



LARK CREEK STEAK

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 \$20 per 750 ml.

Sparkling

	<i>glass</i>
<i>Sparkling, Gloria Ferrer Brut, Sonoma NV</i>	8.25
<i>Sparkling, Domaine Carneros, "Damask", Brut Rose, Carneros NV</i>	14.00
<i>Sparkling, Iron Horse, Lark Creek Cuvee, Sonoma Green Valley 2005</i>	10.75

White

<i>Dry Riesling, Esterlina, Cole Ranch, Cole Valley 2009</i>	9.50
<i>Viognier, Bridlewood, Reserve, Central Coast 2008</i>	10.50
<i>Rose of Merlot, Paradigm, Oakville, Napa Valley 2010</i>	13.00
<i>Pinot Gris, Bouchaine, "Oyster White", Carneros 2009</i>	9.75
<i>Sauvignon Blanc, Mauritson, Dry Creek Valley 2009</i>	9.00
<i>Sauvignon Blanc, Frog's Leap, Napa Valley 2009</i>	11.00
<i>Verdelho, Scholium Project, La Marcher Sur La Lune, Bokisch Ranches, California 2008</i>	10.00
<i>Chardonnay, Hess, Shirttail Creek, Monterey County 2009</i>	9.50
<i>Chardonnay, Melville, Estate-Verna's, Santa Barbara County 2008</i>	11.50
<i>Chardonnay, Kendall Jackson, Grand Reserve, Santa Barbara-Monterey County 2009</i>	13.00

BY THE GLASS (CONTINUED)

Red

<i>Pinot Noir</i> , Testarossa, Lark Creek Cuvee, Santa Barbara County 2009	11.00
<i>Pinot Noir</i> , Suacci Carciere, Russian River Valley 2008	13.00
<i>Pinot Noir</i> , Handley, Anderson Valley 2007	15.00
<i>Syrah</i> , Green and Red, Chiles Valley, Napa Valley 2005	9.50
<i>Syrah</i> , August West, Rosella's Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highland 2008	14.00
<i>Merlot</i> , Benziger, Sonoma County 2006	9.50
<i>Merlot</i> , St. Clement, Napa Valley 2007	14.00
<i>Zinfandel</i> , Paul Dolan Vineyards, Mendocino County 2008	9.50
<i>Zinfandel</i> , Ridge Vineyards, East Bench, Dry Creek Valley 2009	14.00
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Louis Martini, Sonoma County 2008	8.50
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Stone Edge Farm, 'Surround' Sonoma Valley 2007	12.00
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Ehlers Estate, One Twenty over Eighty Napa Valley 2007	14.00
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Jericho Canyon, "Jericho Creek Block" Napa Valley 2006	16.00

Dessert

<i>Gewurztraminer Ice Wine</i> , Andrew Rich, Washington-Oregon 2008	13.00
<i>Orange Muscat</i> , Quady "Essensia," California 2008	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 2006 44

White

- White Table Wine*, Conundrum, California 2008 31
- Viognier*, Seps/Storybook Estate, Napa Valley 2009 40
- Pinot Gris*, King Estate, Oregon 2009 22
- Sauvignon Blanc*, Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2009 29
- Sauvignon Blanc*, Mason, Napa Valley 2008 19
- Sauvignon Blanc*, Merry Edwards, Russian River Valley 2009 37
- Chardonnay*, Grgich Hills, Napa Valley 2007 40
- Chardonnay*, Lynmar, Quail Hill, Russian River Valley 2006 48
- Chardonnay*, Matanzas Creek, Sonoma County 2006 34

Red

- Pinot Noir*, Cargasacchi Vineyard, Santa Barbara County
Cargasacchi-Jalama Vineyard 2008 42
- Pinot Noir*, Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands 2008 45
- Pinot Noir*, Samsara, Santa Rita Hills 2009 38
- Rhone Style Blend*, Bonny Doon Le Cigare Volant,
California 2007 35

