



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!

Huntington Wine Cellars

Based in Healdsburg, California in the heart of Sonoma County's lush and treasured wine country, is Huntington Wine Cellars. The winery, founded in 1989, was purchased by wine industry veteran Bill Leigon in 1997. With the vision of producing world-class California wines that would appeal to all of the senses and reflect the finest things in life, Bill Leigon took Huntington Wine Cellars under his wing. It was fitting then that the visual identity of Huntington included a majestic falcon on the label. Each vintage of Huntington wine boasts a unique label known as "Drinkable Art," a reproduction of a fine art piece incorporating Huntington's signature falcon, painted by artist and Huntington partner, Ken Schilling.

The Huntington wines are produced from small lots of select varietal grapes from several unique vineyard sources from throughout California. Regions including the Russian River Valley, Alexander Valley, Dry Creek Valley, Napa Valley and Central Coast are home to grapes that produce Huntington Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah and Merlot. Huntington's wines are created by the winemaking team of Kerry Damskey and Barry Gnekow. Their combined experience and connections provide insight and flexibility to source the best fruit from top vineyards and produce various varieties and blends of small wine lots with very close attention to detail. The resulting wines are complex in Huntington's signature style: uniquely identifiable, refined, elegant and understated.

Huntington Chardonnay, 2005 Sonoma County

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition 2007 - Bronze
Sonoma County Harvest Fair 2006 - Bronze

The 2005 vintage of Huntington Chardonnay is crafted from two Sonoma County appellations: the Russian River and Alexander Valleys. The Russian River Valley is recognized as one of California's top cool-climate growing regions for Chardonnay, producing aromatic flavor characteristics ranging from pear and apple to peach and nectarine. The Chardonnay from the Alexander Valley is from the Stuhlmuller vineyard, whose unique terroir creates Chardonnay fruit with classic Alexander Valley tropical characteristics, food friendly citrus acidity, and a distinctive mineral touch.

With the fresh appearance of golden straw in color, and a slightly green hue, the aromas of Huntington Cellars 2005 Chardonnay are tropical pear, green apple and a whisper of vanilla. The flavors are fresh and distinctive with brightly punctuated pear, apple and lemony citrus. This is a perfectly balanced Chardonnay with bright, fresh fruit flavors shining through owing to the neutral oak cooperage.

Huntington Petite Sirah, 2005 California

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition 2007 - Double Gold
World Wine Competition 2007 - Gold

The 2005 vintage was a remarkable one and exceeded expectations in both volume and quality. When this wine is first poured, the room fills with the scent of fresh blueberries. Enormous fruit characteristics include aromas of black fruit, chocolate, currant, blackberry and black cherry. The palate is rich and full, blanketed with soft tannins. This Petite Sirah is an amazing wine with its subtle layers of fruit and a rich jammy intensity that rather than going over the top, shows refinement and finesse in every sip.



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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!

Trentadue Winery

The Trentadue family arrived in Sonoma County long before their region gained a reputation as the Wine Country. Life-long, hands-on agriculturists, Evelyn and Leo Trentadue contributed significantly to the advancement of their region over the years. In 1959, the Trentadues decided to flee the developers encroaching on their apricot and cherry orchards in Sunnyvale, the area known today around the world as Silicon Valley. To preserve their way of life, these hard-working Italian ranchers purchased 208 acres of land in Sonoma County's then remote Alexander Valley.

Following the traditions of their ancestors in Tuscany, Italy, the Trentadues planted classic Italian grapevines such as Sangiovese and Carignane, among the first in America to do so. Living and working the land, they learned that their microclimate (the climate of their vineyard) and soil were also suited for hearty red wines such as Zinfandel, Merlot, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon. The Trentadue's traditional approach to winemaking -- extracting plenty of flavor and intensity -- paid off with a growing reputation as a cellar of Big Reds.

Family heritage is all-important to the Trentadues, whose families originally came from the Italian winegrowing region of Tuscany. The winery employs two of their children, Victor and Annette. Today, the flag of Italy flies proudly alongside the flags of California and the United States. Today, Victor Trentadue is responsible for all vineyard and winery operations for his family's winemaking estate. In 1995, he was among a small group of viticulturists chosen to travel to Russia to share their expertise with this nation's emerging wine community.

La Storia Estate Cuvee 32, 2003 - Alexander Valley

Sonoma County Harvest Fair 2006 - Best of Class, Gold

California State Fair Wine Competition 2006 - Best of Class, Bronze

Orange County Wine Competition, 2006 - Silver

This wonderful wine is a blend of 53% Sangiovese, 38% Merlot, and 9% Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes for the '03 Cuvee 32 were harvested in mid-October yielding fruit rich in both color and texture. Racked in 100% French oak barrels and aged for 22 months, the resulting wine has evolved into a nicely balanced offering that exhibits layers of lush, sweet black fruit flavors and hints of plum and spice. The well integrated tannins assure early enjoyment, but allow for 5 - 8 years in a quiet cellar.

La Storia Estate Zinfandel, 2003 - Alexander Valley

Pacific Rim International Wine Competition 2006 - Gold

West Coast Wine Competition 2006 - Gold

Grand Harvest Awards 2006 - Gold

The '03 La Storia Zinfandel is another stunning wine from the Estate Geyserville Vineyards. Overall this wine is concentrated with intense and very ripe raspberries and strawberries aromas with present but balanced toast, cinnamon, and brown sugar nuances contributed by new oak barrels. The body is full with long, juicy finish and soft tannins leading to a hedonistic impression expected from the 'Big Zins' at their best showing. Drink now or hold until 2008.