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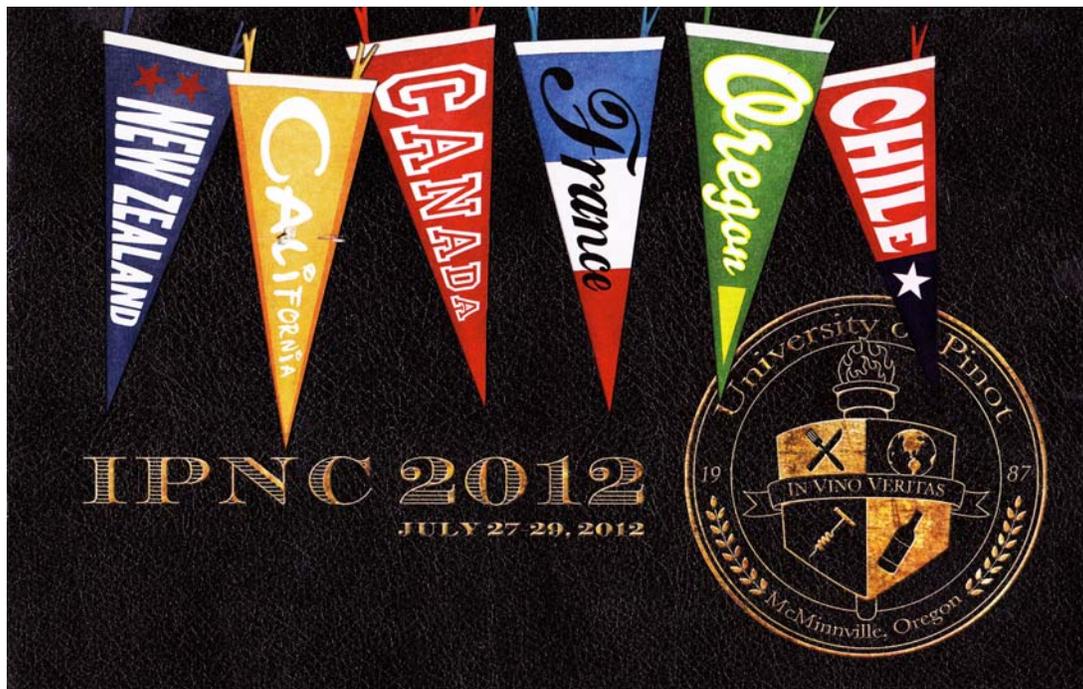
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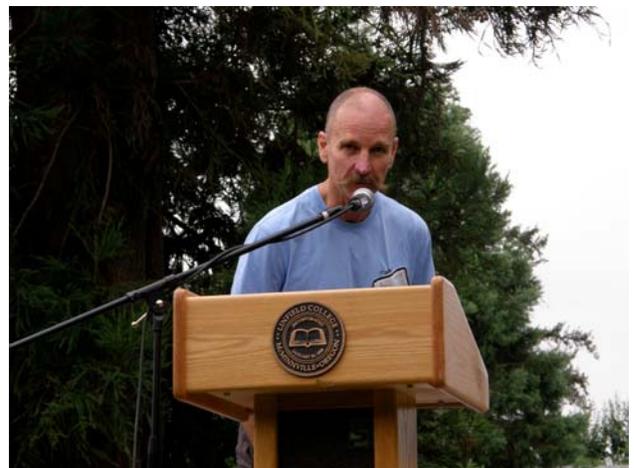
IPNC 2012: Pinot Summer School in McMinnville, Oregon

I recently enrolled in the University of Pinot at the Twenty-Sixth Annual International Pinot Noir Celebration (IPNC) to obtain my continuing education in living well. Every year, a diverse group of attendees that includes pinotphiles, gourmands, sommeliers, winemakers, winegrowers, winery owners, retailers, wine critics, and wine writers converge on the campus of Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, fueled with an unabated spirit of camaraderie, to revel together in their love for their "Go-Go Juice": Pinot Noir.



The first IPNC was held in 1987 when a group of Oregon winegrowers and winemakers gathered to figure out a way to promote Oregon wine. Since then, the IPNC has brought over 14,000 wine lovers from around the world to McMinnville. For 2012, approximately 700 attendees were registered and another 550 guests attended the IPNC's Sunday afternoon Walkabout at the end of the weekend.

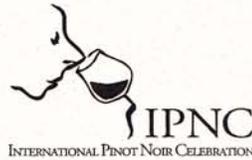
IPNC has hosted 190 winemakers from France, 39 from New Zealand, 19 from Australia, and several from Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Canada, Chile, Austria, and South Africa, and one each from Argentina, England, Israel and Spain for a total of 302 foreign wineries. The emphasis is always on quality (wineries must submit their wines for acceptance) and stylistic diversity, with many new winery faces appearing each year. Some of this year's winemakers included (pictured below upper left to lower right): Erin Nuccio (Evesham Wood), Ed Kurtzman (Freeman Vineyards & Winery), Michael McNeil (Hanzell Vineyards), Tony Rynders (Cornerstone Oregon), Byron Kosuge (B. Kosuge Wines), Elizabeth Grant-Douglas (La Crema), Blair Walter (Felton Road, New Zealand), Rollin Soles (ROCO), Caroll Kemp and Peter Willmert (Red Car Vineyards), Laurent Montalieu (Hyland Estates), Byron Dooley (Luminous Hills), Michael Richmond and Andrew Brooks (Bouchaine Vineyards), Thomas Houseman (Anne Amie) and Alexandrine Roy (Domaine Marc Roy, Burgundy).





There is no judging of wines at IPNC. It is a pure celebration of Pinot Noir, offering the Pinot Noir enthusiast the opportunity to discover new producers and rub shoulders with established winemakers of repute that they may have only read about. Winemakers, winegrowers, winery owners, and winery representatives as a group outnumber consumers. A full listing of the participants which included wineries from Oregon (36), California (16), Burgundy (10), New Zealand (5), Canada (1), and Chile (1), is on the IPNC website at www.ipnc.org.

The IPNC is truly unique among Pinot Noir festivals in that the food rivals the wine. The meals are creative, original, fresh, and made with local artisan farm-to-table ingredients. The Northwest is blessed with a group of outstanding chefs and 72 of them participated as Featured Chefs along with an extensive kitchen support team. Menus from the on-campus Alfresco Lunch and the Wine Country Lunch at Trisaetum Winery & Vineyards that I attended are below:



**Oregon Wine Country Lunch
TRISAETUM
Friday, July 27, 2012**

Guest Chef

Sunny Jin, *JORY at The Allison Inn & Spa*
Newberg, Oregon

Reception

oregon albacore poke, sesame lavosh, pickled ginger,
avocado coulis, cilantro
garden beet gazpacho, compressed cucumbers, mint
rabbit liver mousse, red onion marmalade, brioche, chervil
Trisaetum Riesling 2011, Ribbon Ridge Estate, Ribbon Ridge

Lunch

summer melon salad, candied walnuts, yogurt,
endive, watercress, basil gastrique
Trisaetum Dry Riesling 2011, Ribbon Ridge Estate, Ribbon Ridge

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persillade crusted salmon, grilled jory onions,
mascarpone polenta, allium salad, wildflower honey-dijon emulsion
Trisaetum Pinot noir Nuit Blanche 2010, Willamette Valley

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heritage pork loin, summer bean cassoulet,
sweet corn pudding, lovage oil
Trisaetum Pinot noir 2010, Ribbon Ridge Estate, Ribbon Ridge

Pinot noir from guest wineries

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lemon-ginger shortcake, vanilla poached blueberries, almonds,
Javari chocolate-chèvre ganache, whipped crème fraîche

Stumptown Coffee Roasters
Honduras Finca El Puente

Smith Tea

Hosts

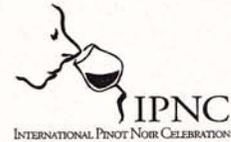
Andrea & James Frey, *Trisaetum*

Maitres d'Hôtel

Ken Bolick, *JORY at The Allison Inn & Spa*
Newberg, Oregon
Vanessa Treviño Boyd, *Phillipe Restaurant*
Houston, Texas

Water compliments of
Acqua Panna and *San Pellegrino*

Coffee provided by
Stumptown Coffee Roasters
Tea courtesy of
Smith Tea



**Alfresco Lunch
Saturday, July 28, 2012**

GUEST CHEFS

Jason Franey
Canlis
Seattle, Washington

Michael Stanton
The Heathman Restaurant & Bar
Portland, Oregon

David Briggs
Xocolatl de David
Portland, Oregon

Smoked Oregon black cod
with compressed peaches, lobster and peach vinaigrette
and smoked steelhead roe

Pearl Bakery ciabatta rolls,
Oregon Olive Mill IPNC blend olive oil

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Magret duck leg confit and roasted breast,
Oregon berry glaze, couscous and arugula salad,
Oregon berry compote

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Chocolate panna cotta, watermelon soda,
mint and chile

Stumptown Coffee Roasters
Guatemala Finca El Injerito Bourbon

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There were 38 *maîtres d'hôtel* pouring wines, which flowed like water throughout the event. My approximate tally at the end of IPNC indicated I had sampled 216 Pinot Noirs and 256 wines in total over the course of the three day event.



Traditionally, the sommeliers are dressed in formal attire during the event, but on Sunday they put their inhibitions aside and dress crazily for the morning brunch. This year, the theme was Roman togas:



When the event concluded on Sunday, the sommeliers were able to finally relax and frolic:



The highlights of the IPNC seminars that I attended will be presented in the next section. A number of other activities add to the *joie de vivre* of IPNC. Each day begins with Breakfast on the Patio where Oregon's legendary raspberries, blackberries, marionberries and blueberries are served along with decadent pastries and a number of savory items. Coffee and coffee drinks are poured all day long by Stumptown Coffee Roasters.



Each attendee enjoys a Vineyard Tour and Winery Lunch at assigned wineries. After a bus ride through the countryside, guests are given a tour of the vineyard and winery, shown a short video of the winemaker's steps during harvest, offered insight into the winemaking techniques of several participating winemakers, followed by a tasting of an array of wines paired with a multi-course meal crafted by one of the event's guest chefs (see lunch menu above). I attended the tour and lunch at **Trisaetum Winery & Vineyards** in the Ribbon Ridge appellation of the Willamette Valley.

