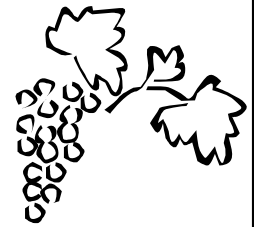




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Happy Thanksgiving

The folks here at WineGiftClub are always happy when Thanksgiving is approaching. This wonderful holiday affords us the opportunity to thank all of our friends.

This past year has been good to us. We thank you for your patronage and for allowing us to be of service to you. Have a great holiday!



Wine Trivia

- The largest cork tree in the world is known as 'The Whistler Tree'. This tree is located in the Alentejo region of Portugal and averages over 1 ton of raw cork per harvest. That's enough to cork 100,000 bottles of wine!
- There's a little story behind the champagne glass, dating back to Greek mythology. The first "coupe" was said to be molded from the breast of Helen of Troy. The Greeks believed that wine drinking was a sensual experience, and it was only fitting that the most beautiful woman take part in shaping the chalice.
- Centuries later, Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, decided it was time to create a new champagne glass. She had coupes molded to her own breasts. This changed the shape of the glass entirely, since Marie Antoinette was - shall we say- better endowed than Helen of Troy.

Recipe of the Month

Be prepared to impress your friends and loved ones when you serve this wonderful holiday meal. We recommend pairing with another wonderful choice...this month's featured Classic Wine Club selection...Edna Valley Chardonnay from York Mountain Winery.

Lobster Thermidor

- 1 lobster (about 2 pounds)
- Salt & Freshly ground black pepper
- 2/3 cup olive oil
- 2/3 cup white wine
- 2/3 cup bouillon (fish or meat stock)
- 1 tablespoon chopped shallot or green onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped tarragon
- 1 cup sauce bechamel
- 3/4 cup heavy cream, mixed with 2 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- Grated Parmesan cheese
- Melted butter

Instructions

Split the lobster in half. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and brush with olive oil. Bake it in a 425 degree F oven for approximately 18 minutes. Baste during the cooking with additional olive oil. When the lobster is cool enough to handle, remove the meat from the body and claws and dice it. Combine the wine, broth, and herbs and cook until it is reduced to practically a glaze. Add this to the sauce bechamel and stir in the cream mixed with the egg yolks. Allow this to heat without boiling. Add the mustard and taste for seasoning. When it is well thickened, add the lobster meat and heat through. Fill the lobster shells with this mixture, sprinkle with the grated cheese, brush with the butter, and brown in a 375 degree F. oven.

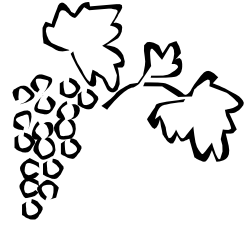
Favorite Wine Quote

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink wine...because when they wake up that's the best they're going to feel for the rest of the day."

- anonymous



Great Christmas Gift Ideas!



Wine Gift Baskets

Our wonderful collection of Wine Gift Baskets, Corporate Gift Baskets and Gourmet Food Gift Baskets are perfect for any occasion. **Customizable** - You can choose to include only reds, only whites, or a combination of red and white wines. You can even substitute bottles of our fine Private Label Wine (see below) with any wine gift basket we offer. We are definitely the most unique and complete Wine Gift Shop online!

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 may 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.

Personalized Label Wines

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!**

Our private label wines come in either red or white varieties and you can mix and match them as you please. You can even choose to substitute private label wines in any of our wine gift baskets!

Private Label Wines are perfect for Birthdays, all Holidays, Thank You, Congratulations, House Warming, Corporate Gifts and Promotional Items.

The California 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!**

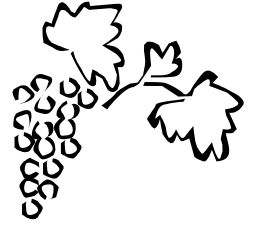
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November 2005 **Classic Wine Club** Selections

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!

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California Central Coast

The Central Coast is home to a rich diversity of grape varieties, and is home to both the smallest of boutique wineries and some of California's biggest players. Of the close to 100,000 acres under vine in the region, more than half are planted to white wine grapes. Chardonnay boasts the most territory under vine, but Rhone varietals are emerging as the new darlings of Central Coast viticulture. The Paso Robles wine country in San Luis Obispo County, part of the up-and-coming California Central Coast, is the best-kept secret in the wine industry. The Paso Robles area has been in the business since 1882 when York Mountain was established.