HALF BOTTLES CONTINUED

<i>Merlot</i> , Matanzas Creek, Bennett Valley 2006	40
<i>Merlot</i> , Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2007	56
<i>Syrah</i> , McCrea Cellars, Yakima Valley 2008	35
<i>Syrah</i> , Novy, Santa Lucia Highlands 2007	37
<i>Zinfandel</i> , D-Cubed, Napa Valley 2006	32
<i>Zinfandel Blend</i> , Ridge, Geyserville, Sonoma County 2006 <i>FW</i>	43
<i>Zinfandel</i> , Storybook Mountain Vineyards, Mayacamas Range Napa Valley 2007	37
<i>Cabernet Franc</i> , Lang and Reed, North Coast 2009	36
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , A.Rafanelli, Dry Creek Valley 2008	47
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2007	70
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Grgich Hills, Napa Valley 2006	56
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon Blend</i> , Ramey, Claret Napa Valley 2007	43
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon Blend</i> , Ridge Red, Santa Cruz Mountains 2007 <i>FW</i>	47

MAGNUMS

<i>Chardonnay</i> , Matanzas Creek, Bennett Valley 2005	120
<i>Chardonnay</i> , Patz and Hall, Dutton Ranch 2006	160
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Stardust, Napa Valley 2006	296
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Stardust, Napa Valley 2007	296

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, developing and evolving our special blend. it all begins with a base wine of 2005 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, "Damask" Rose, Carneros NV		48
Gloria Ferrer Brut, Sonoma NV		36
Gloria Ferrer Brut Rose, Sonoma 2005		69
Gloria Ferrer, Carneros Cuvee, Sonoma 1999		84
Gruet Blanc de Noir, New Mexico NV	375 ml	22
Iron Horse, Lark Creek Cuvee, Sonoma-Green Valley 2005		53
Roederer Estate Brut, Anderson Valley NV		50
Roederer Estate Brut Rose, Anderson Valley NV		60
Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs, Napa Valley 2006	375 ml	44
Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs, Napa Valley 2007		78

AROMATIC WHITE

White Varieties

Albarino, Havens, Carneros 2007

55

Dry Muscat Canelli, La Sirena Moscato Azul,
Napa Valley 2007

61

Gewurztraminer, Stony Hill, Napa Valley 2006

44

Verdelho, Scholium Project, La Marcher Sur La Lune
Bokisch Ranches, California 2008

40

Riesling

Chateau Ste Michelle "Eroica," Columbia Valley 2008

53

Esterlina, Dry, Cole Ranch, Cole Valley 2009

38

Pinot Gris

Bouchaine, "Oyster White", Carneros 2009

37

Sineann, Oregon 2009

38

Pinot Blanc

Elk Cove Vineyards, Willamette Valley 2007

39

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.

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.

Rhone Varieties

Viognier, Bridlewood, Reserve, Central Coast 2008 40

Viognier, Seps/Storybook Estate, Napa Valley 2009 375ml 40

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

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

Rose

Lucia, "Lucy", Santa Lucia Highlands 2009 38

Paradigm, Rose of Merlot, Oakville, Napa Valley 2010 48

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Beringer, Napa Valley 2008		34
Cakebread, Napa Valley 2009		48
Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2009	375 ml	29
Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2009		56
Frog's Leap, Napa Valley 2009		41
Gary Farrell, Sonoma County Redwood Ranch 2009		51
Justin, Paso Robles 2009		38
Mason, Napa Valley 2008	375 ml	19
Mason, Napa Valley 2008		34
Matanzas Creek, Sonoma County 2008		51
Mauritson, Dry Creek Valley 2009		38
Merry Edwards, Russian River Valley 2009	375 ml	37
Provenance Vineyards, Napa Valley 2009		48
Star Lane, Santa Ynez Valley 2008		44

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** and **Merry Edwards** 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

