



Join us for Saturday afternoon wine tastings, 2 to 6:30 p.m.

This Saturday, January 30th

January Thaw

Whites

Kenneth Volk Chardonnay, Santa Maria Cuvée, 2006

Kenneth Volk was the founder of Wild Horse Winery, as well as the winemaker, and after 22 years building Wild Horse into a successful and well regarded Central Coast producer, he cashed out in 2003 and sold Wild Horse to Jim Beam Brands. Not one to rest on any laurels, he purchased the old Byron winery in Santa Maria Valley, a key Central Coast wine region with which he is intimately familiar. His primary focus is Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The Santa Maria Cuvée is sourced from three vineyards in the Santa Maria Valley: Kenneth Volk Estate Vineyard, Sierra Madre Vineyard and the important Bien Nacido Vineyard. The result is a full-flavored Chardonnay with generous texture and weight. Rich flavors of apple, pear and citrus are balanced with good natural acidity and underlying flavors of cream, vanilla and spice.

Reg. \$20.99

Special \$18.89

Reds

San Giuseppe Lambrusco del Emilio, 2006

Lambrusco? Yes, we know Lambrusco became notorious back in the bad old days of the '70s and '80s as the semi-sweet, fizzy soda pop of wine. While that image lingers still, Lambrusco is ready for a comeback. It is the everyday wine of Emilia-Romagna as a dry, frothy, brightly flavored red that goes so well with *salumi* and *antipasti*. San Giuseppe is as unpretentious as they come and is made from traditional Lambrusco grape varieties such as Montericco, Salamino, Marani, Maestri and Ancellotta. Serve this food friendly red slightly chilled. By the way, you can also get this by the glass at Bricco.

Reg. \$11.99

Special \$10.79

Duc de Foix Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva, Penedes, 2003

The Penedes wine region near Barcelona in northeastern Spain, while known for its sparkling wine, has a historic connection to Bordeaux and as a result, Cabernet Sauvignon is well established there. This Bordeaux-styled red is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 16 months in oak barrels with additional aging in bottle at the winery. Made from estate-grown grapes, to get well-made Cabernet with bottle age at this price is an absolute steal.

Reg. \$10.99

Special \$9.89

Caligiore Reserve Bonarda, Mendoza, 2007

While Malbec has gotten pretty much all the attention as the red grape of Argentina, there is another grape variety, also originating in Europe, that Argentina has adopted- Bonarda. Native to the Piedmont region of Italy (lots of Italian immigrants went to Argentina), Bonarda is also known as Croatina and has become a rather obscure variety in Piedmont. Like its fellow immigrant Malbec, Bonarda takes on a generous, fulsome character with opaque purple ruby color and rich flavors of black cherry, mulberry and blackberry. This is a New World incarnation of an Old World grape all the way without going over-the-top.

Reg. \$16.99

Special \$15.29

- Jeff Gledhill

Special pricing applies the day of the tasting only

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