York Mountain Winery

At the end of a sun-dappled roadway, nestled among old arching oaks, impressive madrones, and thick Spanish moss of the Coast Range, you'll discover a central coast treasure called York Mountain Winery. In 1882, apple farmer Andrew York discovered his soil and climate were ideal for growing grapes – thus the venerable York Mountain Winery was born. Built of local stone, hand-formed brick fired on the premises, and timber from a Cayucos pier, York Mountain is the area's oldest continuously operating winery.

Though located just seven miles from the Pacific Ocean, it is significantly cooler and wetter than neighboring Paso Robles. Vineyards in the appellation are situated at an average of 1,500 feet and benefit from steep slopes, long sunshine hours, and cool coastal breezes. The climate and soil conditions are so unique that the York Mountain viticulture appellation is one of the smallest recognized in the state of California. This unique combination of cool climate and low vigor hillside soils create wines that possess a perfumed elegance not found anywhere else on the central coast.

2001 Edna Valley Chardonnay

only 240 cases produced

This is an elegant Chardonnay long on flavor and character. This wine boasts an opulent and layered array of lemon, melons and ripe apples with sweet vanilla and toasty oak which frame this well structured Chardonnay.

- Pacific Rim International Wine Competition, Gold
- Riverside International Wine Competition, Gold

2001 Edna Valley Pinot Noir

only 290 cases produced

This fragrant wine of roses, bright cherry and licorice nuances is very nicely balanced. The finish is long and lingering with soft tannins and attractive undertones of vanilla and toast.

- Riverside International Wine Competition, Silver
- San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, Silver

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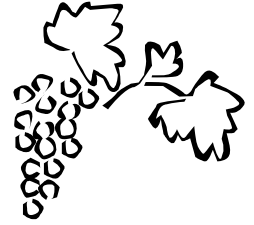
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November 2005 Epic Reds Wine Selections

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Sonoma County Wine Country

More than twice the size as neighboring Napa, Sonoma County overflows with wineries and grape varieties. Within this appellation's one million total acres, over 190 wineries make their home. Practically every variety of grape grown in California can be found somewhere in Sonoma County. Winemaking here is steeped in history, going back to the 1820s, when Franciscan monks first planted vineyards. And arguably one of the most renowned viticulture regions in Sonoma County is the Russian River Valley.

D'Argenzio Winery

D'Argenzio Winery is a true family winery. Created in honor of the D'Argenzio's long history of artisanship and run by three generations of the family, the winery is dedicated to producing small batch wines using Old World methods, such as using a 100-year-old hand-operated press and French oak barrels.

As Richard A. D'Argenzio, Proprietor, and brother Raymond A. D'Argenzio, Winemaker, have stated..."The timeless values of Old World craftsmanship have been carried forward to this day by our Papa, Alfonzo A. D'Argenzio, a master craftsman for over half a century. He taught us well. This proud tradition of creating works of handcrafted beauty and lasting quality is inbred in us, in our very hearts and souls. It is an essential ingredient in the premium Italian-styled wines created by today's D'Argenzio family."

2002 Russian River Zinfandel *only 174 cases produced*

Full of the fruitiness of the Russian River Valley, this Zinfandel awakens the youthfulness of the senses. Its Spicy nuances, seasoned blackberry, and lingering cream, demand another taste.

- Hilton Head Wine Competition, Gold
- San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, Silver
- Harvest Fair Wine Competition, Silver

2002 Russian River Pinot Noir *only 258 cases produced*

Light ruby, sweet, bright black cherry and blackberry aroma with mint, cola, currant, violet, pepper and blood orange notes; dark chocolate and faintly minty aromas with some bramble, earth and a slight funk also hints of coconut, cassis, leather, tobacco and diesel; tart cherry and gamey flavors with a hint of tar; medium body; medium-long finish.

- Hilton Head Wine Competition, Gold
- Florida State Fair International Wine Competition, Gold
- San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, Silver

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