Orange County, California transplants, Andrea and James Frey, acquired a cattle ranch in the foothills of the Coast Range outside McMinnville in 2003. Two years later, they planted 22 acres of Pinot Noir and Riesling. They subsequently added another 28 acres of Pinot Noir and Riesling near Newberg on Ribbon Ridge near neighbors Beaux Frères and Brick House. They built a magnificent winery, dramatically lit underground barrel-storage caves, and a 1,500-square-foot gallery to display James' artwork. They named their winery Trisaetum, a Latinized version of the names of their son, Tristan, and daughter, Tatum. The winery offers six bottlings of Pinot Noir and six different Rieslings, vinified by James and co-winemaker Greg McClellan. James is shown in the photo below discussing the soils at Trisaetum vineyards. The winery's website is www.trisaetum.com. Pinot Noirs at the lunch:



2010 Trisaetum Coast Range Estate Pinot Noir 13.2% alc., 300 cases, \$55. *Opens reluctantly in the glass revealing shy fruit and a green, oaky edge. Lean flavors of strawberries and cherries backed by very bright acidity. The fruit-driven finish drops off quickly, leaving a healthy cut of acidity in its wake. Lacks ripeness and concentration. Decent.*

2010 Cornerstone Willamette Valley Pinot Noir Unreleased. Five vineyard sources. Vinified by Tony Rynders. *Pleasingly fruity on the nose, featuring red and blue fruits on the palate with a good grip of spice. Plenty to like here because of the wine's appealing finesse, balance, and length of finish. A classic cool climate Pinot Noir. Very good.*

2009 Robert Sinskey Three Amigos Vineyard Carneros Pinot Noir 13.5% alc., \$38. Planted over 29 years ago with heirloom selections and French clones. *Appealing perfume of ripe, dark red berries, fading a bit over*

time in the glass, revealing a whiff of heat. Intense and full-bodied on the palate with notes of earth and mushroom, and possessing impressive finishing power. A little sweet, finishing with a bit of warmth. Good.

2007 Boedecker Cellars Carlton Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir Spent 20 months in seasoned oak and racked into neutral barrels and aged off the lees for another 9 months. *Very pretty nose offering scents of fresh dark red raspberries and strawberries with a hint of tobacco. Very soft in the mouth, with delicious flavors of plum and berries, lifted by bright acidity. The 2007 vintage was very underrated in Oregon and many wines, such as this one, are great now. Very good.*

Alfresco Tastings are held Friday and Saturday in the late afternoon and this year offered Pinot Noir from the 2009 and 2010 vintages. This is an opportunity to meet favorite winemakers, discuss vintages, and renew old friendships. Some wines that stood out for me will be presented later in this issue.

The Saturday night Northwest Salmon Bake is a long-standing tradition at IPNC, and has been called, "The most entertaining meal at any wine event in the world." Over 1,000 people attended this year. Held in a lantern-lit oak grove on the Linfield College campus, wild salmon is cooked native northwest style on wood stakes over a 60' by 15' fire pit fueled by fir and alder. Many volunteers from the Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce cook the succulent Neah Bay Chinook salmon for guests. A photo of the salmon cooking and the extensive buffet menu follow. This is a no-holds-barred opportunity for pinotphiles to bring their best stuff to share and as you wonder among the tables, it is remarkable to see the incredible array of wines, most of which you can taste simply by asking.



Sweets

Chocolate raspberry cupcakes
with white chocolate cream cheese frosting

Coconut sticky rice with blackberry coulis

Mixed berry cobbler

Cherry jubilee floats

Peach Melba floats

Nectarine whiskey pie pops

Lemon lavender blueberry tarts

Blue cheese hazelnut plum strudel

Goat cheese panna cotta
with Remy Beneficio poached peaches

Mexican chocolate cream puffs drizzled
with sea salt caramel

Red velvet cake

Almond apricot vol au vent

Walnut coffee whoopie pies

Oregon cheese board,
crackers and housemade flatbread

Beverage Tents

Stumptown Coffee Roasters
Guatemala Finca El Injerto Bourbon
HOTLIPS natural fruit sodas
Smith Tea

Beer Tent

Golden Valley Brewing Carlton Kölsch
Heater Allen Brewing Pils

Carving Stations

Fire roasted Neah Bay Chinook salmon
with celery root and Red Ridge Farms Estate
Arbequina Olive Oil gremolata

Grilled Piedmontese bavette steak
with blistered Viridian Farms Padrón peppers,
cherry tomatoes & mint

Grilled Carlton Farms' pork loin
with Baird Family Farms peach mostarda

Buffets

Blue Bird Farms farro tossed
with oil cured Moroccan olives,
heirloom cherry tomatoes, red onions,
Black Sheep Creamery feta cheese & sauce vert

Seasonal organic beans tossed
with candied Evonuk Oregon hazelnuts,
caramelized onions & hazelnut vinaigrette

Tim Gilmore greens
with grilled nectarines, apricots & peaches,
Briar Rose goat cheese
and Oregon Pinot noir vinaigrette

Roasted Chioggia beets
with baby spinach, baby rainbow carrots
and Rogue River blue cheese,
Oregon Olive Mill Koroneiki oil

Shelling bean ragout
with wild mushrooms and sweet peppers

Beluga lentil salad
with roasted fennel, lemon cucumbers
and fines herbes

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Acqua Panna & San Pellegrino
Carlton Farms
Golden Valley Brewery
Heater Allen Brewing
HOTLIPS Soda
Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission
Smith Tea
Stumptown Coffee Roasters

A featured afternoon activity was the screening of 'A Year in Burgundy.' The first-ever showing of the new documentary film featured longtime IPNC friend Martine Saunier as the film's guide. The filmmakers traveled to Burgundy in each season of 2011 following the activities of seven of the region's most respected winemaking families including Domaine Leroy, Domaine Perrot-Minot, Domaine Morey-Coffinet, Domaine Brune Clavelier, Domaine Mortet, Domaine Michel Gay & Fils, and Dominique Cornin. The filmmakers managed to capture the crises and triumphs during the dramatic growing season of 2011; a year that went into the bottle and onto film. The film is currently in post-production by Director/Producer David Kennard, with a 90-minute theatrical version available in late 2012. Visit www.ayearinburgundy.com to view the trailer and for more information.

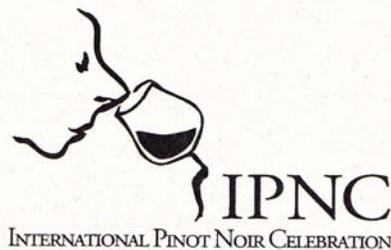


Oregon's wine history is being documented at Linfield College as part of the Oregon Wine History Archive, housed in the Jereld R. Nicholson Library. The Archive was given a recent boost by an \$8,000 Cultural Development Grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust. The Archive's collection of photographs and documents that trace the history of the Oregon wine industry and the International Pinot Noir Celebration, was open to attendees at this year's IPNC. In 2011, pioneers of the early Oregon wine industry committed their collections to Linfield College. The archive contains materials from Adelsheim Vineyard, Erath Winery, The Eyrie Vineyards, Ponzi Vineyards, Amity Vineyards, Sokol Blosser Winery and Weber Vineyard. For more information, visit www.linfield.edu. Two archival photos are below. The first photo taken in 1970 is Dick Ponzi and daughter Luisa, who is the current winemaker at Ponzi Vineyards, and the second photo taken in 1983 is of a group of Yamhill County winemakers. How many can you identify?





The Sunday afternoon Walkabout is not part of the regular IPNC program but is very popular with the local wine-loving community with upward of 500 consumers attending. It is a “pocket version” of the three-day IPNC weekend and is Oregon’s largest outdoor tasting of domestic and international Pinot Noir. All 70 of the winery participants from the regular three-day IPNC weekend pour their wines, with a split into two tasting sessions, offering a break in the middle to introduce the winemakers. I often attend as I did this year because it offers a chance to taste wines that I did not get to sample during the three-day regular IPNC event. The array of artisan foods are a compliment to the Pinot Noirs as indicated by the menu on the next page:



WALKABOUT

Sunday, July 29, 2012

Pouring 2 – 3:30

ADEA Wine Company
Alexana Winery
Maison Ambroise
Averill Creek
Bethel Heights Vineyard
Boedecker Cellars
Bouchaine Vineyards
Brittan Vineyards
Brooks Wines
Capitello Wines
Domaine Charles Audoin
Chehalem
Cornerstone Oregon
Craggy Range
Cristom Vineyards
Dobbes Family Estate Winery
Et Fille Wines
Domaine Fanny Sabre
Freeman Vineyard & Winery
Hamacher Wines
Hanzell Vineyards
Hyland Estates
Illahe Vineyards
La Follette
Lange Estate Winery
Domaine Lécheneaut
Lincourt Vineyards
Domaine Marc Roy
Quails' Gate Winery
R. Stuart & Co.
Scott Paul Wines
Sincann
Stoller
Tyece Wine Cellars

Pouring 4 – 5:30

Alloro Vineyard
Anne Amie Vineyards
Archery Summit
Ata Rangi
B. Kosuge Wines
Bergström Wines
Broadley Vineyards
Chamisal Vineyards
Cloudy Bay
Colene Clemens Vineyards
Domaine Serene
En Route
Evesham Wood Vineyard & Winery
Felton Road
Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair
Ghost Hill Cellars
Handley Vineyards
Domaine Huber Verdereau
J Vineyards & Winery
Kingston Family Vineyards
La Crema
Luminous Hills
Panther Creek Cellars
Patricia Green Cellars
Domaine Pavelot
Peay Vineyards
Quartz Reef
Ransom Wine Co.
Red Car Vineyards
REX HILL
Robert Sinskey Vineyards
ROCO Winery
Talley Vineyards

**Eric Joppie, Bar Avignon
Portland, Oregon**

Chilled cherry and spiced Pinot noir soup,
crème fraîche, brioche croutons

Cherry wood grilled Astoria octopus, oregano-scallion salsa verde

**Patrick Fleming & Brannon Ricci, Boke Bowl
Portland, Oregon**

Assorted Boke pickles

Carrots, cucumbers, fennel, green papaya, soy shiitakes, kimchi

Boke salad

Broccoli, cauliflower, house tofu, mango and Thai vinaigrette

Grilled house tofu with vegan relish

Miso cured pork belly with "orange dot sauce"

Grilled rice cakes

Miso butterscotch twinkies

**Chris Flanagan, Dundee Bistro
Dundee, Oregon**

Gougères with herbed Briar Rose chèvre and Fino in Fondo tartufo

Heirloom cucumber gazpacho
with tomato confit, crème fraîche and mint

**Ashley & Ethan Bisagna, Feastworks
Portland, Oregon**

"Liver & pastrami on rye"