4K	Argyle, Willamette Valley 2007	58
3F	Arrowood, Sonoma County 2009	48
13A	Brogan Cellars, Alexander Valley, Stuhlmuller Vineyard 2005	96
5P	Cakebread Cellars, Napa Valley 2008	94
5A	Calera, Central Coast 2008	40
3P	Chateau St. Jean, Robert Young Vineyard Alexander Valley 2008	58
6A	Chehalem, Inox, Willamette Valley 2008	38
7K	Dehlinger Estate, Russian River Valley 2006	76
2A	Domaine Drouhin "Arthur," Oregon 2007	66
7A	Domaine Serene, "Etoile Vineyard" Willamette Valley 2007	94
2K	Far Niente, Napa Valley 2008	111
9P	Ferrari Carano, Alexander Valley 2008	68
5K	Frank Family, Napa Valley 2009	64
8F	Grgich Hills, Napa Valley 2007	88
4A	Hess, Shirttail Creek Vineyard, Monterey County 2009	36

CHARDONNAY CONTINUED

	Kendall Jackson, Grand Reserve, Santa Barbara-Monterey County 2009		48
3K	Kistler, "Les Noisetiers", Sonoma Mountain 2007		98
6K	Lynmar, Russian River Valley 2007		63
9K	Matanzas Creek, Sonoma County 2007		58
	Matanzas Creek, Sonoma County 2005	1.5 l	120
	Melville, Estate-Verna's, Santa Barbara County 2008		41
7F	Mer Soleil, Silver, Santa Lucia Highlands 2009		58
	Patz and Hall, Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley 2006	1.5 l	160
4F	Peay, Sonoma Coast 2005		90
8A	Saintsbury, Unfiltered, Carneros 2008		45
8K	Sedna, Napa Valley 2005		46
8P	Stonestreet, Alexander Valley 2007		63
2P	Stony Hill, Napa Valley 2006		74
4D	Testarossa, Santa Barbara County 2009		48
6P	Tyler Winery, Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley 2008		66

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 Willamette Valley, four from Sonoma Coast, three from Santa Lucia Highlands, 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>12D</i>	Acacia, Carneros 2008	46
<i>29A</i>	Archery Summit, Premier Cuvee, Willamette Valley 2007	86
<i>29F</i>	August West, Santa Lucia Highlands, Rosella's Vineyard 2008	86
<i>13K</i>	Bergstrom, Cumberland Reserve, Willamette Valley 2008	72
<i>28A</i>	Brewer-Clifton, Santa Rita Hills 2008	75
<i>B1R</i>	Brickhouse Vineyards, Willamette Valley, Ribbon Ridge, Les Dijonnais 2008	98
<i>7P</i>	Brickhouse Vineyards, Willamette Valley, Ribbon Ridge, Select 2009	60
<i>16I</i>	Cambria, "Julia's Vineyard", Santa Maria Valley 2007	56
<i>2F</i>	Carabella, Willamette Valley 2006	68
<i>B3R</i>	Cargasacchi Vineyard, Santa Barbara County Cargasacchi-Jalama Vineyard 2005	82
<i>16A</i>	Cep Vineyards by Peay, Sonoma Coast 2009	58
<i>12P</i>	Chehalem, Three Vineyard, Willamette Valley 2008	52
<i>B2R</i>	Claypool Cellars, "Purple Pachyderm" Russian River Valley 2008	84
<i>17F</i>	Dehlinger, Russian River Valley, Goldridge Vineyard 2007	92
<i>23K</i>	Domaine Drouhin, Willamette Valley 2008	86
<i>29K</i>	Domaine Serene, Willamette Valley, Jerusalem Hill Vineyard 2006	135
<i>19K</i>	Domaine Serene, Willamette Valley, Yamhill Cuvee 2007	72

PINOT NOIR CONTINUED

19F	Emeritus, Hallberg Ranch, Russian River Valley 2008	68
13F	Esterlina, Estate, Anderson Valley 2007	78
15K	Evesham Wood, Le Grive Blue, Willamette Valley 2008	68
	Handley, Anderson Valley 2007	58
16F	Hirsch Vineyards, San Andreas, Sonoma Coast 2007	118
C3L	Kazmer and Blaise, Primo's Hill, Carneros 2005	98
14F	Lucia, Gary's Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2009	102
15P	Merry Edwards, Sonoma Coast 2008	75
B5L	Pisoni Vineyards, Estate, Santa Lucia Highlands 2008	122
18P	Saintsbury, Carneros 2007	58
26P	Saintsbury, Cerise Vineyard, Anderson Valley 2007	88
27F	Shea Wine Cellars, Estate, Willamette Valley 2008	82
17K	Siduri, Sonoma County 2009	58
24F	Sineann, Schindler Vineyard, Willamette Valley 2008	86
	Suacci Carciere, Russian River Valley 2008	56
27A	Summerland, "Solomon Hills Vineyard" Santa Maria Valley 2008	68
	Testarossa, Lark Creek Cuvee, Santa Barbara County 2009	46
23A	Tyler Winery, Dierberg Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley 2008	92
5F	Willakenzie Estate, Estate Cuvee, Willamette Valley 2008	68

