

This Month's **Classic Wine Club** Selections

Every month our **Classic 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're not yet a member, we invite you to join the fun. Happy wine tasting!

Congress Springs Vineyards

Established by Daniel Gehrs in 1976, Congress Springs Vineyards first began making memorable Zinfandels and Cabernet Francs from old, head trained vines that were rescued from oblivion. Before long they were creating Chardonnays that ranked consistently above 90 points by Wine Spectator magazine. Soon numerous other wineries were beating a path to that source for Chardonnay as well as other varieties and the grapes continue to be in high demand today, years after their 1985 San Ysidro Chardonnay won 9 medals, including 5 Gold Medals, which made it the most awarded wine of all in the year 1986.

Santa Barbara County is not only cooler than most wine regions of Northern California, but it has an excellent balance of geology, climate, soil and water, giving it great potential as a viticultural area. The 50 miles from Point Conception to Rincon constitute the only east-west traverse of shoreline from Alaska to Cape Horn and the Santa Ynez and San Rafael Mountains form a unique coastal range. The east-west running valleys open up to the Pacific Ocean, allowing the inland flow of fog and ocean breezes and making this region one of the coolest viticultural areas in California. All of the classic grape varieties are able to be grown in Santa Barbara County due to the many microclimates.

Within Santa Barbara County there are three distinct wine growing districts: the Santa Maria Valley, Santa Ynez Valley, and the Los Alamos Valley. Today there are 134 distinct vineyards covering over 18,000 acres of vineyards in the county. In 2005, nearly 90,000 tons of grapes were harvested and the wine industry has become the county's leading agricultural business.

Congress Springs Chardonnay, 2005 Santa Barbara - Old Vine Select

The grapes for this delicious white wine came from a vineyard planted on its own roots circa 1972 in the world famous Santa Maria Valley of Santa Barbara County. This Chardonnay is typically Santa Barbara; ripe tropical fruit, fine acidity, pineapple, mango, guava with golden apple aromas and flavors are matched by light mineral notes together giving complexity and a delightfully refreshing quality. The grapes were gently pressed and slowly cold fermented in stainless steel, then aged in French oak for four months. Complexity, flavor, and aroma are enhanced arguably beyond what pure barrel fermentation or pure stainless steel fermentation would achieve.

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D'Argenzio Zinfandel, 2003 - Dry Creek Valley

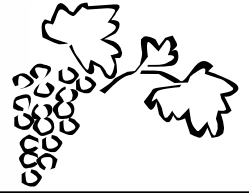
There are some who believe that the Dry Creek Valley of Sonoma County is "where God meant Zinfandel to grow." Winemaker Ray D'Argenzio is one of those people. Using fruit from Dry Creek Valley heritage clones, Ray has crafted a fruit-driven zinfandel with the classic briar and berry qualities typical of zinfandels from this area. The combination of heritage clone selections and old vines provides the flavors, texture and weight that are the hallmark of Dry Creek Valley. To complete the blend, Ray adds in small amounts of Petite Sirah, which enhance the flavor dimension and complexity.

Aromas of briary fruit and spice give way to hints of blackberry cobbler. The impression of fruit and spice continues in the mouth. Supple tannins give structure and depth to this satisfying blend. The 2003 Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel is a versatile wine meant for enjoying at the table. With its forward fruit, soft tannins and lingering finish it will accompany a wide range of dishes and occasions.



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This Month's Epic Reds Wine Club Selections

Every month our **Epic Reds Wine Club** members receive two bottles of our featured red wines. These wines are some of California's boutique winery's finest offerings. If you're not yet a member, we invite you to join the fun. Happy wine tasting!

D'Argenzio Winery

D'Argenzio Winery is a family winery in the truest Italian sense. There are three generations of the D'Argenzio family working together to bring you the finest handcrafted wines. The D'Argenzio family traces their roots to St. Angelo Cancelli, a mountain town outside of Napoli, Italy, where family legend has it that ancestors were honored artisans who created ornate works of silver for the noble families of Italy's Campania region. The silver in the wine label pays tribute to this heritage. The timeless values of Old World craftsmanship have been carried forward to this day by Alfonzo A. D'Argenzio, a master craftsman for over half a century. This proud tradition of creating works of handcrafted beauty and lasting quality is inbred in the family, in their very hearts and souls. It is an essential ingredient in the premium Italian-styled wines created by today's D'Argenzio family.

Their grapes are grown in the world-class regions of Sonoma County. With an outstanding growing season in Sonoma Valley, they are primarily producing vintages from two appellations: Dry Creek and Russian River Valleys. With wines having received favorable reviews from Wine Spectator and Wine Enthusiast, Connoisseurs Guide and Pinot Report; the list of awards grows, as new wines are made each year and as the wines age. D'Argenzio Winery has an impressive resume, receiving numerous gold medals for their small release, primary red varietals of Pinot Noir, Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon wines.

The D'Argenzio wine making philosophy is quite simple. While they take advantage of some modern technologies available to today's wine making, they do so cautiously. They much prefer the Old World methods, such as gently pressing the grapes in a hand-operated 100-year-old press, aging the wine between 18 and 24 months and using only the very finest French and American oak barrels. With D'Argenzio wines, there is no compromising the long cherished ideals of color, aroma, flavor and quality.

D'Argenzio Pinot Noir, 2004 - Russian River Valley

Harvest Fair Awards Wine Competition 2006 - Gold
Hilton Head International Wine Competition 2006 - Silver

405 Cases Produced

This is a gold medal winning Pinot that you are sure to be amazed by! A fantastic Pinot Noir made with fruit from the Bacigalupi Westside Road Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. This is a light ruby colored Pinot Noir, with sweet, bright black cherry and blackberry aromas. Its flavors are accented with mint, cola, currant, violet, pepper and blood orange notes. It has a medium body with a medium-long finish.

D'Argenzio Zinfandel, 2004 - Russian River Valley

Harvest Fair Awards Wine Competition 2006 - Gold

340 Cases Produced

Full of the fruitiness of the Russian River Valley, this Zinfandel awakens the youthfulness of the senses. Medium dark garnet with brick edges; very appealing raspberry fruit and lavender aroma with sweet oak, vanilla, orange peel, maple, licorice and white pepper hints; orange peel elements; medium body, smooth, slightly rich; balanced tannins.