Valley 2005	63
9K	Matanzas Creek, Sonoma 2005	58
3A	Mer Soleil, Central Coast 2004	88
4F	Peay, Sonoma Coast 2005	98
12A	Picket Fence, Russian River Valley 2005	43
2F	Ramey, Russian River Valley, Ritchie Vineyard 2004	115
6A	Rochioli, Russian River Valley 2005	97
7A	Rudd, Russian River Valley, Baciagalupi Vineyard 2004	115
8A	Saintsbury, Unfiltered, Carneros 2005	45
9A	Shafer, Napa Valley, Carneros, Red Shoulder Ranch 2004	87
2P	Stony Hill, Napa Valley 2005	74
3F	Talbot, Monterey, Sleepy Hollow Vineyard 2005	80
4D	Testarossa, Chalone, Brousseau Vineyard 2004	83

CHARDONNAY II

Decisions made in the winery are as important as the cultivation of the fruit when it comes to producing not only a fine wine that expresses its terroir, but a stylistically distinctive wine that expresses the artisanship of the winemaker. The old adage 'great wine comes from great fruit' certainly pertains as much to Chardonnay as it does to other varieties. Chardonnay producers in particular use a wide array of winemaking practices in order to influence the style of the resulting wine. For instance, the use of oak barrels both in the fermentation and aging of Chardonnay can, when used judiciously, add pleasant notes of toast, vanilla, caramel and a variety of other aromatic cooking spices. Some winemakers choose not to use oak at all, allowing the purity of the fruit to express itself in the resulting wine. Here at Lark Creek Steak we offer a stylistically diverse Chardonnay selection. The bond they all share, regardless of whether they are stylistically restrained or racy, is balance.

PINOT NOIR

Sense of place: pinot noir reflect where it is grown more than other varietals. You'll notice a number of place names that keep popping up among our listing of pinot noirs: a dozen from Russian River Valley, half dozen from Sonoma Coast, three from Santa Rita Hills, and three from Anderson Valley. That's not some sort of ranking, but it is an indication that this grape flourishes in particular places. It likes the weather to be cool, particularly at night. Each of these appellations gets a nightly blanket of cold fog. Cool nights preserve acidity in the grape while cool climate overall allows the grapes to mature slowly. Additionally pinot noir (like most wine grapes) likes well drained soil with low fertility-mountain soil.

PINOT NOIR

<i>2D</i>	Acacia, Napa Valley, Carneros 2006		46
<i>15K</i>	Archery Summit, Premier Cuvee, Willamette Valley 2006		102
<i>18K</i>	Beaux Freres, Willamette Valley 2006		102
<i>14A</i>	Big Horn Cellars, Yamhill County, Oregon 2005		82
<i>15A</i>	Brickhouse, "Cuvee Du Tonnelier" Willamette Valley 2006		102
<i>B4R</i>	Brickhouse, "Les Dijonnais" Willamette Valley 2006		104
<i>7K</i>	Calera, Mt. Harlan, Mills 2005		95
<i>17A</i>	Cambria, Julia's Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley 2006		56
<i>8K</i>	Chehalem, "Three Vineyard", Willamette Valley, 2007		66
<i>27P</i>	Dehlinger, Russian River Valley, Estate 2005		102
<i>13F</i>	Dehlinger, Russian River Valley, Goldridge Vineyard 2005		82
<i>23K</i>	Domaine Drouhin, Willamette Valley 2006		97
	Domaine Serene, Willamette Valley, Evenstad Vineyard 2005	<i>375 ml</i>	70
<i>14F</i>	Domaine Serene, Willamette Valley, Evenstad Vineyard 2005		115
<i>16D</i>	Etude, Carneros 2006		82
<i>26I</i>	Failla, Sonoma Coast, Occidental Ridge 2005		116
<i>14K</i>	Flowers, Sonoma Coast 2006		100
	Handley, Anderson Valley 2006		60
<i>16F</i>	Hirsch Estate, Sonoma Coast 2006		118