Chicken liver mousse, beef tongue pastrami
and Chelan cherry mustard on rye toasts

Italian rainbow cookies

**HOTLIPS Soda
Portland, Oregon**

Oregon Pinot noir soda and Oregon fruit sodas

**Pierre Kolisch, Juniper Grove Farm
Redmond, Oregon**

Chèvre with fines herbes and borage flowers on toasted baguette

**Ken Forkish, Ken's Artisan Bakery
Portland, Oregon**

Cannelés with vanilla ice cream and Oregon berries
Ken's Bread

**David Rosales, La Capitale Brasserie
Salem, Oregon**

Pork belly-polenta skewers with roasted plums
Heirloom new potato fries and Padrón peppers with aioli

**Timothy Hodges, La Rambla
McMinnville, Oregon**

Cured ahi tuna with pickled figs
Chilled cucumber almond soup with piquillo peppers

**John Stewart, Meat Cheese Bread
Portland, Oregon**

Pork loin sandwiches
with pickled carrots, greens and mustard vinaigrette

Heirloom tomato gazpacho

**Greg Denton, Ox
Portland, Oregon**

Open-faced empañada
with porcini-infused ricotta and pickled porcini chimichurri

Smoked beef tenderloin
with grilled radicchio, cherry mostarda and truffled pistachio

**Keena Tallman & Shane Chapman, PBJs
Portland, Oregon**

Hot Hood

Challah bread, black cherry jam, roasted jalapeno,
apple wood smoked bacon, and PBj's peanut butter

Oregonian
Challah bread, Marionberry jam,
Rogue Creamery blue cheese,
Oregon hazelnut butter

**Laurie Furch, Red Fox Bakery
McMinnville, Oregon**

French buckwheat cakes
French-style macaroons
Lulu's macaroons

**Fred Carlo, Salumeria di Carlo
Dundee, Oregon**

Spicy southern-style Italian sausage
Sweet northern-style Italian sausage
Grilled peppers and onions

**Steve Smith, Smith Tea
Portland, Oregon**

Infused iced teas

**Fernando & Marlene Divina, Terrate Kitchen
Lake Oswego, Oregon**

Ancient Lakes bean hummus with organic camelina oil
Sun-dried tomato tapenade
Goat's milk cheese with roasted heirloom garlic and herbs
Anise-cummar & stone-milled corn crackers

Black Sheep Creamery sheep's milk cheese with a compote of
cultivated and wild Oregon berries in wild flower honey

**Elizabeth Beckley, Two Tarts Bakery
Portland, Oregon**

Two Tarts cookie assortment

Highlights of the Pinot University Seminars at IPNC

Grand Seminar: Study Abroad in Burgundy with Allen Meadows

Panelists

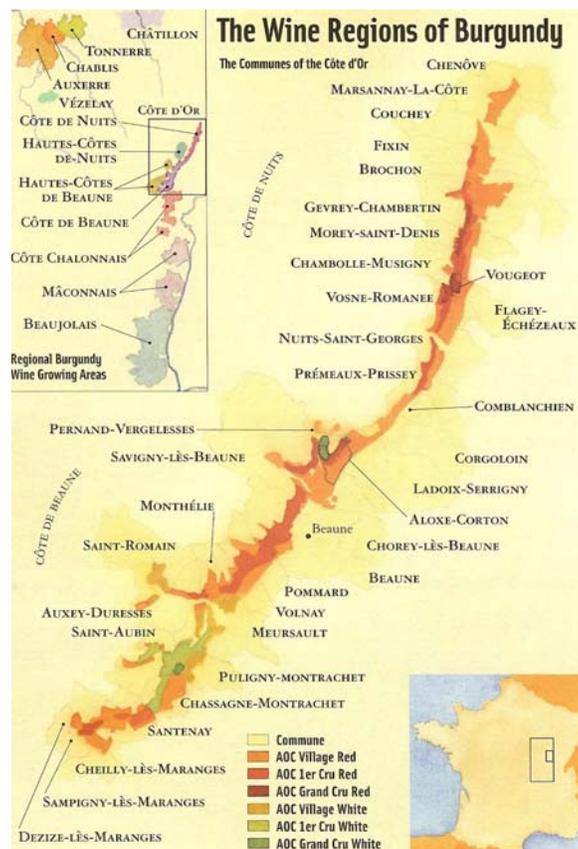
Bertrand Ambroise, Maison Ambroise
Grégory Gouges, Domaine Henri Gouges
Jacques Lardière, Maison Louis Jadot
Vincent & Phillipe Lécheneaut, Domaine Lécheneaut

Moderator Allen Meadows spoke about the history of Burgundy and how it evolved through the years to its present state. He led a discussion with the vigneron panelists on a walk through the Côte de Nuits, specifically the vineyards of Chambolle-Musigny, Echézeaux, Gevrey-Chambertin, and Nuits-Saint-Georges. I recorded the seminar so look for it on the Burghound's website and a future Grape Radio show.

Allen is a captivating speaker, offering concise, well-worded and pertinent information, presented with a direct eye to the audience, with no reliance on notes. His French-to-English translations are adept, accurate and instant, a rare talent that keeps the seminar on track.

I highly recommend you listed to this seminar if you are at all interested or even knowledgeable about Burgundy for there is much to learn. I have summarized a few salient points here.

* Burgundy is very small in acreage: only 25,000 acres total in the Côte d'Or, but containing a vast number of vineyards and domaines. Allen spends about 6 months a year in Burgundy visiting about 300 domaines which is barely 10% of the total number in the Côte d'Or.



- * The Côte d'Or is a series of hills that vary greatly in exposure, drainage and soil type, and minor differences make significant differences in the region's vineyard hierarchy.
- * Burgundy is incredibly complex, with over 1,600 different climats. Allen likens it to a Russian doll, where each time a doll is opened, another one appears inside without end. He has been going to Burgundy for over 30 years, and each day he spends there, he learns at least ten new things. He admits that he will never know it all.
- * Burgundy is the way it is today because of four developments:
 - (1) Burgundy was developed by educated religious fanatics. The transparency of Pinot Noir caused the monks to take notice of different terroirs, noting small differences among the various vineyards. They interpreted this as a message from God and found it worthy of note and celebration. This is a very key realization. Eventually the vineyards were thoroughly delimited or mapped out. Typically, soil changes were observed in very short spaces that accounted for differences in the wines made from adjacent or nearby vineyards.
 - (2) The Napoleonic Code established in 1884 dictated that all siblings would receive an equal share of their parent's estate. This led to a vast mosaic of vineyard holdings.
 - (3) Phylloxera and the railroads. Phylloxera wiped out the vineyards in Burgundy and the Burgundians were stubborn initially, refusing to graft over their vines onto American rootstock. There was still a demand for Burgundy and the négociants satisfied this demand by bringing in wine from Southern France and Northern Africa via inexpensive railroad transportation and selling it fraudulently as Burgundy. Southern France was less impacted by the devastation of phylloxera because they were quick to graft over their vines onto American rootstock and thus became a ready source of large amounts of wine. The négociants threatened the vineyard hierarchy in Burgundy and a civil war of sorts broke out with small winegrowers. A revolt ensued led by notable Burgundians including Henri Gouge and Marquis de'Angerville, who began selling their wines themselves. They were quickly blackballed by the négociants. Slowly over the next 20 years, the notion became widespread in Burgundy that the domaine owners must protect their wines from fraud: if the wine said Richebourg, it had to contain Richebourg and nothing else.
 - (4) The AOC system was established in 1935. Very slowly Burgundians learned the art of élevage and bottling. Négociants were victims of the oil crisis and reduced their purchase of significant amounts of Burgundy. It then became a matter of "sink or swim" for Burgundy domaines. Commercial quality bottlers appeared and eventually, by 1973, a large number of domaines bottled their wines at the domaine. The modern face of Burgundy can be dated to only 35 years ago.



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Comments about the four wine regions discussed in this seminar and the tasting notes:

Chambolle-Musigny The wines show early accessibility. They are the most feminine wines in the Côte d'Or, yet have extraordinary longevity. The wines can stay at their peak for decades.

2008 Domaine Lécheneaut Chambolle-Musigny Approximate retail \$49. From six different parcels in Chambolle-Musigny. Aged 18 months in 40% new French oak. *Red fruits are featured, particularly strawberry, with a flourish of spice. Will continue to improve in the bottle.*

2008 Domaine Lécheneaut Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Approximate retail \$70. A blend of two vineyards. Aged 18 months in 75% new French oak, otherwise vinified identically to the Chambolle-Musigny. *A clear step up in quality. More aromatic featuring deep red fruits and spice, mild tannins, and some length on the finish. An impressive wine.*

Nuits-Saint-Georges 40 1er crus, no grands crus. Numerous clos (enclosed by wall) and monopole (one owner) vineyards. Vignerons are trying to make the wines softer and more accessible, yet capable of aging a long time. The wines are typically ready in 10-15 years now.

2006 Domaine Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Pruliers Approximate retail \$65. *Dark red berry fruits, fully structured with moderately rough hewn tannins, finishing very dry and slightly astringent. Delicious.*

2007 Domaine Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Clos des Porrets Saint-Georges Approximate retail \$55. *Moderately rich core of sweet dark red berries wrapped in mildly firm, dry tannins, showing a hint of oak, finishing amazingly strong and persistent.*

Echézeaux 11 different climats. One of largest grands crus in Burgundy. Terroir varies greatly within the vineyard. Wines tend to be “sneaky,” that is, they seem to go away and then come back.

2008 Maison Ambroise Echézeaux Grand Cru Approximate retail \$110. Aged 18 months in 100% new French oak. Unfined and unfiltered. Surprisingly good vintage for this wine. *Nicely perfumed with notes of black cherries, rose petals and spice, finishing with intense dark fruits. Full-bodied with firm tannins and impressive length. Quite approachable.*

2010 Maison Ambroise Echézeaux Grand Cru Approximate retail \$200. Aged 18 months in 100% new French oak. Unfined and unfiltered. *Bright aromas of ripe black cherries. Richly endowed with excellent minerality and tension, less tannin than in 2008, finishing long and classy. A great wine in the wings.*

Gevrey-Chambertin Contains 9 of the 24 grands crus in the Côte de Nuits. The wines are rich, firm and concentrated, masculine in character in contrast to the feminine nature of wines from Chambolle-Musigny.

