

## CELLARMISTRESS' CELLAR TALK

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### Cellarmistress Tastes Live From The Russian River!



Awhile back, I had an eye-opening experience when I accepted an opportunity to taste some world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir hailing from the Russian River Valley of Sonoma County. The event was TasteLive on Twitter and the host winery was DeLoach Vineyards. As a participant, I received a box of six sample bottles---all 2007 single vineyard wines. As the event began earlier that day than anticipated, I was only able to participate in tasting four of the six wines but the experience left me longing for more and wanting to learn more about this exquisite area of wine country!

DeLoach Vineyards, located in Santa Rosa, CA, received a push into the limelight in 2003 when Jean-Charles Boisset (of Burgundy's famed Boisset Family) visited the area and really fell in love with it, realizing it was perfect for growing and producing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. He purchased the winery and since then, the focus has been on biodynamic, organic and sustainable farming practices. The current young winemaking team of Julia Vasquez and Brian Maloney have a fresh, new approach. They are working closely with famed consulting winemaker Greg LaFollette, formerly of Flowers and currently with Tandem Winery (I had the pleasure of meeting Greg and sampling some of his Tandem wines last Summer). With their common goal, they are achieving many accolades for their wines. This past September, DeLoach Vineyards was named a Top 100 Winery Of The Year by Wine & Spirits Magazine. Judging from the wines I was able to sample, I can foresee many great things in their future!

I have to say I was impressed with the wines. They're representative of some of the great wines coming from this area and are definitely

ABOUT ME



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I'm an Italian-born, American-bred walking encyclopedia of wine. Wine is my passion. People who know me find me interesting, funny, and knowledgable. A wine country enthusiast, I love to travel the west coast visiting wineries and making new friends! I'm here to keep it fun and help you enjoy wine as much as I do! Disclaimer: All opinions expressed in my blog posts are my own and are in no way influenced by anyone or anything else. Please use the posts as a guide to formulate your own opinions. If you are a winery or public relations firm and wish to have me discuss your products, please feel free to e-mail me at: [cellarmistress@yahoo.com](mailto:cellarmistress@yahoo.com). I look forward to hearing from you!

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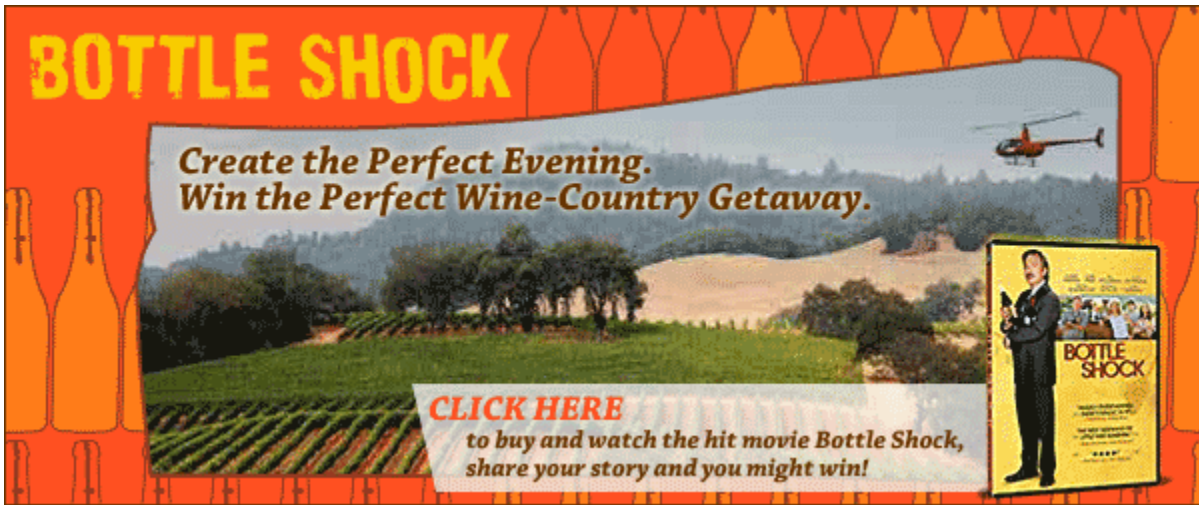
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