PINOT NOIR CONTINUED

<i>C3L</i>	Kazmer and Blaise, "Primo's Hill" Carneros 2005		98
<i>3K</i>	Keller Estate, Sonoma Coast, La Cruz Vineyard 2005		77
<i>22A</i>	Landmark, Sonoma Coast, Grand Detour 2006		72
<i>14N</i>	Loring Wine Company, Clos Pepe Vineyard, Santa Rita Hills 2004		98
<i>1F</i>	Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands 2006	375 ml	45
<i>22P</i>	Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands, Garys Vineyard 2006		102
	MacMurray Ranch, Sonoma Coast 2007		44
	Melville, Santa Barbara County, Verna's Vineyard 2007		58
<i>15P</i>	Merry Edwards, Russian River Valley, Olivet Lane 2006		118
<i>29D</i>	Merry Edwards, Sonoma Coast 2006		75
<i>16K</i>	Peay "Pomarium," Sonoma Coast 2005		102
<i>15D</i>	Pisoni Estates Vineyards, Santa Lucia Highlands 2005		122
<i>29K</i>	Rex Hill Reserve, Oregon 2005		82
<i>C2R</i>	Roar, Santa Lucia Highlands, Pisoni Vineyard 2006		109
<i>19D</i>	Roessler, Sanford & Benedict Santa Rita Hills 2005		102
<i>16A</i>	Siduri, Santa Lucia Highlands 2006		86
<i>17K</i>	Sineann, Willamette Valley, Resonance Vineyard 2006		98
<i>24F</i>	Sineann, Willamette Valley, Schindler Vineyard 2006		86
<i>A3M</i>	Soter, Oregon, Mineral Springs 2005		118
<i>12P</i>	Talley Vineyards, Arroyo Grande Valley 2005		70
<i>18P</i>	Talley Vineyards, Arroyo Grande Valley, "Rincon Vineyard" 2005		115

MERRY EDWARDS

She was tapped as a rising star at an early age when she was named winemaker at **Mount Eden Vineyards** in 1974. She relocated to Sonoma and continued to build her reputation at **Matanzas Creek Winery**. In 1997 she went out on her own, founding Merry Edwards Wines, specializing in single vineyard pinot noirs from Sonoma's Russian River Valley (though she makes a dynamite sauvignon blanc too). Merry makes wines that are unique to their vineyard but have a consistent unctuous, extracted richness. Her style emphasizes fruit but without turning the wines into one-dimensional caricatures. Each wine has great acidity, structure and she uses a variety of oak barrels like blending spice. Sadly, my favorite vineyard, **Windsor Gardens**, was pulled out and is now a housing development (people, get your priorities straight!). I've found a ready substitute in **Klopp Ranch**.
Quinn McKenna

Pinot Meunier: another clone of pinot noir. Grown for use in sparkling wine; good acidity, pinot noir character but less of it.

Sangiovese: the grape responsible for Chianti; the most heavily planted grape in Italy. Can make a high acid wine, can be tough to grow, may not yet have achieved its best here (yet), but don't count it out.

Carignane: the Kudzu vine of grapes, can produce 12 tons of grapes per acre (3-4 times most other varietals). Most widely planted grape in France-which may explain why much inexpensive French wine is undistinguished.

Barbera: if you keep it pruned it can produce a nice wine, with bright acidity and currant/blueberry aromas. Handles oak well.

Rhone Blends: Generally refer to blends of mourvedre, grenache and syrah-the three major red grapes of the Rhone Valley in France. Think of mourvedre for spice and gamey-ness, Grenache for vibrant fruity aromas and soft mouth-feel and syrah for depth, texture and body.

Petite Sirah: deep color, jammy aroma, firm tannins.