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> , Unti, Dry Creek Valley 2008	56
12A	<i>Malbec</i> , Mauritsen, Buck Pasture Vineyard Rockpile 2007	82
14K	<i>Malbec/Cab Sav/Merlot/Cab Franc</i> , Hendry, Red Wine Napa Valley 2006	72
16K	<i>Merlot/Cab Sav/Cab Franc/Petit Verdot</i> , Cain Cuvee Napa Valley NV7	68
14P	<i>Sangiovese</i> , Stolpman, Estate Santa Ynez Valley 2007	74
17N	<i>Tempranillo</i> , Parador Cellars, Rancho Chimiles Vineyard Napa Valley 2006	56

RHONE VARIETIES

Blends

2I	Bonny Doon Le Cigare Volant, California 2006	62
22A	Copain, "Les Copains" James Berry, Paso Robles 2007	82
9F	Shafer "Relentless," Napa Valley 2005	130

Carignane

15I	Wild Hog, Dry Creek Valley, Saini Farms 2006	48
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Grenache

27P	Elizabeth Spencer, Mendocino County 2007	56
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Mourvedre

19A	Tablas Creek, Paso Robles 2006	72
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Petite Sirah

3I	Concannon, "Conservancy", Livermore Valley 2007	40
18F	Scholium Project, "Babylon", Tenbrick Vineyard California 2005	88
13N	Stags' Leap Winery, Napa Valley 2007	79

Syrah

A6R	August West, Santa Lucia Highlands, Rosella's Vineyard 2008	60
14A	Axis Mundi by Clos Pepe Estate, Santa Lucia Highlands, Sleepy Hollow Vineyard 2009	42
28F	Copain, Mendocino County, Tous Ensemble 2007	42

Featured 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.

3A	Dehlinger, Estate, Russian River Valley 2006	92
A5L	Drew Family, Broken Leg Vineyard Mendocino Ridge 2007	72
	Green and Red, Chiles Valley, Napa Valley 2005	38

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

Syrah continued

<i>A4M</i>	Holus Bolus, Santa Barbara County 2008		72
<i>24P</i>	Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands, Garys' Vineyard 2008		82
<i>18K</i>	Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands, Susan's Hill 2007		82
<i>20F</i>	McCrea Cellars, Yakima Valley 2007	<i>375ml</i>	35
<i>12K</i>	Novy, Bennett Valley, Judge Family Vineyard 2006		70
<i>27D</i>	Peay, "Les Titans", Sonoma Coast 2006		92
<i>C4L</i>	Owen Roe, "Ex Umbris", Columbia Valley 2008		51
<i>A2L</i>	Piedrasassi, California 2005		92
<i>A6L</i>	Qupe Wine Cellars, Santa Maria Valley, Bien Nacido Hillside Estate 2005	<i>FW</i>	92
<i>22D</i>	Qupe Wine Cellars, Santa Maria Valley, Bien Nacido Vineyard 2008	<i>FW</i>	61
<i>22K</i>	Qupe Wine Cellars, Santa Ynez Valley, Purisima Mountain Vineyard 2007	<i>FW</i>	72
<i>13D</i>	Sedna, Napa Valley 2004		61
<i>B1L</i>	Sine Qua Non, B-20, Ventura County 2008		480