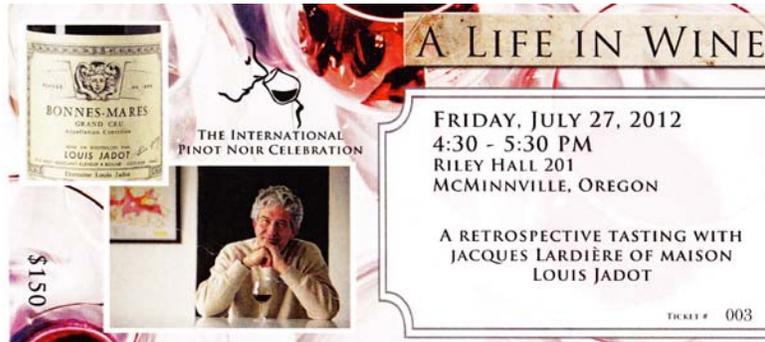
2001 Maison Louis Jadot Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru *Dark fruited with plenty of juicy plum and blackberry fruit, wrapped in muscular tannins. A savory wine that is still years away before the fruit will fully emerge from its tannic cloak.*



2006 Maison Louis Jadot Clos St-Jacques 1er Cru Approx retail \$110-135. 5 owners (Rousseau, Sylvia Esmonin, Bruno Clair, Domaine Fourrier and Jadot). Clearly above all other 1er cru vineyards in Gevrey-Chambertin and many feel deserving of grands cru status. *Rough and rustic at this stage and not very giving aromatically. Medium depth of sweet, dark red fruits with noticeable oak. Needs another ten years at least.*

Seminar: A Life in Wine: A Retrospective Tasting with Jacques Lardière

Host: Alder Yarrow



Born in 1948 in Vendée, France, Jacques Lardière decided as a youngster to become a winemaker. He graduated with distinction from the school of Viticulture and Oenology of Alentours, in Mâcon, and pursued research in the biology of aromas and bacteria under Professor Brechot of the Pasteur Institute and Jules Chauvet who was worked his whole life on aromatic identification. In 1970, Jacques Lardière joined **Maison Louis Jadot** in the capacity of assistant oenologist under Mr. André Gagey, then Managing Director. He was appointed Technical Director in 1980 and became respected as one of France's most brilliant, passionate and inspired winemakers, and one of the preeminent figures in Burgundy. After 42 years, he is retiring from Maison Louis Jadot.

During this seminar, Jacques Lardière spoke more of passion and obscure forces which shape terroir than specifics of his wines. With arms constantly in motion and possessed by unbridled enthusiasm, it matters little that one cannot understand much of what he says. His Français is utterly charming and with his repetitive mantra of, "You see, it is important," one cannot help but to be mesmerized. I was so enthralled by Mr. Lardière, I failed to record tasting notes. Suffice it to say, it was an incredible lineup of wines with all the wines showing terroir-specific character.



Jacques Lardière brought a number of wines from Jadot's library for this tasting:

1989 Maison Louis Jadot Bonnes Mares Grand Cru

1991 Maison Louis Jadot Gevrey-Chambertin Clos St-Jacques 1er Cru

2001 Maison Louis Jadot Beaune Clos des Ursules 1er Cru

2002 Maison Louis Jadot Volnay Clos de la Barre 1er Cru

2004 Maison Louis Jadot Chambolle-Musigny Les Baudes 1er Cru

2005 Maison Louis Jadot Savigny Les Beaune Clos des Guettes 1er Cru

Seminar: Icons of the New World: The Pinots of Hanzell & Adelsheim

Panelists

David Adelsheim, Founder and President, Adelsheim Vineyard

Michael McNeil, Winemaker, Hanzell Vineyards

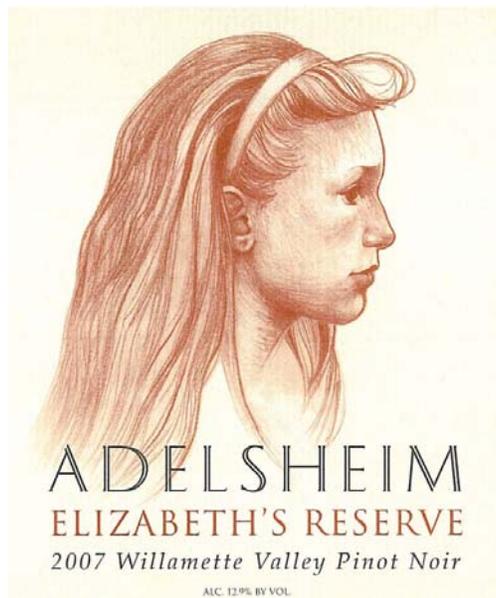
Host

John Haeger

David and Ginny Adelsheim dreamed of planting a vineyard in Oregon after returning from a summer in 1969 in Europe. In 1971 they acquired a field in the Chehalem Mountains in what was at the time an unproven viticultural area and **Adelsheim Vineyard** was born. The following year, they planted 15 acres of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Riesling using the assistance of friends and family. The vineyard was named Quarter Mile Lane. David knew nothing about winemaking initially and spent a year with David Lett and a year in Burgundy to learn the craft. The first commercial release of 1,300 cases of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Gris was 1978, produced from purchased grapes. It wasn't until 1981 that the first estate wines appeared from the 1979 vintage. The initial winery was established in 1982 adjacent the Adelsheim's home. A 19-acre site was leased across the road from the original estate vineyard at Quarter Mile Lane in 1989 and became known as Bryan Creek Vineyard. Co-owners Jack and Lynn Loacker joined Adelsheim Vineyard in 1994, and began planting a 120-acre site on Ribbon Ridge known as Ribbon Springs Vineyard, the source of much of the winery's Pinot Noir since 1998. A modern winery with underground barrel storage was built at the 52-acre site known as Calkins Lane Vineyard in 1997, and an extensive addition was completed in 2008. Today, the Adelsheim Vineyard estate encompasses 190 acres.

David Adelsheim remains an iconic figure in Oregon wine and has participated as a respected spokesperson on important issues in the Oregon wine industry over the years. He is considered one of the true pioneers of Oregon wine along with Richard Sommer, Charles Coury, David Lett (who was a close friend of Adelsheim's), Dick Erath, and Richard Ponzi. Unlike all the other pioneers who came from California, Adelsheim grew up in Portland. He remains quiet and unassuming (he considers himself a latecomer and not in the lofty category of the original pioneers), with a charming sense of humor which belies his considerable achievements. When I have a question about Oregon wine and viticulture, David always has the answer and is uncommonly patient and generous with his vast store of information. (See an early photo of a bearded David Adelsheim in the archival photo above: he is kneeling in the lower right).

David Paige has been the winemaker since September of 2001, and Chad Vargas has been the viticulturist since 2006. The winery's labels have recently undergone modernization.

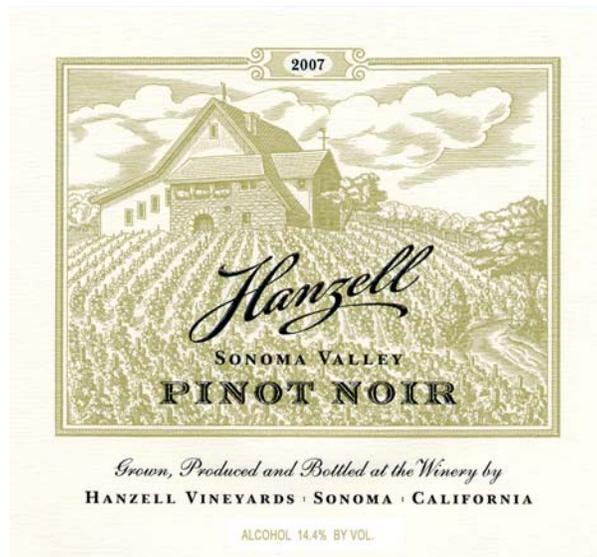


Hanzell Vineyards was one of California's first boutique wine estates. Diplomat and president of Crown Zellerbach, James D. Zellerbach, and his wife, Hana, became fond of Burgundy wines when he served as an American ambassador to Italy. The couple purchased land on Sonoma Mountain just one mile north of Sonoma Plaza and built a winery of redwood and local stone fashioned after Burgundy's Clos de Vougeot. They planted their first vines in 1953: Chardonnay (Wente clone) and Pinot Noir (Martin Ray clone). The Martin Ray material was reputedly from a clandestine late night raid on a Napa Valley vineyard by Hanzell's initial winemaker, Brad Webb. Over the years, the vines have mutated and new vines propagated from them have created a distinct Hanzell selection. The Ambassador's Vineyard, planted in 1953, is the oldest continually producing vineyard of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in North America.

Winemaking at Hanzell was Burgundian from the beginning and Zellerbach was among the first in California to use French oak barrels. In addition, Zellerbach designed the first temperature-controlled stainless steel fermentation tanks. He was also the first to use nitrogen in bottling. Small amounts of wine were sold starting in 1957, but 1965 was the first full-scale commercial vintage.

Bob Sessions followed Brad Webb and was the general manager and winemaker at Hanzell for 33 years. He retired in 2005, was briefly replaced by Michael Terrien, who was followed by the current winemaker, Michael McNeill. Despite winemaker changes, the house style has remained constant.

Today, Hanzell Vineyards consists of 46 acres, producing 4,500 cases of 100% estate-bottled wine from the estate vineyards. For the past 30 years, Alexander de Brie has owned Hanzell. The Chardonnays have been the star of this winery but the Pinot Noirs have their advocates as well and both varietals age extremely well.