RED VARIETIES

18I	<i>Barbera</i> , Scott Harvey, Amador County 2005	56
15A	<i>Malbec/Cab Sav/Merlot/Cab Franc</i> , Hendry Napa Valley 2005	72
13I	<i>Pinot Meunier</i> , Domaine Chandon, Carneros 2005	46
14P	<i>Sangiovese</i> , Showket Vineyards, Napa Valley 2005 <i>FW</i>	72
17N	<i>Tempranillo</i> , Verdad, Santa Ynez Valley 2005 <i>FW</i>	42

RHONE VARIETIES

Blends

2I	Bonny Doon Le Cigare Volant, California 2004	62
9F	Shafer "Relentless," Napa Valley 2005	130

Carignane

15I	Wild Hog, Dry Creek Valley, Saini Farms 2005	64
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Grenache

14I	Qupe, Purisma Mountain, Santa Ynez Valley 2006	55
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Mourvedre

7I	Jade Mountain, Contra Costa County, Evangelho Vineyard 2004	35
19A	Tablas Creek, Paso Robles, 2005	72

Petite Sirah

3I	Concannon, Limited Release, Central Coast 2005	40
13P	Stags' Leap, Napa Valley 2005	79

Syrah

28F	Copain, L'Hiver, Mendocino 2006	42
17F	Dry Stack Cellars, "Marie's Block" Dry Stack Vineyard, Bennett Valley 2005	78

Featuured Winemaker / Robert Lindquist

Bob Lindquist brings a passionate interest to several things in his life.

He is passionate about baseball, rock & roll and wine and as much as we also like baseball and rock & roll, it is Bob's passion for wine we are highlighting here.

Bob began his involvement with wine in the Santa Barbara-Central Coast region of California and there he has remained, continuing to build his reputation and renown as a winemaker of tremendous talent and passion. He founded **Qupe Winery** in the early eighties and largely influenced by the wines produced in France's Rhone region decided to focus his own winemaking on Rhone varieties. Currently there is an abundance of Rhone varieties grown in the Santa Barbara- Central Coast area but in the eighties miniscule amounts were planted, so include "pioneer" winemaker on Bob's resume as well. Bob has put all that experience to good use. Qupe produces a small amount of excellent chardonnay and the white Rhone varieties have evolved beyond the status of "hidden gems" to mainstream recognition, but it is the syrahs from Qupe that garner the most attention. Bob has worked hard to source, develop and nurture many superb grape sources throughout the Santa Barbara region, such as the Bien Nacido Vineyard, and it is these relationships coupled with Bobs winemaking skill that result in the many excellent single vineyard syrahs in the Qupe portfolio. We share Bob's passion for wine and feel fortunate to have a wide selection of Qupe wines for you to consider. Look for wines possessing tremendous flavor, balance and attention to place.

11P	C.G. Di Arie, Sierra Foothills 2004	375 ml	35
27A	Justin, Paso Robles 2006		56

Syrah: In California the grape displays less of its "classic" peppery-ness and more soft round mouth-feel and lingering finish. The wine smells like black currant and blackberry with some cedar and licorice drifting through. When you are looking for a medium plus bodied red without the harsh tannins and acidity of many cabernets and with more structure than most pinot noir-a syrah is the wine to look for.

Qupe Syrah

The Bien Nacido

Hillside Estate is the premier syrah from Qupe, this very special hillside vineyard site produces wine of great depth, complexity and balance.

The Purisima Mountain syrah produced from a winery located in the Santa Ynez Valley results in wines that are typically spicy, aromatic, balanced and refreshing with well rounded tannin.

The Colson Canyon Vineyard produces wines with ripeness, full mouth feel, softer tannin and balanced acidity.

The Bien Nacido Vineyard syrah or **Old Press** syrah, both available by the glass are sourced from a variety of vineyard sources throughout the Santa Barbara and Paso Robles regions. A lot to choose from!

