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Savor the Vintage

at the 2011 ʻAipono Awards wine tasting

J & H Selbach

Growing the noble Riesling grape exclusively in Germany's Mosel River District, Selbach produces some of the finest white wines in the world. The Selbach family has been active in producing wines there since 1661. Today, Johannes Selbach is busy crafting some of the most sought after Rieslings and passionately sharing the good word (and tastes) of Riesling and cuisine around the world.

Winebow Italy, Spain, & Chile

Winebow's mission is to be the leading US importer and distributor of an international portfolio of premium wines, spirits and sakes from around the world. Winebow's founder Leonardo LoCascio has crafted an outstanding portfolio of premier Italian wines, spirits and specialty products that are distributed nationally under the Leonardo LoCascio Selections (LLS) label. Within the Winebow Brands International (WBI) division, Winebow is building a growing portfolio of fine wines from Spain, Chile, Argentina and Portugal, Sake from Japan, and spirits from Scotland and Brazil.

Bodegas Renancer

Renancer is under the supervision of talented winemakers: the Tuscany-born Alberto Antonini, who is considered one of the most renowned flying winemakers from Italy, and the Mendocenean Hector Durigutti, who has extensive knowledge about Malbec and the terroir. The winemakers have developed a great synergy and together produce splendid wines that have been praised by the international press.

Paul Hobbs

Pioneer, Trailblazer, Trendsetter and Prospector - these are all words used to describe Paul Hobbs. One of the first California winemakers to focus on single-vineyard wines, Paul Hobbs took the challenge one step further by dedicating himself to crafting unfiltered and unfined wines, fermented with native yeasts. His vision has resulted in exciting, structured wines that are rooted in classic old world techniques and, at the same time, are distinctly

Californian in their expression. And, he continues to be a leader of Argentina's ongoing winemaking revolution. Not bad for a farm boy from upstate New York

Riglos

Dario and Fabian have been friends since childhood, but only recently found out that their grandparents had grown up in the same small town of Riglos, Argentina. With the establishment of the Riglos brand, the pioneering spirit of two immigrant families, from Germany and Ireland respectively, is strengthened in partnership and commemorated in name. Sourced exclusively from their estate vineyard in the Valle de Uco region of Mendoza, the portfolio is comprised of three wines: a malbec, a cabernet sauvignon and a red blend, all styled to strike a balance between vivid varietal expression and elegant structure

Graham's

Founded in 1820, W. & J. Graham's is a consistent leader in producing exceptional Vintage Ports known for their rich complexity and superb aging potential. In 1890, Graham's acquired Quinta dos Malvedos, its flagship vineyard and one of the top sites in Portugal's Alto Douro Valley. The Symington Family acquired Graham's in 1970 and in 2000, pioneered the design of their robotic lagar at the Malvedos winery.

Japan Prestige Sakes

The Japan Prestige Sake Association was founded in Japan in 1975. Japan Prestige has gained a good reputation for their sakes because they are focused on working with traditional sake brewers who maintain the culture and tradition of Japanese sake. The smooth, deep flavor and rich variety of Japanese sake is now being appreciated around the world and Japan Prestige has helped contribute to this.

Jorge Ordonez

Jorge Ordonez imports Spain's biggest, deepest wine portfolio to America. He provides a balanced spectrum of what he believes to be the best of Spanish wine available in America across all price ranges. He draws from an astonishing portfolio - 13O wines from 4O wineries.

Cartlidge & Browne

Cartlidge & Browne Winery has over 1000 acres of prime vineyard property under contract from Santa Barbara to Mendocino; the Sonoma Coast to the Sierra Foothills. While all of these regions make their unique contributions to our California Appellation wines, there are a few special sites whose wines have qualities that just beg to be bottled on their own. These we offer as single vineyard wines. Since the release of our first wine, a 1980 Chardonnay, Cartlidge and Browne has won the hearts of consumers who appreciate premium quality wine at modest prices.

Chateau Montelena

In 1976 Chateau Montelena helped put California at the forefront of the wine world. That year a who's-who of the French wine and food establishment gathered for a grand tasting at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Paris. Chateau Montelena's 1973 Chardonnay, rated above all other wines. The results proved that they could produce some of the world's finest wines, and that California's wine industry had come of age.

Dashe Cellars

Dashe Cellars is known for its exceptional single vineyard zinfandels. As head winemaker, Michael applies traditional techniques including small lot fermentation, the use of indigenous yeasts, and little or no fining or filtration. In addition, Dashe Cellars utilizes 12 distinct small family coopers, with an emphasis on older French oak for its barrel program. During blending, Michael and Anne work side-by-side, sharing their experience and insights to achieve Dashe Cellars' sophisticated and engaging synthesis of French and American winemaking.