The wines in the seminar:

1987 Adelsheim Vineyard Oregon Pinot Noir The last vintage for David Adelsheim as winemaker. First year adjusted crop load; before that, vintners in Oregon hadn't really thought of trying to adjust crop load for quality. A large vintage marked by rain and then heat near the end. Grapes were picked in early September. *Mild bricking of the rim in the glass. Very shy but pleasing aromas of cherries, mint and buttered brioche. Surprising well-flavored with a tasty core of cherry fruit and a note of teriyaki. The tannins have fully melded, but the wine retains a good cut of acidity. Amazing!*

1993 Adelsheim Vineyard Seven Springs Vineyard Pinot Noir Adelsheim was the first to make a vineyard-designated bottling from this vineyard. Pommard based. From a cool vintage. *Aromas of dried fruit, mushrooms and earth. Light in weight featuring dark red berry fruit and hints of animale and leather. The tannins have fully integrated. Enjoyable.*

2005 Adelsheim Vineyard Quarter Mile Lane Vineyard Pinot Noir Longer maceration performed before and after fermentation leading to more tannin for aging. This wine should age 20+ years. Fruit from this vineyard makes up a large percentage of the Adelsheim Reserve bottling (since 1988). *Black cherry is the calling card for this wine which has excellent fruit purity. Very soft in the mouth and easily approachable now. Finishes with a black cherry flourish with staying power. Excellent.*

1986 Hanzell Vineyards Sonoma Valley Pinot Noir Warm vintage. 20% stems were added back. Aged 24 months in oak. *Dark reddish-purple color in the glass. Still vibrant on the nose with aromas of dark stone fruit and berries with a hint of chocolate mint. Plenty of fruit remains backed by persistent, firm tannins. Dark, ripe fruit is accented by notes of earth and mushroom. Amazing!*

1994 Hanzell Vineyards Sonoma Valley Pinot Noir Whole cluster fermentation started in the late 1980s and continued until 2005. Current winemaker, Michael McNeill is bringing back some whole cluster as he feels it adds an interesting floral and spice box character to the wines. The winery tries to make changes in winemaking very slowly over time to maintain a consistent style. This wine has 20% whole cluster. *Aromas of grass and straw, showing a medium weight core of dark red fruit backed by firm, dry tannins, finishing very dry, even slightly astringent. Good.*

2003 Hanzell Vineyards Sonoma Valley Pinot Noir 14.7% alc.. Crushed before de-stemming. Aged in 57% new French oak. *Very savory with aromas of dark berry jam and herbs. Earthy and spicy black raspberry and black cherry flavors wrapped in moderately firm, dry tannins, finishing with an herbal note. Good.*

University of Pinot: Climatology 201 Coolest of the Cool

Panelists

Cyril Audoin, Domaine Charles Audoin
Patrice Ollivier, Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair
Rob Stuart, R. Stuart & Co. (Oregon)
Andy Peay, Peay Vineyard (California)
Blair Walter, Felton Road (New Zealand)

Moderator

Jason Lett, The Eyrie Vineyards

The University of Pinot was a new element to the IPNC. Nine different afternoon small-format seminars were held. I attended Coolest of the Cool.



It has been well established that Pinot Noir produces the best fruit when it is planted in a climate with a long, cool growing season. This often means winegrowing on the edge since the grapes ripen just as the fall rains loom on the horizon. The panelists gave their take on the benefits of growing Pinot Noir at the climatic edge.

Pinot Noir has the narrowest band of climate temperature to fully express itself: 2 degrees. An average growing temperature of 14 to 16 degrees Celsius (57 to 60.8 degrees Fahrenheit) is ideal. Once the Pinot Noir vine is grown outside this narrow band of temperatures, it becomes unexpressive.

The wines:

2009 Domaine Charles Audoin Marsannay “Clos de Jeu” Charles assumed the reigns at this property in 1972 with his wife Marie-Francoise, an enologist. Their son, Cyril, joined the Domaine in 2000 after apprenticing in various wineries around the world. Located within the commune of Marsannay-la-Côte, the estate extends over 35 acres, producing 14 different wines, primarily from Marsannay. There are great value-priced wines to be found from Marsannay and this wine is a fine example. Maximum 50% new oak. *Intense aromas and flavors of cherries baked by bright acidity and balanced tannins. A delicious, easily approachable and friendly wine that aims to please. Very good.*

2010 Fougeray de Beauclair Marsannay Saint-Jacques *Deeply colored in the glass. Well-endowed with sweet purple fruits backed by mild fine-grain tannins, finishing with a black cherry charge. Very good.*

2008 R. Stuart & Co. Temperance Hill Vineyard Eola Hills Pinot Noir *Like most Pinots from the 2008 vintage in Oregon, this wine is quite concentrated with a big-boned core of sweet plum fruit. A good cut of acidity and complimentary tannic backbone moderate the heft. Still needs more time in bottle. Very good.*

2009 Peay Vineyards Scallop Shelf Estate Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir From a vineyard 4 miles inland from the Pacific Coast, planted in 1998 to 15 clones at an elevation of 600 to 800 feet. 4 cuvées are produced from the 35-acre estate vineyard. This wine is 40% Pommard, with lesser amounts of Dijon 115, 777, and Swan selection. Aged in 30% new French oak from several coopers. *An stunning wine displaying enticing aromas of spiced black raspberry and blackberry fruits holding intensity over time in the glass. Delicious core of dark berry fruits delivering layers of flavor, finishing with impressive length. A tea and soy accent add interest. The tannins are supple and the balance is spot-on. Exceptional.*

2010 Felton Road Block 5 Central Otago Pinot Noir The Central Otago growing region is quite dry with only 14" to 16" of rain annually. The vineyards sit at 650 to 1000 feet and are surrounded by the Southern Alps which shelters them. There is an exceptionally high level of UV radiation. Temperatures cool off dramatically at night from a daytime high in the 80s to a nighttime low in the 30s. *Very fruity aromatics. A plethora of well-spiced dark berries make a statement on the palate, buttressed by soft tannins, balanced acidity and a generous fruit-driven finish. Needs more time in bottle, but hard to resist now. Exceptional.*

Wines tasted at IPNC that I Highly Recommend

Many of these wines were tasted only briefly, but created an impression, even an emotion. I hope you have the opportunity to grab a few of these beauties for your personal cellar. These wines are additional to the ones reviewed in this issue on the previous pages.

Burgundy

2010 Domaine Huber-Verdereau Volnay "Les Robardelles"

2010 Domaine Fougeray De Beauclair Fixin Clos Marion

2009 Domaine Marc Roy Gevrey Chambertin Clos Prieur

2006 Marquis d'Angerville Volnay Clos Des Ducs 1er Cru

2002 F. Magnien Chambertin Clos de Beze



Chile

2009 Kingston Family Vineyards Alazan

Canada

2009 Quail's Gate Reserve Okanagan Valley Pinot Noir

California

2010 B. Kosuge Hirsch Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

2010 Red Car Heaven & Earth Bohemian Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

2009 Freeman Akiko's Cuvée Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

2009 Lincourt Lindsay's Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir

2009 Hanzell Vineyards Sonoma Mountain Chardonnay

2008 Paul Lato Solomon Hills Vineyard Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir (Magnum)

Oregon

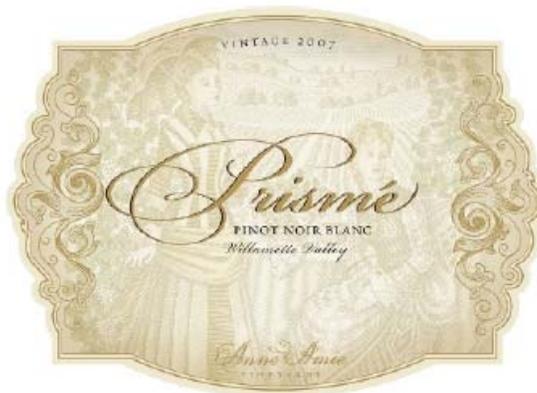
2010 Anne Amie Winemaker's Selection Willamette Valley Pinot Noir
2010 Bergström Winery The Bergström Vineyard Pinot Noir
2010 Evesham Wood Le Puits Sec Eola-Amity Hills Pinot Noir
2010 Luminous Hills Estate Yamhill-Carlton District Pinot Noir
2009 Brooks Janus Willamette Valley Pinot Noir
2009 Cornerstone Willamette Valley Pinot Noir
2009 Et Fille Wines Kalita Vineyard Yamhill-Carlton District Pinot Noir
2009 Hyland Estates Estate McMinnville Pinot Noir
2009 Ilahe Vineyards Reserve Willamette Valley Pinot Noir
2009 Stoller SV Estate Dundee Hills Pinot Noir
2008 Brooks Rastaban Willamette Valley Pinot Noir



Pinot Noir IQ Test

In keeping with the educational theme of this year's IPNC, I offer you a Pinot Noir IQ Test. The answers are on the final page of this issue and can be found in many issues of the *PinotFile* and wine reference books. Some questions are basic while others are rather obscure and deserve extra credit. Sit down with a good glass of Pinot and see how many of the 50 questions you can answer.

1. The approximate number of days from flowering to harvest for Pinot Noir is:
 - a. 50
 - b. 100-110
 - c. 125
 - d. 145-150
2. Chaptalization of Pinot Noir is legal in all the following regions except:
 - a. Burgundy
 - b. Oregon
 - c. California
 - d. Germany
3. All the following statements are true except:
 - a. Pinot Noir was called noirien long before the word pinot appeared
 - b. Pinot was initially often spelled pynos or pineau
 - c. The word noir comes from the fact that the juice of the Pinot Noir grape is midnight blue
 - d. Pinot is so-named because its cluster resembles a pine cone in shape
4. The highest resveratrol content in Pinot Noir comes from what wine region?
 - a. Okanagan Valley of Canada
 - b. Oregon
 - c. Australia
 - d. South America
5. Pinot Noir Blanc is:
 - a. A genetic mutation of Pinot Noir
 - b. A white wine produced from unripe Pinot Noir grapes
 - c. A white wine produced from Pinot Noir by pressing grapes after harvest to avoid skin contact with the juice
 - d. None of the above



6. With Pinot Noir, fruit set is typically around:
- 15%
 - 30%
 - 50%
 - 70%
7. "Hens and chicks" (millerandage) is a fruit set disorder that affects Pinot Noir. Which statement is true?
- Both full size and small berries in the same cluster
 - Higher than normal aborted berries
 - Parts of the cluster turn yellow or brown
 - Large cluster with small berries
8. Pinot Noir is the one of the genetic parents of all except:
- Chardonnay
 - Melon
 - Pinot Gris
 - Aligoté
9. The recommended serving temperature for Pinot Noir is:
- 70°-72°
 - 65°-70°
 - 58°-63°
 - 54°-57°
10. Which of the following statements about Pinot Noir are true?
- Oregon has more extreme vintage variation than Burgundy
 - The alcohol percentages are significantly lower in Oregon than Burgundy
 - Oregon Pinot Noir has limited age ability
 - In the past decade, Burgundy has been warmer than Oregon in every year but one
11. All the following statements about Pinot Noir are true except:
- It is a shy-bearing variety
 - Pinot Noir berries have thin skin
 - Anthocyanin pigments that give Pinot Noir its color is present in less than half the quantity of Syrah
 - Individual berries tend to be very large
12. The key to quality Pinot Noir production in California:
- Maritime fog and breezes
 - Limestone soils
 - Volcanic soils
 - High elevation