Syrah continued

8N	McCrea Cellars, Ciel du Cheval, Red Mountain, Washington 2003	94
11I	Neyers, Old Lakeville, Sonoma Coast 2006	63
12K	Novy, Garys' Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2005	71
A2L	Peay, "La Bruma", Sonoma Coast 2005	92
5F	Pelerin "Les Violettes", Santa Lucia Highlands Parasio Vineyard 2004	74
	Old Press, Paso Robles 2005 <i>FW</i>	40
C4L	Owen Roe, "Ex Umbris", Columbia Valley 2006	51
A6L	Qupe Wine Cellars, Santa Maria Valley, Bien Nacido Hillside Estate 2004 <i>FW</i>	83
22D	Qupe Wine Cellars, Santa Maria Valley, Bien Nacido Vineyard 2006 <i>FW</i>	56
27K	Qupe Wine Cellars, Santa Barbara County, Colson Canyon Vineyard 2004 <i>FW</i>	72
22K	Qupe Wine Cellars, Santa Ynez Valley, Purisima Mountain Vineyard 2005 <i>FW</i>	72
19N	Ridge, Lytton West, Dry Creek Valley 2005 <i>FW</i>	74
A6R	Roar, Santa Lucia Highlands 2005	78
7F	Russian Hill, Top Block, Russian River Valley 2005	66
C4R	Stolpman, Santa Ynez Valley, Estate 2005	58

MERLOT

<i>C2M</i>	Amuse Bouche, Napa Valley 2004	<i>FW</i>	480
<i>A2R</i>	Amuse Bouche, Napa Valley 2003	<i>FW</i>	480
<i>28N</i>	Atalon, Napa Valley 2003		65
<i>26I</i>	Cafaro, "Emily Elizabeth", Napa Valley 2004		38
<i>30P</i>	Clos du Val, Napa Valley 2004	<i>375 ml</i>	34
<i>24A</i>	Clos du Val, Napa Valley 2005		60
<i>20A</i>	Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2005	<i>375 ml</i>	56
<i>25A</i>	Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2006		103
<i>B5L</i>	Duckhorn, Napa Valley, Three Palms Vineyard 2005		155
	Gainey, Santa Ynez Valley 2005		44
<i>23A</i>	Havens, Napa Valley, Reserve 2004		74
<i>26A</i>	Miner, Napa Valley, Stagecoach Vineyard 2005		82
<i>14D</i>	Paradigm Napa Valley, Oakville 2004		90
<i>26N</i>	Provenance, Napa Valley 2005		68
<i>20P</i>	Rombauer, Napa Valley 2003	<i>375 ml</i>	33
<i>28A</i>	Swanson, Napa Valley, Oakville 2004		68
<i>29I</i>	Tristant Vineyards, Napa Valley 2006		110
<i>A5R</i>	Twomey, Napa Valley 2004		122
<i>29A</i>	Whitehall Lane, Napa Valley 2005		61

MERLOT

The once (all too) popular Merlot grape having suffered for its ubiquitousness, is now, thankfully, being planted with a more discerning interest in the quality (not quantity) of the resulting fruit. Merlot is an elegant variety that does produce some of the best, and most sought after, red wines in the world. Here in the United States the finest Merlots are produced throughout Napa Valley and in Washington State. In comparison to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot tends to produce softer more fleshy wines. However many Merlot producers, notably those found in Washington state and in California's warmer environs, are making powerfully concentrated wines, that have wonderful weight and lushness on the palate. If you are one of the many who vowed against Merlot because of some unpleasant experiences of a decade or more ago then it is time for you to revisit the Merlots of today. So drink Merlot and enjoy!

