



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!

Stony Ridge Winery

Stony Ridge Winery is located in the "fertile crescent" of the historic Livermore Valley of California. The origins of the winery date back to the historic Ruby Hill Vineyards in neighboring Pleasanton, which was established in 1887. Stony Ridge Winery was established in 1975 at the site of the historic Ruby Hill Winery when a group of young and enthusiastic winemakers leased the property and began their fruitful winemaking venture.

The winery changed hands in 1985 and was relocated to its current site in the heart of Livermore's wine producing region. It has since become a favorite destination for local residents and tourists, building a reputation for its Italian varietal wines and excellent food served in a friendly atmosphere.

In 2000, Clyde Vaughn and Dale Vaughn-Bowen purchased the winery and thus began the tradition of producing award-winning wines from this wonderful grape growing region - California's Livermore Valley.

The gracious and congenial mission-style tasting room includes a large deck overlooking Livermore vineyards. It's a perfect location for wine sippers and restaurant diners to relax and enjoy. There is an intimate view of a small vineyard planted in front of the quaint tasting room.

The special grapes grown in this section of vines are selected clones of the Sangiovese varietal, from the famed Chianti region of Tuscany. Stony Ridge proudly produces their "Robusto Port" from these vines. If you ever have a chance to visit this winery, the port should not be missed.

An aromatic and inviting gourmet restaurant resides just inside the tasting room where lunch is served seven days a week. A casual garden for dining "al fresco" is also located behind the tasting room. This cozy garden is not only available for their lunch guests, but also for weddings, receptions and private parties.

Stony Ridge is a very popular spot on Livermore's wine trail that continues to delight visitors and regulars of all ages with its fun, warm and relaxed atmosphere, and excellent food and wine tasting topped with an Italian flare.

Today Stony Ridge produces a nice selection of hand crafted wines from grapes grown throughout northern California including their new line of Italian styled wines. All of their wines are designed to be friendly, approachable wines for casual drinking and as accompaniments with meals.

White Riesling 2004 - El Dorado

The well-balanced and flavorful grapes used to produce this wonderful wine are grown at just over 3000 feet in a cool El Dorado mountain vineyard. This slightly sweet wine, through pre-fermentation skin contact and a kiss of botrytis, carries rich flavors of peach, citrus and honey. Medal winner in the 2005 State Fair Wine Competition!

Holly Creek Winery - Dreyer Wines

Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 - Paso Robles

The Holly Creek label is a wonderful line of wines produced by Dreyer Wines of Sonoma. More information about Dreyer Wines and their famed Seabiscuit Ranch label is described in detail on the next page.

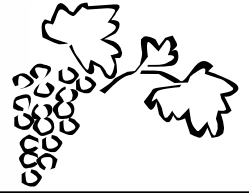
The tasty 2003 Holly Creek Cabernet Sauvignon shows its distinctive black currant aroma and its bouquet nuances of cedar, violets, and cigar box. It has a slight tannic edge that is softening and smoothing considerably from its bottle date. The soft tannins help create a supple texture that fills the mouth with layers of flavor and a long, lingering finish.

This is a great California Cab that is very drinkable now, and will age well for at least 3 to 5 more years. Enjoy this wine with grilled meats, or hearty pasta dishes.



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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!

Seabiscuit Ranch - Dreyer Wines

The story of Seabiscuit lives on in the heart of America. Everyone loves the tale of this stocky, knobby-kneed racehorse who triumphed over adversity to become one of the greatest champions of the 20th century. During the 1930s, as America struggled to overcome the Great Depression, the determined spirit of this unlikely victor reflected the mood of the nation. After setting a track record at Santa Anita in 1940, the spectacular racing career of this legendary Thoroughbred came to an end. Seabiscuit was retired to a ranch in Mendocino County's Redwood Valley, where his memory inspires winemaking endeavors.

The dramatic beauty of Ridgewood Ranch first beckoned Charles Howard, Seabiscuit's owner, back in the mid 1920s. He purchased this pristine, 17,000 acre Mendocino County property with a vision of creating a self-sufficient horse and cattle ranch. Amid the serene grandeur of redwoods, fir, and oaks, Charles and his wife Marcela enjoyed the opportunity for the peace and quiet of the countryside. A tour of the historic Ridgewood ranch, Seabiscuit's final resting place, allows visitors to step back into time among the Howard's original ranch house, barns, and stables.

Seabiscuit Ranch vineyards are located on a southern portion of the original Ridgewood Ranch. Located just 20 miles from the Mendocino coastline, these small, award-winning vineyards are perched at an altitude of 1,000 feet on steep slopes of the Pacific Coastal Mountain range. Vines are nurtured and harvested entirely by hand according to sustainable growing practices.

Grapes from Mendocino County's Redwood Valley appellation are uniquely flavorful, complex, and well-balanced. Here, warm days contrast with cool nighttime temperatures. These dramatic daily temperature swings offer the qualitative edge to fruit harvested from one of California's northernmost viticultural districts.

Merlot, 2004 Mendocino County

This special wine is the third release as Seabiscuit Ranch Merlot. This is our designation of a "reserve" style and quality wine selected from individual barrels having the most fruit character in the wine. The grapes came from two terraced vineyards in Reeves Canyon, both located on the original Ridgewood Ranch that was Seabiscuit's retirement home. The south-western facing exposure assures the crop ripens with exceptional fruit aromas and flavors, while the cool evening temperatures assist in retaining fresh ripe flavors and natural acidity.

Seabiscuit Ranch Merlot is a limited-release version of a true "reserve" quality wine. Lovely full-bodied red fruit flavors predominate, with good acidity balance and a soft mouth-filling silky finish. The wine is styled to accompany foods. Serve with grilled meats or poultry. This Merlot also is a great complement for rich tomato-based pasta sauces.

Trifecta, 2004 Mendocino County

This is an exceptional red wine blend of three classic varieties. It is the second release of Seabiscuit Ranch Trifecta. This "reserve" quality wine is comprised primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon with nuances gained from the addition of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. All these varieties develop mouth-filling fruit flavors and finesse in Mendocino County.

The cool and dry 2003 growing season allowed the grapes to mature slowly and develop flavors of ripe plums, cherries and blackberries. The grapes were harvested by hand and fermented dry in stainless steel tanks.

In November 2004 after pressing, the wines were transferred into small oak barrels and aged for 15 months. Premium barrels of each variety were blended and aged in new American oak barrels for six additional months prior to final bottling. The wine has deep purple color, concentrated ripe fruit aromas and flavors, with medium-to-robust body. It has soft tannins and is ideal for drinking now, yet will benefit from further bottle aging for many years.