13. Who said the famous line, "God made Cabernet Sauvignon, whereas the devil made Pinot Noir."
- Allen Meadows
 - Robert Parker, Jr.
 - Robert Finigen
 - André Tchelistcheff
14. Pierce's Disease:
- Stunts grapevines but is not fatal
 - Is secondary to a fungus
 - Is transmitted by the blue-green sharpshooter
 - Is not found in the Santa Cruz Mountains AVA
15. In Oregon:
- Almost 2/3 of the vineyards are own-rooted
 - Whole cluster fermentation is never used
 - The statewide yield for Pinot Noir is more than 4 tons per acre
 - 75% is the minimum requirement for varietal labeling of Pinot Noir
16. Two significant growers of Pinot Noir in the Arroyo Grande AVA of California are:
- Laetitia and Talley Farms
 - Edna Valley Vineyards and Chamisal Vineyards
 - Byron and Kenneth Volk
 - Estancia and Morgan
17. Bob Sessions produced age worthy Pinot Noir and Chardonnay for 28 years at which California winery?
- Saintsbury
 - Hanzell Vineyards
 - Porter Creek
 - Mount Eden Vineyards
18. The book, "The Heartbreak Grape," is about which iconic California winemaker known for Pinot Noir?
- Jeffrey Patterson
 - Richard Sanford
 - Josh Jensen
 - Burt Williams
19. Which wine region has the most Pinot Noir under vine?
- Willamette Valley, Oregon
 - California Coast
 - Cote d'Or
 - Central Otago, New Zealand

20. When Burt Williams left Williams Selyem in 1997 following the sale of the winery, he planted a vineyard in Anderson Valley in 1999 named:

- a. Bearwallow
- b. Maggie Hawk
- c. Skyline Ranch
- d. Morning Dew Ranch



21. All the following are AVAs in the northern Willamette Valley except:

- a. Ribbon Ridge
- b. Umpqua Valley
- c. Dundee Hills
- d. Yamhill-Carlton District

22. The “punt” in Pinot Noir wine bottles:

- a. Is a deep indentation in a bottle’s butt
- b. Is necessary to diffuse pressure
- c. There mainly for tradition
- d. 1 & 3 are correct

23. Which North American Pinot Noir has “cult” status in Japan?

- a. Calera Wine Company
- b. Williams Selyem
- c. Beaux Frères
- d. Domaine Serene

24. Small plantings of Pinot Noir are in which of the following wine regions of California?

- a. Yorkville Highlands
- b. Spring Mountain District of Napa County
- c. Malibu
- d. All the above

25. The oldest continuously producing Pinot Noir vineyard in California is:

- a. Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills
- b. Mount Eden Vineyards, Santa Cruz Mountains
- c. Rochioli West Block, Russian River Valley
- d. Ambassador’s Vineyard at Hanzell Vineyards, Sonoma Valley

26. The first person to plant Pinot Noir in modern times on the true Sonoma Coast was:
- David Hirsch
 - Ehren Jordan
 - Steve Kistler
 - Mick Bohan
27. Wineries producing Pinot Noir in California during the 1970s include all the following except:
- Caymus
 - Heitz
 - Stony Hill
 - Freemark Abbey
28. All the following Oregon producers have biodynamic vineyards certified by Demeter except:
- Cooper Mountain Vineyards
 - Maysara Winery
 - Shea Wine Cellars
 - Beaux Frères Vineyards & Winery
29. All the following are second label Pinot Noirs except:
- Chasseur-Cazal
 - Paul Hobbs-Crossbarn
 - Carabella-Plowbuster
 - Ponzi-Jezebel
30. Gary Farrell has made wine for all the following Pinot Noir producing wineries except:
- J. Swan
 - Davis Bynum
 - Rochioli
 - Alysian
31. All the following statements are true except:
- Alsace was the first region in the world to do varietal labeling
 - In California, a vineyard-designated Pinot Noir must contain 95% of grapes from the named vineyard
 - In American, Pinot Noir designated wines must contain 60% Pinot Noir if named on the label
 - In Oregon, 90% of the grapes must be the varietal named on the label.
32. The first to plant Pinot Noir in Oregon was:
- Charles Coury
 - Richard Sommer
 - David Lett
 - Dick Erath

33. All the following wineries operate within the Eola-Amity Hills AVA except:

- a. Evesham Wood
- b. Bethel Heights
- c. St. Innocent
- d. Coeur de Terre

34. The winery with the largest acreage of Pinot Noir vines in the California Coast is:

- a. Castle Rock
- b. Buena Vista
- c. Kendall-Jackson
- d. Martinelli

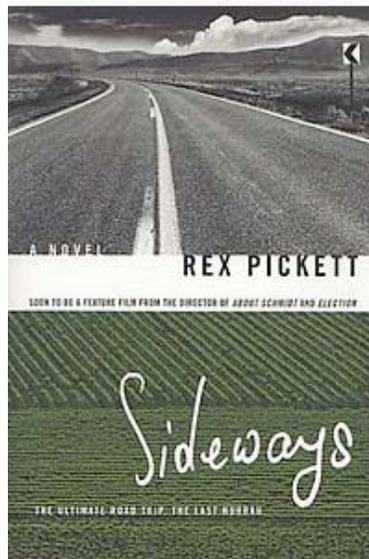
35. Merry Edwards has made Pinot Noir for all the following wineries during her long career except:

- a. Mount Eden Vineyards
- b. Matanzas Creek
- c. Pellegrini Family
- d. Robert Stemmler

Extra Credit

1. In the book, 'Sideways,' Jack buys a bottle of Pinot Noir and exclaims, "Lovely, big, gamy, almost irreverent for a Pinot. I like it. A perfect beginning to this week-long adventure." What was the wine?

- a. 1999 Sanford La Rinconada Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir
- b. 1998 Foxen Bien Nacido Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir
- c. 1999 Longoria Fe Ciega Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir
- d. 2002 Sea Smoke Botella Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir
- e. 1992 Byron sparkling wine



2. Physicians who founded Willamette Valley Pinotcentric wineries include all the following except:
 - a. Joe Campbell - Elk Cove Vineyards
 - b. John Bergström - Berström Wines
 - c. Donald Olson - Torii Mor Winery
 - d. Mauricio Collada, Jr. - Cubanismo Vineyards
 - e. John Paul - Cameron Winery

3. All the following California wineries have produced Pinot Noir from Shea Vineyard in Oregon except:
 - a. Auteur
 - b. Sine Qua Non
 - c. Arista Winery
 - d. Pali Wine Company
 - e. Loring Wine Company

4. The smallest AVA in the United States with Pinot Noir plantings and one of the few with one owner is:
 - a. Green Valley
 - b. Bennett Valley
 - c. Ribbon Ridge
 - d. Cole Ranch
 - e. Redwood Valley

5. The first California Pinot Noir to sell for at least \$100:
 - a. Paul Hobbs 2001 Cuvée Augustina Hyde Vineyard Carneros Pinot Noir
 - b. 2005 Kistler Bodega Headlands Cuvée Elizabeth Pinot Noir
 - c. Domaine Serene 2003 Monogram Oregon Pinot Noir
 - d. Williams Selyem 1991 Summa Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
 - e. Williams Selyem 1996 Precious Mountain Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

6. 1964 was an important year in Pinot Noir history. All the following are true except:
 - a. The Bacigalupi family planted Pinot Noir on Westside Road in the Russian River Valley
 - b. David Bruce, M.D., bonded his namesake winery in the Santa Cruz Mountains
 - c. Stanley Hoffman, M.D. planted the only Pinot Noir at the time in the Paso Robles area
 - d. Uriel Nielsen and Bill De Mattei planted Pinot Noir at Nielsen Vineyard, the first commercial vineyard in Santa Brbara County
 - e. Martin Ray released his first Pinot Noir from what is now Mount Eden Vineyard

7. Rochioli's first wines were produced under which label?
 - a. Hacienda del Rio
 - b. Davis Bynum
 - c. Fenton Acres
 - d. Wines by Joe
 - e. Russian River Valley Vineyards

8. All the following are true regarding Dehlinger's Octagon block of Pinot Noir except:

- a. Planted to Pommard selection
- b. Planted to Swan selection
- c. Is named after the octagon house which sits in the center of the vineyard
- d. The inaugural vintage of Octagon block Pinot Noir was 1994
- e. Consists of 3.5 acres



9. Which of the following wineries has the credo, "Produce no wine with less character than yourself"?

- a. Hanzell Vineyards
- b. Cristom Vineyards
- c. The Eyrie Vineyards
- d. Kalin Cellars
- e. Windy Oaks Vineyard & Winery

10. The largest single purchaser of grapes from Bien Nacido Vineyard is:

- a. Byron
- b. Paul Lato
- c. Twomey
- d. Foxen
- e. Au Bon Climat

11. All the following are true about Patricia Green of Patricia Green Cellars in Oregon except:

- a. Her prior career was in forest management and reforestation
- b. Previously worked at Torii Mor Winery
- c. Bought former Autumn Wind property on Ribbon Ridge with partner Jim Anderson
- d. Produced a Pinot Noir from California's Hirsch Vineyard in California
- e. Most of vineyards from which Green sources fruit are planted to Dijon clones

12. The most expensive North American Pinot Noir on the market today (release price) is:

- a. 2006 Marcassin, Marcassin Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
- b. 2010 J. Rochioli West Block Russian River Valley Pinot Noir
- c. 2008 Domaine Serene Monogram Oregon Pinot Noir
- d. 2009 Paul Hobbs UV Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
- e. 2010 Patricia Green Cellars "Notorious" Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

13. The newly approved Fort Ross-Seaview AVA on the Sonoma Coast includes vineyards from all the wineries listed except:
- a. Hirsch Vineyards
 - b. Marcassin
 - c. Pahlmeyer
 - d. Belle Glos
 - e. Peter Michael
14. The “Barefoot” label, a highly successful line of wines including Pinot Noir owned by E. & J. Gallo, was originally owned by what iconic California winery owner?
- a. Davis Bynum
 - b. Gary Farrell
 - c. Tom Dehlinger
 - d. Ted Lemon
 - e. Tom Rochioli
15. The first California winery to establish a reputation for vineyard-designated Pinot Noir from purchased fruit:
- a. Acacia, Carneros
 - b. Buena Vista, Carneros
 - c. Saintsbury
 - d. Byron
 - e. Siduri

Pinot Briefs

Alma Rosa Winery Bankruptcy This news shocked me, much like the news several years ago that Richard Sanford had lost his namesake winery. Richard and Thekla filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on July 27, attributing the decision to the effects of the global recession of 2008 and the low-yielding crop levels that followed. Sanford was inducted into the Vintners Hall of Fame this past February, and is one of California's most tireless promoters of Pinot Noir, appearing annually at many Pinot Noir and wine events. He is about the nicest guy you would ever want to meet and I hold him in my highest respect. After 44 years in the business, he deserves better. The future plan is to reorganize while the winery remains operational and the Buellton tasting room remains open.