ZINFANDEL

12N	A.Rafanelli, Dry Creek Valley 2006		65
A5L	Bald Mountain, Napa Valley 2003		61
30N	D-Cubed, Napa Valley 2005	375 ml	32
25F	D-Cubed, Napa Valley 2005		56
17N	Elyse, Napa Valley, Korte Ranch 2006		74
27F	Green & Red, Napa Valley, Tip Top Vineyard 2004		58
29F	Lamborn Family Vineyards, "Echo Vintage," Napa Valley, Howell Mountain 2004 <i>FW</i>		74
	Mauritson, Dry Creek Valley 2006		54
C5R	Mauritson, Rockpile, Jack's Cabin Vineyard 2005		78
18D	Outpost, Napa Valley, Howell Mountain 2006		95
16P	Paradigm, Napa Valley, Oakville 2005 <i>FW</i>		72
28P	Renwood "Grandpere" Amador County 2003		72
24K	Ridge, Dry Creek Valley, Del Carlo 2003 <i>FW</i>		65
	Ridge, Sonoma County, Geyserville 2004 <i>FW</i>	375 ml	43
22F	Ridge, Sonoma County, Geyserville 2006 <i>FW</i>		72
23P	Ridge, Dry Creek Valley, Lytton Springs 2006 <i>FW</i>		72
23I	Ridge, Napa Valley, York Creek 2003 <i>FW</i>		58
1P	Seghesio Family Vineyards, Old Vines, Sonoma County 2005	375ml	41
27I	Seghesio Family Vineyards, Old Vines, Sonoma County 2006		77

ZINFANDEL CONTINUED

27K Sineann, Old Vines, Columbia Valley 2006 74

St. Francis Winery, Old Vines, Sonoma County 2006 50

Featured Winemaker / Paul Draper

Paul Draper and the wines of **Ridge Vineyards** have been awarded and acknowledged both nationally and globally. Through his efforts to explore and expose the ability of both zinfandel and cabernet sauvignon to express a sense of place here in America, Paul Draper has successfully been able to produce wines that appeal to the palates on all sides of the Atlantic. Ridge Vineyards was one of the first to demonstrate zinfandels potential as a wine that could be considered on equal footing with some of the best wines produced worldwide. Ridge Vineyards has also produced the exceptionally long-lived and internationally recognized cabernet sauvignon from the Monte Bello vineyard.

The wines from Ridge Vineyards have had a resounding impact on my own personal interest in wine. What seems like many years ago, it was a visit to Ridge as a guest on a microbiology class field trip that I tasted Monte Bello cabernet sauvignon and my wine path was diverted. Some years later it was a tasting of the Ridge Geyserville that led me to appreciate how zinfandel could be considered on a similar level to other fine and long established varieties.

Paul Draper has long been an advocate of the importance of terrior, a concept that is largely overlooked and from an American viticultural perspective largely dismissed. The wines of Ridge Vineyards make an overwhelming argument for a sense of place. The wines can be deep, concentrated with tremendous fruit character, great balance and a defined sense of place.

27D Steele Wines Inc,
Old Vines, Pacini Vineyard Mendocino County 2006 38

C2R Turley Cellars, Paso Robles,
Pesenti Vineyard 2006 74

CABERNET FRANC

<i>10F</i>	Lang & Reed "Premier Etage," Napa Valley 2003	375 ml	42
<i>18S</i>	Lang & Reed "Premier Etage," Napa Valley 2003		82
<i>20P</i>	Soter, Napa Valley, Little Creek 2003		135