Far Niente

Founded in Oakville, California in 1885 and restored in 1979, Far Niente is consistently recognized as a benchmark producer of Napa Valley Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. A dedication to winemaking in its highest form, paired with a focus on house style, vineyard ownership and social responsibility, has established Far Niente as one of the world's great wine estates.

Flowers Vineyard & Winery

As the pioneers and visionaries of the extreme Sonoma Coast, Flowers Vineyard & Winery is committed to growing and crafting cool-climate wines that authentically express the unique character of their rugged and pristine appellation.

Foxen Vineyard

Bill Wathen and Dick Doré have been making wine together since 1985, when they founded Foxen Winery & Vineyard at the historic Rancho Tinaquaic in northern Santa Barbara County. ince that time, their dedication has remained the same—the creation of very small-production, vineyard-designated wines using a "minimalist" approach to winemaking.

Frog's Leap Winery

Frog's Leap believes that the great and historic wines of the world are made from traditionally farmed, non-irrigated vines. They dry-farm over 200 acres of certified organic vineyards and were among the first in the Napa Valley to become CCOF certified in 1988. The grapes are harvested at natural ripeness. They use the most traditional and hands-off approach to winemaking with the intention to craft wines that honor their terroir.

Grgich Hills Estate

Grgich Hills was founded in 1977 after Miljenko "Mike" Grgich won the famed 1976 Paris Wine Tasting when his Chardonnay won over all the top Burgundies. Today, Mike's accomplishments include total organic farming of all their vineyards, producing super-silky, sexy Cabernet Sauvignon, juicy, fruit driven Red Zinfandel, Loire Valley style Fume Blanc and world class Chardonnay. 2003 marks Mike Grgich's 53rd consecutive vintage in Napa Valley.

J Vineyards & Winery

Founded by Judy Jordan in 1986, J Vineyards & Winery began as a producer of critically-acclaimed sparkling wines. However, Judy, always curious and innovating, came to the realization that her vineyards would also be ideal for producing site-specific, cool-climate Russian River Valley varietal wines like Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Pinot Gris, as well as the highly lauded sparkling wines. Today they continue to build on Judy's 25 year legacy of excellence to bring you both award-winning sparkling wines as well as higly-lauded varietal wines.

Jordan Vineyard & Winery

Jordan Vineyard & Winery has been dedicated to Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and hospitality since its founding by Tom and Sally Jordan. Under the guidance of their son, John, Jordan continues to elevate its pursuit of excellence in every aspect of the business, striving to place in balance the complexities of winegrowing, the artistry of the cellar and the joys of the table.

Kistler Vineyards

Kistler Vineyards is a small, family established and privately owned and operated winery dedicated to the vinification of world class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir using old world Burgundian techniques applied to our new world vineyards. They have consistently bottled some of the finest new world examples of these two varietals for over 30 years.

Lewis Cellars

In 1992 Debbie and Randy Lewis established a small family winery in Napa Valley and were later joined by their son Dennis in 1999. Total production is approximately 9,000 cases annually of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. They are literally hands-on in every aspect of vineyard management, winemaking, sales and distribution, and we thrive on this challenge and the relationships we cultivate in the process. It is our continuing goal to create world-class wines.

Lot 205 Winery

These 100% California wines are sure to please everyone – from novice to connoisseur – and are perfect for everyday drinking, so sit back, relax and enjoy a taste of California.Manifesto!

Michaud Vineyard

“The ideal of the winemaker's craft is to make a wine that speaks of its origin, reflecting the soil, sun and grape varietal. It's a tribute to the countless elements that make up its composition. My passion is to produce wines that express the special qualities of the Chalone Appellation. It is a dry, mountainous region of Monterey County with a unique combination of soils and climate that have been recognized since the 1880s as being ideal for wine grapes. I do all of the winemaking and most of the farming myself. I enjoy getting my hands dirty and staying directly involved. It's the only way to be sure of quality.” -Michael Michaud

Molnar Family Vineyards

Tricycle Wine Company are producers of single-vineyard wines from Napa Valley and the North Coast. They grow their grapes in vineyards that they own and manage. They build their barrels from wood that they select from the forests of Tokaj. They crush in small batches, which is critical to their winemaking philosophy. Molnar Family wine was born to make cool-climate single-vineyard Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the very southern end of Napa Valley. Kazmer & Blaise is truly a handcrafted wine, and is a deeply personal rendition of the varietal.

Nickel & Nickel Winery

Founded in 1997 by the partners of Far Niente, Nickel & Nickel is devoted exclusively to producing 100 percent varietal, single-vineyard wines that best express the distinct personality of each vineyard. Along with the single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons, they also produce Chardonnay, Merlot, Zinfandel and Syrahs.