MERLOT

<i>C2M</i>	Amuse Bouche, Napa Valley 2004	480
<i>A2R</i>	Amuse Bouche, Napa Valley 2003	480
	Benziger, Sonoma County 2006	38
<i>20A</i>	Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2007	<i>375 ml</i> 56
<i>25A</i>	Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2007	103
<i>13P</i>	Lewis, Napa Valley, 2005	135
<i>12I</i>	Matanzas Creek, Bennett Valley 2006	66
<i>26A</i>	Miner, Napa Valley, Stagecoach Vineyard 2006	82
<i>14D</i>	Provenance, Napa Valley 2006	68
	St. Clement, Napa Valley 2007	58
<i>29D</i>	Swanson, Napa Valley, Oakville 2007	78
<i>29I</i>	Tristant Vineyards, Napa Valley 2006	110
<i>A5R</i>	Twomey, Napa Valley 2006	102

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

<i>12N</i>	A.Rafanelli, Dry Creek Valley 2008		67
<i>27K</i>	Brown Estate, Napa Valley 2009		72
<i>30N</i>	D-Cubed, Napa Valley 2006	<i>375 ml</i>	32
<i>25F</i>	D-Cubed, Napa Valley 2007		56
<i>26F</i>	Frog's Leap, Napa Valley 2008		56
<i>24K</i>	Hendry, Block 28, Napa Valley 2006		61
<i>6F</i>	Mauritson, Dry Creek Valley 2009		56
<i>4P</i>	Paradigm, Napa Valley 2006		72
	Paul Dolan Vineyards, Mendocino County 2008		38
	Ridge, Dry Creek Valley, East Bench 2009	<i>FW</i>	58
<i>21F</i>	Ridge, Sonoma County, Geyserville 2006	<i>FW 375 ml</i>	43
<i>22F</i>	Ridge, Sonoma County, Geyserville 2007	<i>FW</i>	72
<i>23P</i>	Ridge, Dry Creek Valley, Lytton Springs 2007	<i>FW</i>	72
<i>15D</i>	Sandler Wine Company, Dry Creek Valley 2006		61
<i>29P</i>	Sineann, "Old Vine", Columbia Valley 2009		82

ZINFANDEL CONTINUED

<i>10K</i> Storybook Estate, Mayacamas Range, Napa Valley 2007	<i>375 ml</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>C4R</i> Storybook Estate, Eastern Exposures, Napa Valley 2007		<i>92</i>

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.

<i>28D</i> Turley Cellars, Juvenile, California 2009		<i>60</i>
<i>ATL</i> Turley Cellars, Cedarman Vineyard, Howell Mountain Napa Valley 2008		<i>82</i>

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28K Cadence, Bel Canto, Red Mountain, WA 2005 123

