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The Grape Vine Newsletter

This Month's Wine Club Selections

Every month our Wine Club members receive one or two bottles of our featured wines. The wines you get depend on the membership you are enrolled in. If you are not yet a member, this should tease you into signing up. Happy wine tasting.

Sogno Winery

The Sogno Winery (pronounced "sewn-yo"), is a beautiful, family-owned, estate winery located in the quaint town of Shingle Springs, nestled in California's golden Sierra Foothills. The Sierra Foothill wine region is quickly becoming one of California's finest grape growing areas as its vineyards continue to come to maturity. The Sogno Winery is one of many small, family owned wineries producing exceptional wines in California's rich Sierra Foothills.

In 1998, Rich and Jackie Davis fulfilled their dream when they purchased the farm land and the original Hodgkin's residence that was to become the Sogno (Italian for "Dream") Winery and vineyards. The residence dates back to the 1880's when it was used as a Farmhouse, and has now been lovingly restored to its original beauty and charm. Today the house is available to guests as a farm-stay, a bed-and-breakfast type accommodation.

The estate also includes very beautiful and very popular wedding ceremony and reception grounds. An enchanted gazebo and outdoor seating area are cradled amongst the vineyards, situated at the base of a gently sloping hill. The vineyard backdrop provides an extremely romantic, dream-like atmosphere. The atmosphere is so nice, newlyweds find it hard to leave, and frequently spend their wedding night in the restored farmhouse.

Rich Davis, the wine maker, holds true to his "low-input" wine making philosophy. Rich believes that the less manipulation he puts into the wine making process, the better and more natural the wine flavors will emerge. Rich and his son Eric hand craft all of the Sogno wines and storage them in their "wine cave" built directly beneath the wine making and bottling facility.

Jackie Davis spends her days coordinating the weddings and banquets held every weekend at the estate. She also overlooks all the operations of the Bed and Breakfast, while their daughter, Summer, operates the Tasting Room and handles most of their wine deliveries. The tasting room sits on a small hill overlooking the vineyards and is open Thursdays through Sundays or by appointment. We definitely recommend visiting the beautiful Sogno Winery if you are in the area.

Cabernet Sauvignon El Dorado County 2001



750 cases produced

Sogno's 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon has won many awards since its release, and it continues to improve with age. This wine is perfect for drinking now, but may also be cellared for a couple more years if desired.

Optimum serving temperature is 65 to 70 degrees. This wine will pair well with medium to heavy meat and red pasta dishes and mellows spicy foods nicely.

Serious aromas here - sweet black cherry, cassis, vanilla and oak with hints of floral perfume, bell pepper, tea and black olives. The mouth is rich and velvety, with a lingering briary note in the finish.

This Cabernet Sauvignon is made from a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Merlot grapes.

Chardonnay El Dorado County 2001



500 cases produced

This award winning, 2001 vintage Chardonnay, with its off-dry character, is perfect with many aperitifs. It will also blend wonderfully with light water crackers and Gruyere, Provolone or Brie cheeses.

With meals, this Chardonnay will pair superbly with not-too-spicy seafood dishes like buttered whitefish, lobster and sautéed scallops.

Serve at cellar temperature (60 to 65 degrees) for maximum enjoyment.

This refreshing Chardonnay was barrel-fermented in 40% new French oak and aged for 9 months in Sogno's wine cave. Aromas and flavors of ripe tropical fruits harmonize with vanilla-cream butter, wood and herbs in this intricately-layered wine.