Resveratrol Therapy for Cardiac Patients *The American Journal of Cardiology* (August 1, 2012) recently published a clinical trial (triple-blind, randomized-parallel, dose-response, placebo-controlled) involving 75 high-risk patients with diabetes, high cholesterol and one other cardiovascular risk factor. The resveratrol supplement (8 mg for the first 6 months and 16 mg for the next 6 months) lowered multiple markers of inflammation and fibrinolytic status in patients who were on statins for primary prevention of cardiac disease and at high cardiac disease risk. Resveratrol may turn out to be an adjunct dietary therapy for the primary prevention of cardiac disease and could compliment the gold standard therapy of statin drugs.

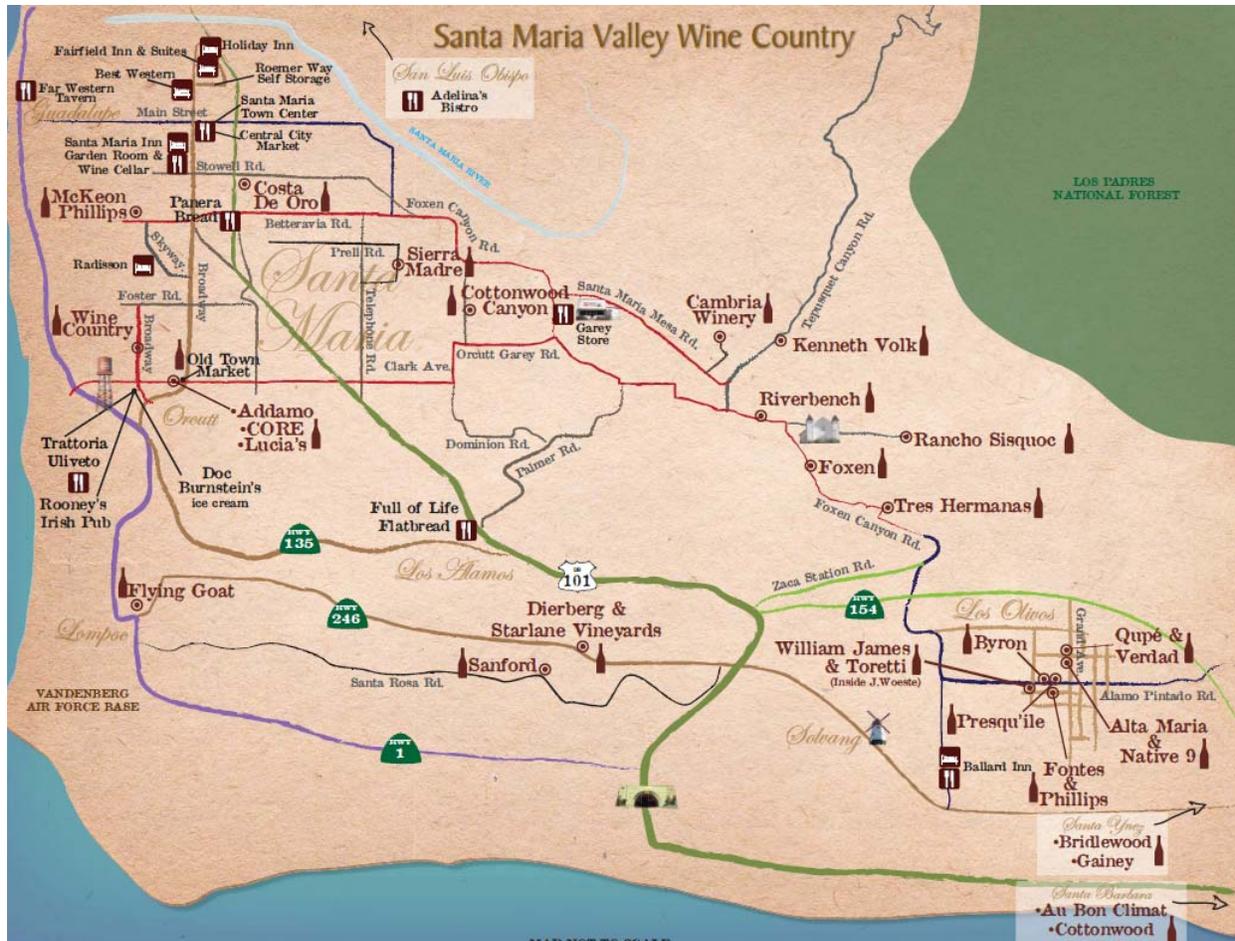
Bruliam Wines Acquires Two Sisters Vineyard Two Sisters Vineyard is a tiny planting in the Russian River Valley of primarily Martini clone, consisting of just 499 Pinot Noir vines. Reportedly, the original vines date to 1953 which would make it one of the oldest continuously producing Pinot Noir vineyards in California (Hanzell's Ambassador's Vineyard was also planted in 1953 and this has been documented). The new owners, Brian and Kerith Overstreet, are researching the history of the vineyard to verify the timing of the original plantings. They expect to produce a Two Sisters Vineyard Pinot Noir in the 2012 vintage, totaling 100-150 cases. From 2000 to 2007, the fruit was used exclusively by Adrian Fog Winery.

Reliability & Consensus of Experienced Wine Judges *The Journal of Wine Economics* (May 2012) published a paper by Robert H. Ashton which considers the levels of reliability and consensus of wine quality judgments of particular wine by the same judge, and consensus, which concerns the similarity of judgments of a particular wine across judges. The reliability and consensus levels found in wine judging were compared to those in six other fields: medicine, clinical psychology, business, auditing, personnel management, and meteorology. In all fields, including wine judging, reliability is greater than consensus. Both reliability and consensus are, on average, substantially lower in wine judging than in other fields, although tremendous variability exists across judges in every field. Little support is found in this research for the idea that experienced wine judges should be regarded as experts. Read the entire paper at Cambridge Journals Online at www.cambridge.org.

Dogpatch Fills Void Left by Crushpad in San Francisco Dogpatch Wine Works, which is located in a former canning factory in San Francisco on 3rd Street, offers wine hobbyists the opportunity to make their own wine, offering services similar to what Crushpad originally offered, except commercial

services. The founders of Dogpatch, including Kevin Doucet, formerly worked at Crushpad, and the consulting winemaker, Mike Zitzlaff, was the head of winemaking at Crushpad at one time. Pinot Noir grapes are available from the Keller Estate on the Sonoma Coast in the 2012 vintage. Visit www.dpwineworks.com. (The assets of Crushpad were recently acquired by new investors assembled by Castlegate Capital Advisors of Tiburon, and they plan to find a new industrial space to revive Crushpad and lock in a custom vintner for the 2012 harvest. Some former Crushpad employees were retained. The business model will be changed to hopefully make the operation profitable and attractive to hobbyists and commercial customers.)

Santa Maria Valley Wine Country Map A newly revised wine map and visitor brochure featuring 32 wineries with tasting rooms throughout Santa Maria Valley and Santa Barbara County, including information on restaurants, caterers, hotels and shopping, is available at member locations and as a PDF download at www.smvwines.com. Stay up to date with the latest Santa Maria Valley winery and culinary events at www.smvwines.com/events/upcoming.

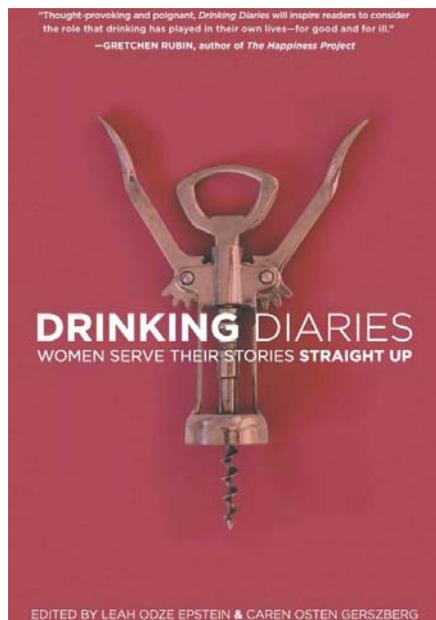


Popularity of Pinot Noir: Devil in Disguise? A recent post on BlogYourWine discussed the popularity of Pinot Noir and how it is a concern for some wineries. It was pointed out that Jason Lett, owner of The Eyrie Vineyards in Dundee Hills, Oregon, confirmed that Pinot Noir plantings were appearing on the fertile valley floor of the Willamette Valley (Pinot Noir vineyards are typically on hillsides above 300 feet to avoid frost and its consequences). We already know that California's Central Valley has one-sixth the Pinot Noir acreage of California's Coastal Region, yet is now producing more tons of Pinot Noir annually. As long as there is a large demand for inexpensive Pinot Noir offered by labels such as A to Z, Castle Rock and Mark West (and I don't see this changing in the future), there will be a demand for Pinot Noir grapes that can only be completely satisfied by establishing large acreage in areas considered too warm or otherwise undesirable for growing premium Pinot Noir, especially in vintages beset with low yields in coastal regions. Also, prices for premium Pinot Noir grapes have risen to extremely high levels, in the range of \$8,000 per ton in some cases in 2012, which value-priced Pinot Noir producers obviously cannot shoulder. The only concerned wineries are those premium quality producers who are locked into a price level necessary for profitability, and must compete with the large volume Pinot Noir producers who are offering remarkably good Pinot Noir priced under \$20, wines that are a good fit for the burgeoning Millennial wine market.

Pinot on the River 100 small production Pinot Noir producers will participate in the 2012 Pinot On the River Festival, held Sunday, October 21, 2012, on the Healdsburg Plaza in downtown Healdsburg. Many of your favorite producers will be pouring, including Belle Glos, Benovia Winery, Couloir Wines, Davis Family Winery, Donum Estate, Eric Kent Wines, Foursight Wines, Freeman Winery, J Winery & Vineyards, John Tyler Winery, Kanzler Vineyards, Keefer Ranch, Littorai Winery, Papapietro Perry, Patz & Hall, Siduri, Talisman Wine, Wren Hop and more. A special morning seminar, "A Morning with Ted Lemon of Littorai Wines," will be available to the first 50 VIP ticket holders. Visit www.pinotfestival.com for tickets.



