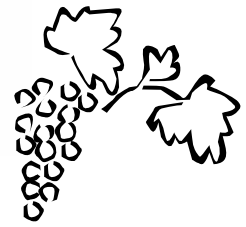




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The Grape Vine Newsletter



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.

Benson Ferry Vineyards

Old Vine Zinfandel - 2000



Cranberry and red cherry fruit dominate the nose, which also reveals cinnamon and smoke nuances. Bright, medium-bodied flavors show a similar fruit profile, with smoke and oak accents in the balanced finish.

Grapes for this Zinfandel come from one of the Stoke's families oldest vineyards. Planted nearly 50 years ago, these vines yield small crops of richly flavored grapes. The vineyard's location on the western edge of the Lodi viticultural area provides growing conditions that bring out the bright side of Zinfandel's berry character.

After fermentation on the skins, the young wine was pressed and allowed to settle in neutral storage. It was then racked into a mixture of new and seasoned French and American oak barrels to age for six months. The stay in small barrels both softened the wine's tannic structure and contributed oak complexity to the fruit flavors. Bottling was completed in September of 2001.

Situated in the heart of California at the confluence of the Mokelumne and Cosumnes Rivers, Benson Ferry celebrates a rich farming heritage that dates back to 1954 when they planted their first 45 acres of Zinfandel grapes.

Hayman & Hill Wines

Cabernet Sauvignon - 2001



Delicious black cherry prevails over subtle herbal notes. Just a touch of licorice and menthol float in to complete the package. A full bodied red with medium-high drying tannins and a rich, delicious, lingering finish.

Delicious now, this wine should also hold up well in the cellar for as many as 8 more years! We recommend that you give this bottle a try, then stock up on more so that you can revisit it and enjoy its metamorphosis over the years.

Hayman & Hill is the result of the passion of two wine makers, David Hayman and Dennis Hill. Together they have utilized their collective experience to craft wine from the most prestigious California appellations. Their portfolio of fine wines speaks to their passion of making wines for a label worthy of the respective surnames, Hayman & Hill. David Hayman has enjoyed seventeen years of international wine making. Dennis Hill has over twenty five years of experience with Sonoma wineries.

The Hayman & Hill Winemaker's Collection was released in October of 2003. This wonderful 2001 Hayman & Hill Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is one of these premium selections at #27.

Benson Ferry Vineyards

Chardonnay Select - 2001



Appealing aromas of fresh green apples and lemons are accented by a hint of kiwi. The green apple and lemon flavors gain complexity from subtle vanilla cream notes. This Chardonnay's delicious fruit and smooth texture continue through its crisp, lingering finish.

The North Coast vineyard sources for this wine are located primarily in Mendocino County. The cool climate and long growing season enabled the grapes to develop rich apple and citrus character while retaining nicely balanced acidity.

The juice was fermented entirely in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks to preserve its fresh varietal character. The young wine was then aged in a mixture of American and French oak barrels for only four months to develop complexity and complement its forward fruit. The wine was bottled in September 2002.

Bill and Mike Stokes, owners of the vineyards, are known for growing classic and cutting edge grape varieties, and utilizing advanced cultivation techniques in their Lodi vineyards. As a result, they supply fruit to several of California's best-known wineries. In 2001, the brothers established the Benson Ferry Vineyards label as their own.

Hayman & Hill Wines

Chardonnay - 2002

Russian River Valley Reserve



This wonderful, fruity Chardonnay boasts lots of full-bodied fruit and a vibrant core of peach, apple and spice. Fresh citrus and steely aromas are coupled with the creamy and toasty nuances from barrel fermentation. The oak is minimal and fits nicely within the context of the wine. A very nice Chardonnay with a lengthy, well-balanced finish.

Warm days, cool foggy nights and a long growing season make Sonoma's Russian River Valley an exceptional area for creating rich and complex Chardonnay.

Eighty eight percent of the wine was cold fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged on yeast lees. The remaining wine was barrel fermented and aged an additional seven months in small oak barrels.

This wonderful 2002 Hayman & Hill Reserve Russian River Chardonnay was made from 97% Chardonnay and 3% other white grape varieties, and is their selection #32.

Hayman & Hills Russian River Valley Chardonnay is a perfect match for delicate fish, shell fish and light pasta dishes.



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Wine of the Month Club

Because California is widely regarded as the finest wine growing region in America and one of the best wine producing regions in the world, the vast majority of our featured wines are from **California's finest, boutique wineries**. Now and then, when our wine experts find an outstanding selection, we also feature wines from some of the best growing regions of Washington and Oregon. However, the vast majority of our featured wines are California wines - arguably the best wines in the world.

- **You pick the number of bottles** - Monthly Wine Club memberships can be either 1-bottle per month or 2-bottles per month.
- **You pick the Wines** - all red, all white, or a mixture of both red and white wines. **You pick the Frequency** - Wine Club deliveries can be Every Month or you can Skip Months between deliveries.
- **You pick the Duration** - Wine Club memberships range from 2 to 12 months in duration.
- **You choose how to pay** - you can pay monthly or prepay the wine club membership up front - it's totally up to you.

We give you all the choices - **You make all the decisions!** No other clubs can compare.

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We have a great selection of wine label templates available on our website that you can use to create your very own Private Label Wine. Simply click your favorite label template and change the words. You can also take a digital photo, or create your own label design and email it to us. Either way, we will print professional quality labels and apply them to your choice of our fine private wine selections. **Minimum order - only 1 bottle!**

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The Wine Store

We always purchase a few extra cases of the fine wines we send our Wine Club members, and the wines we include with our Wine Gift Baskets. While these fine wines last, we make them available to you in our Wine Store, at discount prices that you won't be able to resist. As a bonus, our Wine Club members can buy more of the wines they really enjoyed at these discount prices, while they are available. **Check it out NOW!**

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