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

<i>A4R</i>	A.Rafanelli, Dry Creek Valley 2005		84
<i>25D</i>	Alexander Valley Vineyards, Alexander Valley 2006		44
<i>A2L</i>	Barbour Vineyards, Napa Valley 2003	<i>FW</i>	225
<i>B4M</i>	Beaulieu Vineyard Private Reserve, Napa Valley, Georges de Latour 2004		180
	Bennett Family, The Reserve, Napa Valley 2005		54
<i>28I</i>	Benzinger, Tribute, Sonoma Mountain 2005		135
<i>B3M</i>	Bryant Family Vineyards, Napa Valley 2002		700
<i>A1R</i>	Bonded Winery No. 9, "Ghost Block", Napa Valley, Oakville 2005		118
<i>A3R</i>	Cain Five, Napa Valley 2004		200
<i>24D</i>	Caymus, Napa Valley 2006		135
<i>A4M</i>	Caymus Vineyards, Napa Valley, Special Selection 2005		277
<i>25N</i>	Chateau Souverain, Alexander Valley 2005		51
<i>C3M</i>	Continuum, Napa Valley 2005		216
<i>21A</i>	Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2005	375ml	70
<i>12F</i>	Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2005		122
<i>C2L</i>	Duckhorn, Patzimar Vineyard, Napa Valley 2005		165
<i>B1L</i>	Etude, Napa Valley 2004		148
<i>C3R</i>	Far Niente, Napa Valley, Oakville 2005		210
<i>22N</i>	Franciscan, Napa Valley, Oakville Estate 2005		61

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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<i>23F</i>	Freemark Abbey, Napa Valley, 2004	77
<i>B2R</i>	Gargiulo Vineyards, Napa Valley, Money Road Ranch, Oakville 2005	154

Featured Winemaker / Heidi Peterson Barrett

Heidi Barrett's skill and dedication stands behind some of the most highly acclaimed American wines. Her specialty is cabernet based wines from Napa Valley, though that is not all she does, she makes a dynamite sangiovese for Showket and a must-try dry Muscat Canelli for her La Sirena winery. As a highly coveted consultant she helps her clients to get the most from their fruit and winemaking practices. She always strives for balanced flavors and enjoyable wines. Several of her wines have received perfect scores from noted wine reviewer Robert Parker and she has been associated with some of Napa's most sought after "cult" cabernets, beginning with Dalla Valle "Maya," Screaming Eagle, Grace Family, Vineyard 29 and Hartwell.

She produces many exceptional wines under her own label, **La Sirena**, and is a partner with longtime friend John Schwartz and famed French artist Guy Buffet in **Amuse Bouche**, a Pomerol-inspired Merlot blend from Napa Valley.

Other current projects include **Jones Family, Barbour Vineyards, Paradigm Winery, Showket Vineyards, Lamborn Family,** and **Revana Family Vineyards**. Look for many of the Heidi Barrett wines within our list. HPB

<i>10K</i>	Grgich Hills, Napa Valley, Oakville 2005	375ml	67
<i>C1M</i>	Groth, Napa Valley, Oakville 2005		114
<i>B1R</i>	Husic Vineyards, Napa Valley 2003		192

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<i>B2L</i>	Jones Family Vineyards, Three Sisters Napa Valley 2004 <i>FW</i>	118
<i>17P</i>	Joseph Phelps Vineyards, Napa Valley 2005	108
<i>B6M</i>	Joseph Phelps Vineyards, "Insignia" Napa Valley 2005	326
<i>A1L</i>	Ladera, Napa Valley 2005	86
<i>17I</i>	La Jota Vineyard Co., Howell Mtn., Napa Valley 2003	100
<i>19K</i>	La Jota Vineyard Co., Porcini Hill, Napa Valley 2003	87
<i>B2R</i>	La Sirena, Napa Valley 2003 <i>FW</i>	200
<i>B6R</i>	La Sirena, Napa Valley 2004 <i>FW</i>	275
<i>B3L</i>	Lewis, Napa Valley 2006	148
<i>19S</i>	Long Meadow Ranch, Napa Valley 2004	86
<i>6F</i>	Mauritson, Sonoma County 2006	68
	Moon Mountain, Sonoma County 2006	38
<i>15F</i>	Obsidian Ridge, Obsidian Ridge Vineyard Red Hills, Lake County 2005	58
<i>B5M</i>	Pahlmeyer Red, Napa Valley 2005	240
<i>C5L</i>	Paul Hobbs, Napa Valley 2005	143
<i>B1M</i>	Paradigm, Napa Valley, Oakville 2004 <i>FW</i>	117
	Philippe-Lorraine, Napa Valley, 2003	46
<i>A1M</i>	Pine Ridge, Fortis, Napa Valley 2004	216
<i>30A</i>	Ridge Vineyards, Santa Cruz Mountains 2005 <i>FW</i> 375 ml	47
<i>7N</i>	Ridge Vineyards, Santa Cruz Mountains 2005 <i>FW</i>	82
<i>B2M</i>	Ridge, Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains 2004 <i>FW</i>	250