Ramey Wine Cellars

David Ramey is widely acknowledged to be among the wine pioneers whose efforts helped raise the bar for all American winemakers and brought California to the forefront of the international wine world. David's groundbreaking work with indigenous yeasts and malolactic and barrel fermentation yielded a new California style that was richer, more lush and silky smooth than previously known. As a result, he created a benchmark style now emulated by many.

Raymond Vineyards

For generations, Raymond Vineyards has been an integral part of the Napa Valley, with now five generations of viticultural and winemaking expertise. Their new winemaking team captures the essence of the past while infusing the energy of the future and the vibrancy of the next generation into each and every wine. "It is important to retain the core foundation that made this brand legendary in Napa Valley, while keeping the style fresh and relevant to today's wine drinkers" says Stephanie Putnam.

Robert Sinskey Vineyards

Rob Sinskey believes that the goals of making luxuriously elegant wines and farming with earth friendly methods are not mutually exclusive. Rather, he has found that caring for the land and conscientious business practices have helped to define the well-crafted wines of RSV. Over the past twenty years he has grown his 100% organic and biodynamic certified winegrowing operation to over 200 acres of premium vineyards in the Carneros and Stags Leap districts of Napa and Sonoma Valleys.

Shafer Vineyards

Doug Shafer became winemaker in 1983 after graduating from the University of California at Davis with a degree in enology and viticulture. A year later Elias Fernandez joined the winery as assistant winemaker. Together Doug and Elias have worked closely to forge the Shafer style of quality, consistency and elegance. The first Shafer Cabernet

became a benchmark, winning the acclaimed San Francisco Vintners Club taste-off upon release and, over a decade later taking first place in an international blind tasting held in Germany, where it outranked such wines as Chateau Margaux, Chateau Latour and Chateau Palmer.

Talley Vineyards/ Bishop's Peak

The Talley Vineyards label is dedicated to the production of estate grown chardonnay and pinot noir produced entirely from our six vineyards in the Edna and Arroyo Grande Valleys. Bishop's Peak Wines are handcrafted by Talley Vineyards to capture the unique diversity of the larger Central Coast region. Some of these grapes are grown in our own vineyards while others are purchased from growers who share our commitment to quality.

Testarossa Vineyards

Testarossa Vineyards, located in the historic Novitiate of Los Gatos was founded in 1993 by the husband and wife team of Rob and Diana Jensen. The name Testarossa (Italian for "red-head") was a nickname given to Rob when he was a young university student studying in Italy. Since 1994, over 77 Testarossa wines have been awarded 90+ scores by the top trade publications. They are the only winery to have both a Top 5 Chardonnay and a Top 5 Pinot Noir in both the 2000 and 2001 Wine Spectator's Annual Review Issues.

ZD Wines

ZD's hands on approach to both grape growing and winemaking result in lush, structured wines reflective of the care with which they were crafted. A distinctive style developed over 42 years has resulted in both National and International acclaim. ZD's Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon in the last five years have received 373 medals, 108 of which were Gold Medals with 17 Double Gold and 8 Best of Class. They have also graced the tables of U.S. Presidents and three times won the coveted Decanter Award in London.

Soter Vineyards

At its core, Soter Vineyards is the culmination of many years of study and preparation. Ever since he came to the Napa Valley in 1975, Tony Soter has been fascinated with the process of grape growing and winemaking. He brings to Soter Vineyards the experience of over 30 harvests, the erudition and attention to detail reflected in countless wines, and most importantly, the desire to make great wines from very specific places on his own terms. A symphony, half a lifetime in meticulous composition, is now in performance.

Charles Smith Wines

First there was K Vintners, then the Magnificent Wine Company and now winemaker Charles Smith brings you his latest revelation. Charles Smith Wines: The Modernist Project is a response to how people generally consume wine

today, that is immediately…as in immediately after being purchased at a market, restaurant or bar, to be drunk straight away. Wine in this category is typically ether simple, or is a wine that would be much better a few years down the road. 'Modernist Project' wines are about putting as much into the bottle as possible. The intent is to create wines to be enjoyed now, but with typicity with regards to variety—that is merlot that tastes like merlot—and to the vineyard—wine that tastes like where it was grown. The wines are full of flavor, balanced, and true to their place of origin.

Pepper Bridge Winery

At Pepper Bridge, a family-owned estate winery, their mission is to make ultra-premium, world-class Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot wines that showcase their Walla Walla Valley estate vineyards. These vineyards, Pepper Bridge Vineyard and Seven Hills Vineyard, are recognized as two of the best — not only in the appellation — but also in the state. In these vineyards, they practice sustainable viticulture, remaining committed to the long-term viability of the winemaking industry in the Walla Walla Valley.

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