18S Lang & Reed "Premier Etage" ,Napa Valley 2005 72

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

A4R A.Rafanelli, Dry Creek Valley 2007 86

25D Alexander Valley Vineyards, Alexander Valley 2008 44

A5M Arns, Napa Valley 2005 92

A2L Barbour Vineyards, Napa Valley 2003 225

B4M Beaulieu Vineyard, Private Reserve, Napa Valley,
Georges de Latour 2006 180

A6M Beringer, Private Reserve, Napa Valley 2006 194

C5R Brown Estate, Napa Valley 2006 112

B3M Bryant Family Vineyards, Napa Valley 2002 700

24D Caymus Vineyards, Napa Valley 2008 135

B4R Cedar Knoll Vineyard Co. by Palmaz Vineyards
Napa Valley 2006 86

A1L Chappellet, Signature Reserve, Napa Valley 2008 102

25N Chateau Souverain, Alexander Valley 2008 51

C6L Continuum, Napa Valley 2006 226

C2R Crocker and Starr, Napa Valley 2007 158

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<i>A3M</i>	Darioush, "Caravan", Napa Valley 2008		86
<i>B5M</i>	Dominus Estate, Napa Valley 2006		200
<i>21A</i>	Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2007	<i>375ml</i>	70
<i>12F</i>	Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2007		122
<i>C3R</i>	Far Niente, Napa Valley, Oakville 2008		200
<i>19P</i>	Ehlers Estate, One Twenty Over Eighty, Napa Valley 2007		60
<i>9A</i>	Elizabeth Spencer, Special Cuvee, Napa Valley 2007		74
<i>22N</i>	Franciscan, Napa Valley 2006		65
<i>23F</i>	Freemark Abbey, Napa Valley 2007		82
<i>11K</i>	Grgich Hills, Napa Valley 2006	<i>375ml</i>	56
<i>A3L</i>	Grgich Hills, Napa Valley 2006		98
<i>15A</i>	Hess, Napa Valley, Allomi Vineyard 2008		58
<i>C6M</i>	Jericho Canyon Vineyard, Napa Valley Jericho Creek Block 2006		70
<i>17P</i>	Joseph Phelps Vineyards, Napa Valley 2007		108
<i>16D</i>	Kendall Jackson, Grand Reserve, California 2007		56
<i>17I</i>	La Jota Vineyard Co., Napa Valley, Howell Mtn. 2007		100
<i>C1R</i>	Ladera, Napa Valley 2007		83

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<i>B2L</i>	Larkmead Vineyards, Napa Valley 2007		118
<i>22P</i>	Lindstrom, Napa Valley, Stag's Leap District 2005		160
<i>19S</i>	Long Meadow Ranch, Napa Valley 2004		86
	Louis Martini, Sonoma County 2008		32
<i>B6L</i>	Marston, Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District 2007		165
<i>B6M</i>	Nickel and Nickel, John C. Sullenger Vineyard, Napa Valley, Oakville 2007		135
<i>C5L</i>	Paul Hobbs, Napa Valley 2007		143
<i>B1M</i>	Paradigm, Napa Valley, Oakville 2006		118
<i>A1M</i>	Pine Ridge, Fortis, Napa Valley 2004		216
<i>28P</i>	Provenance, Napa Valley, Rutherford 2007		72
<i>A4L</i>	Quilceda Creek, Columbia Valley 2008		300
<i>20K</i>	Ramey, Napa Valley, Claret 2007	<i>375 ml</i>	43
<i>19D</i>	Ramey, Napa Valley 2006		98
<i>C1M</i>	Ramey, Larkmead Vineyard, Napa Valley 2006		118
<i>18D</i>	Robert Mondavi Winery, Napa Valley, Oakville 2007		90
<i>30A</i>	Ridge Vineyards, Estate, Santa Cruz Mountains 2007	<i>FW</i>	<i>375 ml</i> 47
<i>7N</i>	Ridge Vineyards, Estate, Santa Cruz Mountains 2007	<i>FW</i>	82

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<i>B2M</i>	Ridge, Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains 2007 <i>FW</i>	200
<i>C4M</i>	Rubicon Estate, Cask, Napa Valley 2006	144
<i>C5M</i>	Sequoia Grove, Napa Valley 2007	72
<i>B4L</i>	Seven Stones, Napa Valley 2006	280
<i>26D</i>	Showket Vineyards, Napa Valley, Oakville 2007	102
<i>25P</i>	Silver Oak, Alexander Valley 2006	126
<i>B5R</i>	Silver Oak, Napa Valley 2005	165
<i>16P</i>	Spottswoode, Napa Valley 2006	196
<i>C3M</i>	Stardust, Napa Valley 2006	127
<i>26K</i>	Stardust, Napa Valley 2007	127
	Stardust, Napa Valley 2006	<i>1.5 l</i> 296
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<i>24A</i>	Stuhlmuller Vineyards, Estate, Alexander Valley 2008	74
<i>19P</i>	Stonestreet, "Legacy", Alexander Valley 2006	100
<i>18A</i>	Stone Edge Farm, 'Surround', Sonoma Valley 2007	56
<i>A3R</i>	Terra Valentine, Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District 2006	86
<i>17A</i>	Turnbull, Napa Valley 2007	76
<i>C1L</i>	Viader, "Dare", Napa Valley 2007	86
<i>B3L</i>	Vineyard 29, "Cru", Napa Valley 2007	112

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.

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 2008 (375 ml)	50
Bonny Doon Vineyard Recioto of Barbera, Monterey County 2004 (500 ml)	52
Dolce, Napa Valley 2006 (375 ml)	148
McCrea Late Harvest Roussanne, Columbia Valley 2003 (375 ml)	46
Quady Essensia Orange Muscat, California 2008 (375 ml)	32