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<i>19F</i>	Robert Keenan, Napa Valley 2004	92
<i>C4M</i>	Rubicon Estate, Cask, Napa Valley 2004	142
<i>B4L</i>	Rudd, Crossroads, Napa Valley 2005	128
<i>24P</i>	Scherrer Winery, Alexander Valley 2003	72
<i>26D</i>	Shafer One Point Five, Napa Valley, Stags Leap District 2005	126
<i>26P</i>	Showket Vineyards, Napa Valley, Oakville 2005 <i>FW</i>	148
<i>22D</i>	Signorello, Napa Valley 2003	83
<i>A3L</i>	Sineann, Baby Poux, Columbia Valley 2005	86
<i>29P</i>	Sineann, Sugarloaf Mountain, Napa Valley 2005	86
<i>25P</i>	Silver Oak, Alexander Valley 2004	126
<i>B5R</i>	Silver Oak, Napa Valley 2003	165
<i>26P</i>	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Napa Valley, Artemis 2005	108
<i>A5M</i>	Sterling Vineyards, Napa Valley, SVR Reserve 2004	102
<i>18N</i>	Stuhlmuller Vineyard, Estate, Alexander Valley 2005	74
<i>C1L</i>	Tor Kenward Family, "Rock" Napa Valley 2004	133
<i>29N</i>	Trefethen Estate, Napa Valley 2004	104
<i>28D</i>	Turnbull, Napa Valley 2005	92
<i>A4L</i>	Von Strasser, Napa Valley, Diamond Mountain District 2005	107

Bonny Doon Recioto of Barbera- the sweeter side of blackberry and cassis, this one is seriously good.

Dolce made from the presence of a special type of fungus called the "noble rot". This "noble rot" doesn't occur every vintage, so some years this wine won't be produced. The idea of rotten grapes sounds terrible and the resulting grapes look pretty terrible but this fungus has a unique way of making wines that are rich, deeply flavored and balanced. The best sweet wines made worldwide are a result of "noble rot." **Dolce** possesses honey-suckle, melon and dried apricot flavors and a silky texture. This is a special wine.

Fiddlehead "Sweetie" made from the musque clone of sauvignon blanc resulting in refreshing stone fruit and orange peel aromas and flavors

McCrea Roussanne-very small production. Full of pears with hints of coconut.

Quady Essensia-bright, fresh flavors of orange blossom and apricot.

DESSERT

Most of us like things that taste sweet. Sweet wine was at one time the universally preferred style for all wine and many a wine aficionado have cut their wine teeth on sweeter styles of wine. Today the truly great sweet wines are intended for drinking as an accompaniment to dessert or as simply dessert itself. The majority of dessert style wines are produced in very small quantities, produced with varying techniques but all sharing the wish for similar results, concentrated sugar, intensity, and complexity. The resulting wine styles can be fresh and fruity, honeyed and richly textured, profound and complex and can be some of the most sought after and long-lived wines produced anywhere.

Andrew Rich Gewurztraminer, Ice Wine, Washington-Oregon 2006 (375 ml)	50
Bonny Doon Vineyard Recioto of Barbera, Monterey County 2004 (500 ml)	52
Dolce, Napa Valley 2004 (375 ml)	148
Fiddlehead "Sweetie" Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, Santa Ynez Valley 2005 (375 ml)	53
McCrea Late Harvest Roussanne, Columbia Valley 2003 (375 ml)	46
Quady Essensia Orange Muscat, California 2006 (375 ml)	30