New Wine Books of Interest *Naked Wine: Letting Grapes Do What Comes Naturally* (Alice Feiring), *A Toast to Bargain Wines: How Innovators, Iconoclasts, and Winemaking Revolutionaries are Changing the Way the World Drinks* (George M. Taber), *Wine Flavor Chemistry* (Ronald J. Clarke and Jokie Bakker), *Creating Wine: The Emergence of a World Industry, 1840-1914* (James Simpson), and *Drinking Diaries: Women Serve Their Stories Straight Up* (Caren Osten Gerszberg and Leah Odze Epstein)



Wine Ride in Oregon Bike Gallery of Portland, Oregon, has organized a September wine ride at Vista Hills Winery. The ride is fully supported, approximately 30-40 miles of rolling terrain, and includes a gourmet lunch, wine tasting, and bike poker. The event is limited to 100 riders and costs \$65. 100% of the profits will be donated to the Oregon Chapter of the Children's Heart Foundation. Register for the rides at www.bikegallery/wine-rides/.

Swedish Study Touts Moderate Drinking for Arthritis A study recently published in the *British Medical Journal*, found that long-term moderate alcohol consumption reduces greatly the risk of rheumatoid arthritis in women. Women who drank more than three glasses of alcohol per week were 37

percent less likely to develop rheumatoid arthritis (14 percent lower for those who drank one or two glasses per week). No differences were found among wine, beer or liquor, although most of the women in the study preferred wine or beer. Other prospective studies will be needed to confirm the results.

Donum Estate Adds Vineyards In recent years Donum Estate has added vineyards in the Russian River Valley (Ten Oaks, Pommard clone) and Anderson Valley (inaugural release from the 2011 vintage). In 2013, the winery will plant 15 acres of Pinot Noir on the home ranch where current plantings are 22 years old. Pommard will be added to the clonal mix at the Carneros site.

2012 Sonoma Wine Country Weekend Labor Day weekend (August 31-September 2), MacMurray Ranch will host this 33rd annual event. Kate MacMurray will host a stroll through the historic MacMurray Ranch property where 170 wineries will be pouring wine and over 60 local chefs will be offering gourmet foods. The event was named one of the 10 Best Wine and Food Events in the United States by Celebrated Living magazine. A never-before-seen exhibition of MacMurray family archives detailing ranch life from the late 19th Century to today will be open. The exhibit will be displayed in the oldest structure on the ranch, called the Prune Shed, referencing the principal Russian River Valley cash crop of the early 1900s. A number of the programs are already sold out. Visit www.sonomawinecountryweekend.com for tickets.

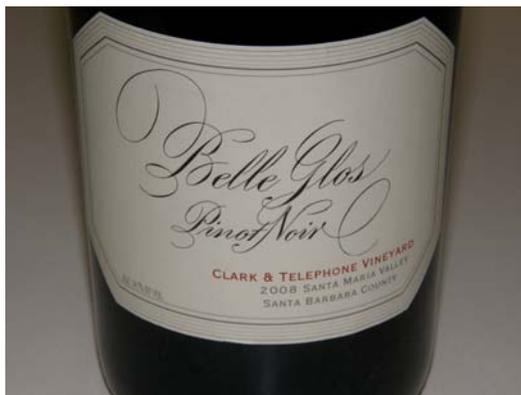
Strange Carafe No 8 Etienne Meneau of Etienne Meneau Sculptures sent me a photo of the latest strange carafe for sale. An edition of 12, it is available at 2500 euros + shipping. Visit www.the-strange-decanter.blogspot.com.



Navarro 2011 Futures Navarro has already sold 60% of the small production of the 2011 Deep End Pinot Noir as futures. Strong sales and less production means Navarro will have little or none to sell when the wine is officially released a year from now. Three 750 bottles cost only \$114 as futures (33% savings), six 750 bottles cost \$216 (27% savings) and twelve bottles \$408 (31% savings). Magnums are also available as futures. Visit the website at www.navarrowine.com or call 800-537-9463. This is always a great wine!

Direct-To-Consumer Shipments According to data tracked by ShipCompliant and *Wines & Vines* magazine, the dollar value of direct shipped wines was up 11.5 percent for the 12-month period ending April 2012. The average price per bottle increased \$1.11 to \$37.69 and \$30-plus wines saw the greatest increase in volume shipped. Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir accounted for 48 percent of varietal-labelled wine. The average bottle price for Oregon wines (\$37) was slightly higher than for Sonoma County wines (\$36) and second only to Napa Valley wines (\$56).

Belle Glos Growing Rapidly in Popularity According to the latest *Wines & Vines* (August 2012), Belle Glos and Meiomi labels from Wagner brands (Caymus and Conundrum) grew faster than all other top 20 brands considering off-premise sales, showing a 175% increase in dollars and \$3.1 million in 52-week sales. Curtis Mann, director of client insights at the Symphony IRI Group, a Chicago-based market research firm, said, "They are the hottest thing out there for Pinot Noir."



Family Winemakers of California Tasting 2012 Sunday, September 9 (open to the public 3:00-6:00 and trade 1:00-6:00) and Monday, September 10 (open to trade only 2:00-6:00) the tasting will showcase California's small, family owned wineries at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco. Takeaway wine sales available. Tickets at www.familywinemakers.org.

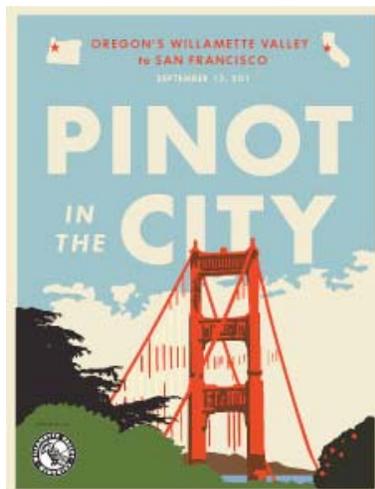
Southeast Wine Collective Opens in Portland Located in the Division-Clinton neighborhood, a hub for the city's emerging food and beverage culture, the Southeast Wine Collective was founded by Kate and Thomas Monroe. The Collective, which opened in August 2012, is a urban winery providing premium custom crush wine production to artisanal wineries, as well as a tasting bar and special events space. The Collective is currently home to the Division Winemaking Company, Helioterra Wines, Vincent Wine Company and Bow & Arrow Wines. Division Winemaking Company was founded in 2010 by Kate and Thomas Monroe and produce sustainably farmed Pinot Noir, Gamay, Chardonnay and Rosé (www.divisionwinemakingcompany.com). Helioterra is a small producer under the direction of winemaker Anne Ebenreiter Hubatch (www.helioterrawines.com). Vincent Wine Company was founded by Vincent Fritzsche in 2009 with the goal of producing Pinot Noir from local vineyards (www.vincentwinecompany.com). Bow & Arrow is owned by Scott and Dana Frank who specialize in Pinot Noir, Gamay and Cabernet Franc (www.bowandarrowwines.com).

Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery turns 50 Dr. Konstantin Frank is an icon to winegrowers in the Finger Lakes region of New York, much like Andre Tchelistcheff is to Californian winegrowers. He was one of a small group of proponents who believed *Vitus vinifera* could be grown in the eastern United States. Frank's original 9-acre Pinot Noir vineyard was planted on a hillside bluff overlooking Keuka Lake's western shore, just up the road a few miles from Hammondsport. The clone apparently came to the United States from Europe and now numbered 7 and designated the Dr. Frank clone. The oldest blocks of Pinot Noir were planted from 1959 to 1961, and are older than all California plantings still in production except the 1953 Ambassador's Vineyard at Hanzell Vineyards in Sonoma Valley. Dr. Frank's Pinot Noir was chosen twice to be poured at the International Pinot Noir Celebration. When he died in 1985 at the age of 86, the winery was left in the capable hands of his son, Willy Frank. A celebration was held on July 1 to commemorate the 50th anniversary and 29 members of Dr. Frank's family were in attendance. A rediscovered documentary about Dr. Frank filmed in the 1970s was shown. My photos below show the tasting room at Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery and the original plantings of Pinot Noir (2008).

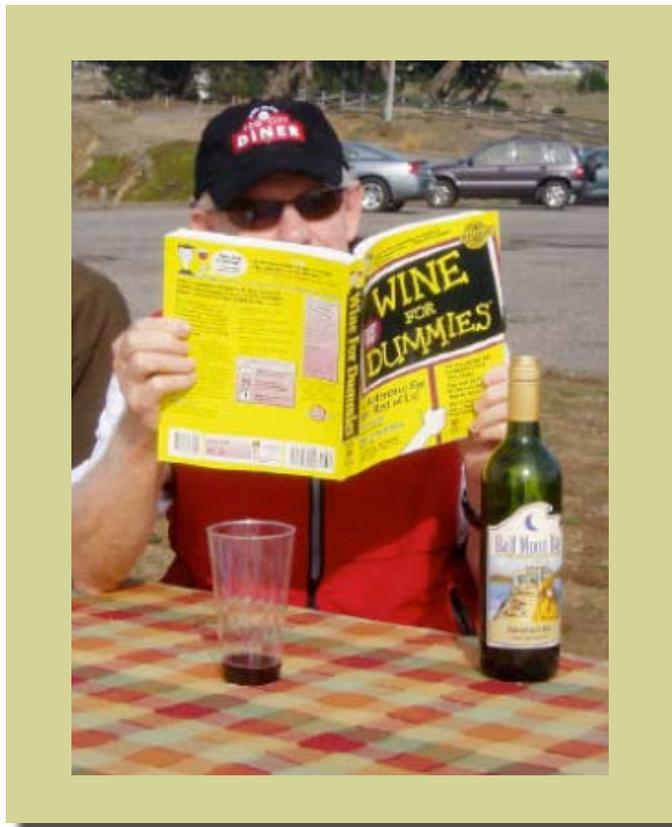




Pinot in the City 70 top Oregon wineries are bringing their wines to San Francisco on Thursday, September 13, 2012, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The venue will be the Golden Gate Club at The Presidio. Tickets are \$65 at www.willamettewines.com. Ticket purchasers will be automatically entered in a drawing for a luxury wine country getaway at The Allison Inn & Spa. A trade tasting will take place September 13 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM (contact emily@ekpmedia.com to attend the trade tasting).



Next Issue I spent a week after this year's IPNC touring the Willamette Valley and tasting the wonderful 2010 vintage Pinot Noirs (and a few barrel samples of the equally fine 2011 vintage Pinot Noirs), and I will give a full report in the next issue. Save your money, you are going to want these wines! The 2010 vintage is one of the three best vintages EVER for Pinot Noir in Oregon!



Pinot Noir IQ Test Answers

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