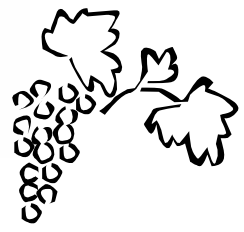




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The Grape Vine Newsletter



A Collection of Memorable Holiday Toasts

Here's to a bright New Year
and a fond farewell to the old.
Here's to things that are yet to come
and to the memories that we hold.

In the New Year,
may your right hand always be
stretched out in friendship,
but never in want.

Never lie, steal, cheat or drink.
Unless you *lie* in the arms
of someone you love,
steal time away from someone
who does not know how to use it,
cheat death, or *drink* with me,
for I am your friend.

My friends are the best friends.
Loyal, willing and able.
Now let's get to drinking!
Glasses off the table!

Here's to a friend.
He knows you well
and likes you just the same.

Old friends are scarce,
New friends are few.
Here's hoping I've found
one of each in you.

As you slide down the banister of life,
may the splinters never face the
wrong way.

Here's hoping you live forever, and
mine is the last voice you hear.

We don't get to choose our relatives,
Good thing we can pick our friends.

May you have the hindsight to know
where you've been, the foresight to
know where you are going, and the
insight to know when you've gone
too far.

Make new friends, but keep the old,
These are silver, those are gold.
New-made friends, like new wine,
Age will mellow and refine.
Brow may furrow, hair turn gray,
But friendship never knows decay.

Who is a friend
but someone to toast,
Someone to gibe,
someone to roast.

May you be poor in misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
Slow to make enemies,
And quick to make friends

Friendship's the wine of life.
Let's drink of it and to it.

Here's to you and yours,
and to mine and ours.
And if mine and ours
ever come across to you and yours,
I hope you and yours will do
as much for mine and ours
as mine and ours have done
for you and yours!

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**
From the Gift Specialists Team

Not so Famous New Year's Quotes

"For last year's words belong to last year's language. Next year's words await another voice, and to make an end is to make a beginning." ~ *T.S. Eliot*

"New Year's Day is every man's birthday." ~ *Charles Lamb*

"Each age has deemed the new-born year the fittest time for festal cheer." ~ *Sir Walter Scott*

"Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to." ~ *Bill Vaughn*

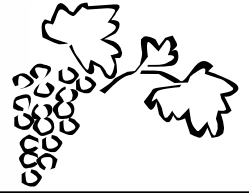
"Ring out the old, ring in the new, ring happy bells across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true." ~ *Lord Alfred Tennyson*

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing." ~ *Abraham Lincoln*



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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!

California's 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.

Red Rover Wines

Red Rover is everyone's best friend and the newest member of the Stevenot Winery Family! The Red Rover wines were created to capture the senses as well as the imagination. Like your favorite Rover, all of the wines are approachable and friendly, and are breeds apart from the ordinary.

Since their release in 2006, Red Rover wines have received critical and widespread acclaim from across the globe – a proven pedigree by all accounts!

Central Coast Chardonnay 2005

Delightfully crisp and clean, the 2005 Red Rover Chardonnay is bursting with nuances of pear, green apple, luscious mango and litchi. The wine is vibrant and pure, showing an intricate layering of fruit that is true to this varietal. Medium bodied and well balanced, complex flavors of fleshy peach and pineapple glide into a smooth and satisfyingly crisp finish, accented by notes of lemon and flint. The wonderful fruit flavors and acidity make this wine versatile for almost any meal. Enjoy with your favorite cheese, pasta, poultry or seafood dishes.

Central Coast Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

Medium bodied with supple tannins, the 2005 Red Rover Cabernet Sauvignon is a bright, fruity wine that is round and well structured. Aromas of cherry, berry, and cassis are layered with notes of dark chocolate and mint. The fruit flavors are jammy and ripe, with dark, lush flavors that are vibrant and intense. A wonderful wine on its own, it also pairs extremely well with a variety of dishes including beef stroganoff, braised pork loin, veal scaloppini, or chocolate truffles.

Red Rover



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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 among 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!

Locatelli Vineyards & Winery

Family-owned and operated, Locatelli Vineyards & Winery specializes in hand-crafted full-bodied estate wines. Included in their wine list are Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petite Sirah and others. Situated as Paso Robles' northern most winery, they overlook the peaceful Salinas River Valley and historic Old Mission San Miguel. The winery is open for tasting and tours Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find them at 8585 Cross Canyons Road, San Miguel, California.

If you're looking for a quaint, boutique winery where the owners are the entire tasting room staff, then Locatelli Vineyards & Winery is for you. They do not boast an expansive tasting room or parties every Friday, but what they can give you is a very personal wine experience involving their premium estate wines. The inside of their intimate Tasting Room is reminiscent of something you'd find in the hills of Italy with the aged walls & rustic wood trimmed windows. On busy weekends added family is thrown into the mix to help out, including mothers, brothers, sisters, fathers & maybe a cousin or two. You'll definitely realize this winery is all about family & friends, as from time to time you may see one or more of the owner's five children meandering around.

The owners of Locatelli Vineyards & Winery are Louis & Raynette Gregory who previously owned & operated an engineering business in Kingsburg. In 1996, they looked to California's Central Coast to buy property wishing to switch occupations to the world of farming & enology. That is when they found their 100 acre property just north of Paso Robles, nestled in the picturesque Santa Lucia foothills overlooking the beautiful Salinas River Valley & Old Mission San Miguel. With the help of Raynette's father, Reuben Gruber, the property was transformed from cattle land to 40 acres of premium wine grapes. Reuben continued to manage & oversee the wine grapes until 2001, when Louis & Raynette, with their young family, moved permanently to Locatelli Vineyards.

In that same year, Locatelli Vineyards changed their name to Locatelli Vineyards & Winery. The entire winemaking process from start to finish is accomplished by Louis Gregory with additional recruitments for crush & bottling. Raynette can usually be found in the office & tasting room managing the day-to-day business.

The vineyard varietals consist mainly of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Petite Sirah with additional plantings to Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot, Malbec, & Muscat Blanc. This gives Louis the flexibility to develop new blends as well as some traditional ones. Their most popular wine is currently an extraordinary blend of five varietals called "Spirito di Vigna" (Spirit of the Vine), which is one of this month's featured wines. Before bottling, all the wines are aged for two to three years in French & American oak barrels.

2005 Spirito di Vigna

The "Spirit of the Vine" is one of Locatelli Vineyards' most popular wines. It is created by a magical blend of 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petite Verdot and 5% Malbec. This wine simply melts in your mouth and will be enjoyed by itself, or with hearty, bold or spicy dishes. Serve at room temperature. This wine will age well for up to 10 years. *Only 98 cases of this wine were produced.*

2005 Melodia

Only 48 Cases Produced

Locatelli's "Melodia" (Melody) is another wonderful blend - this time of Old Vine Zinfandel (50%) & Estate Petite Sirah (50%). The Old Vine Zin adds concentrated flavors of blackberry, boysenberry, raspberry, and dark cherry, as well as peppery tannins. The addition of Petite Sirah creates a rich, potent yet elegant, wine, complicated by an exotic floral nuance on the back. This a juicy wine pairs perfectly with barbecue - ribs, burgers, and grilled steak are all excellent choices.

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