

## Wine & Cheese by TCC's May 2008 Wine Club

For that little **Devil** in all of us!

This month, we bring you two wines from Everett Ridge Winery in California, Diablita Blanca and Diablita Red.

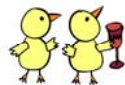
Everett A. Wise purchased the land in 1875 that is now home to Everett Ridge Vineyards and Winery in Healdsburg California. He brought stones by wagon from the Mill Creek area to build a winery in 1887. At that time it was considered the showplace of its day with two foot thick walls of the highest quality stone masonry trimmed in brick and plantings of fruit trees, walnuts, and vineyards of Cabernet Sauvignon. It also boasted a wonderful barn built in 1887 of hand hewn beams and clear cut timbers, a replica of which stands today after a historic renovation in the late nineties. Now used as a barrel storage barn, it has a breathtaking valley vista of the geysers of Geysers Peak.

The current owners of Everett Ridge, David and Susan Macrae, hope to build on the boutique nature of the winery, producing small lots of quality wines. They grow Zinfandel, Syrah, Petite Sirah and the Touriga Nacional port varietal on the estate. They also purchase fruit from other well established and quality minded growers in Sonoma, Mendocino, and Napa counties.

In the following pages, there is some information regarding your wine club selections. First, you'll find maps\* showing the regions from where the wines were produced. Next, you will see a description of each wine, some technical information on the wines, and food pairing suggestions.

As always, your feedback is encouraged. Please call us or stop by with your comments regarding our selections.

Have a great month!  
The Gang at TCC



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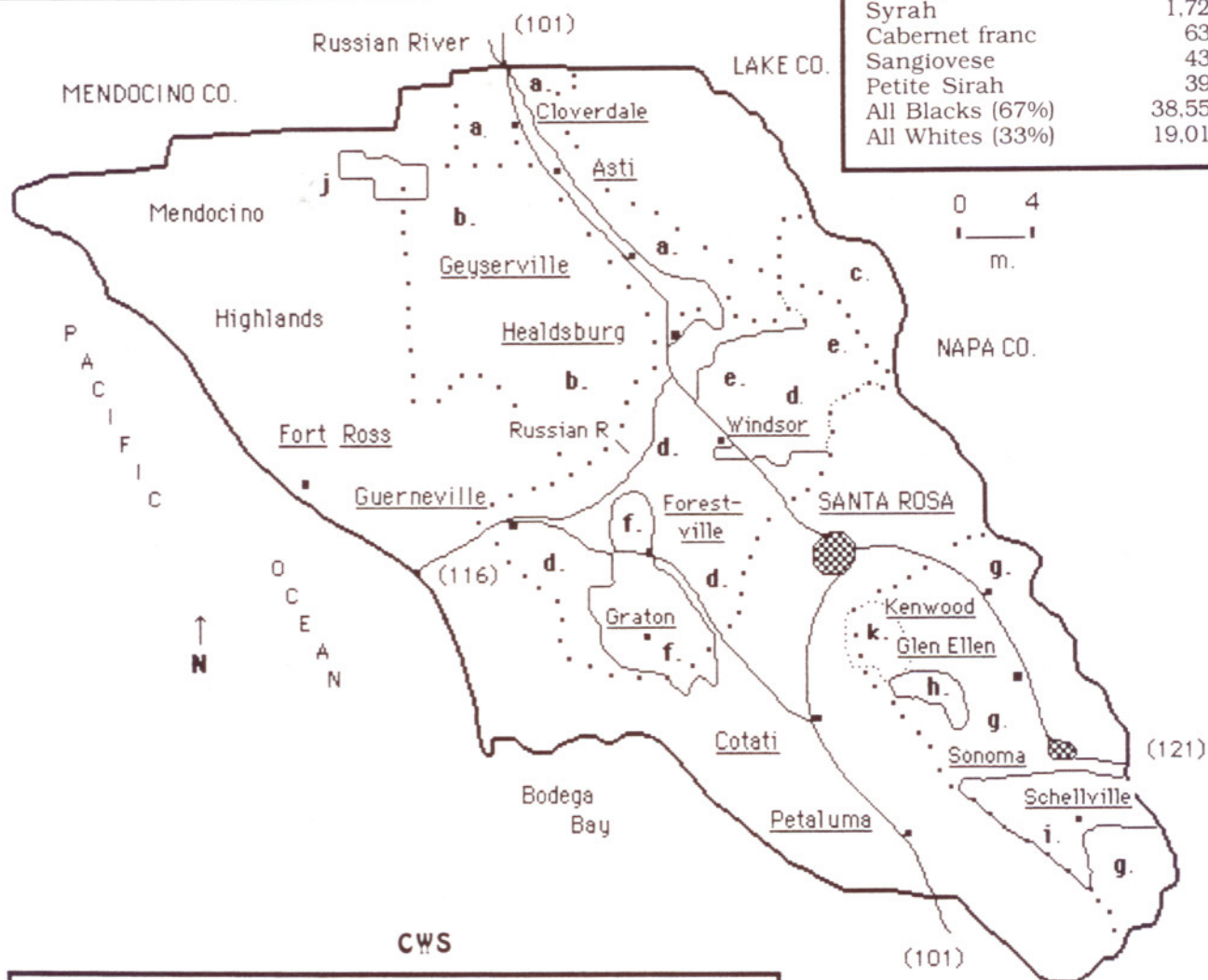


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## #5 -- SONOMA COUNTY

# WINERIES	VINEYARD AREA
190	57,572 acres (80% bearing)
2002	

MAJOR WINE VARIETIES (acres)	
Chardonnay	15,558
Cabernet-Sauvignon	11,785
Pinot noir	10,018
Merlot	7,287
Zinfandel	5,052
Sauvignon blanc	2,100
Syrah	1,726
Cabernet franc	636
Sangiovese	430
Petite Sirah	399
All Blacks (67%)	38,559
All Whites (33%)	19,011

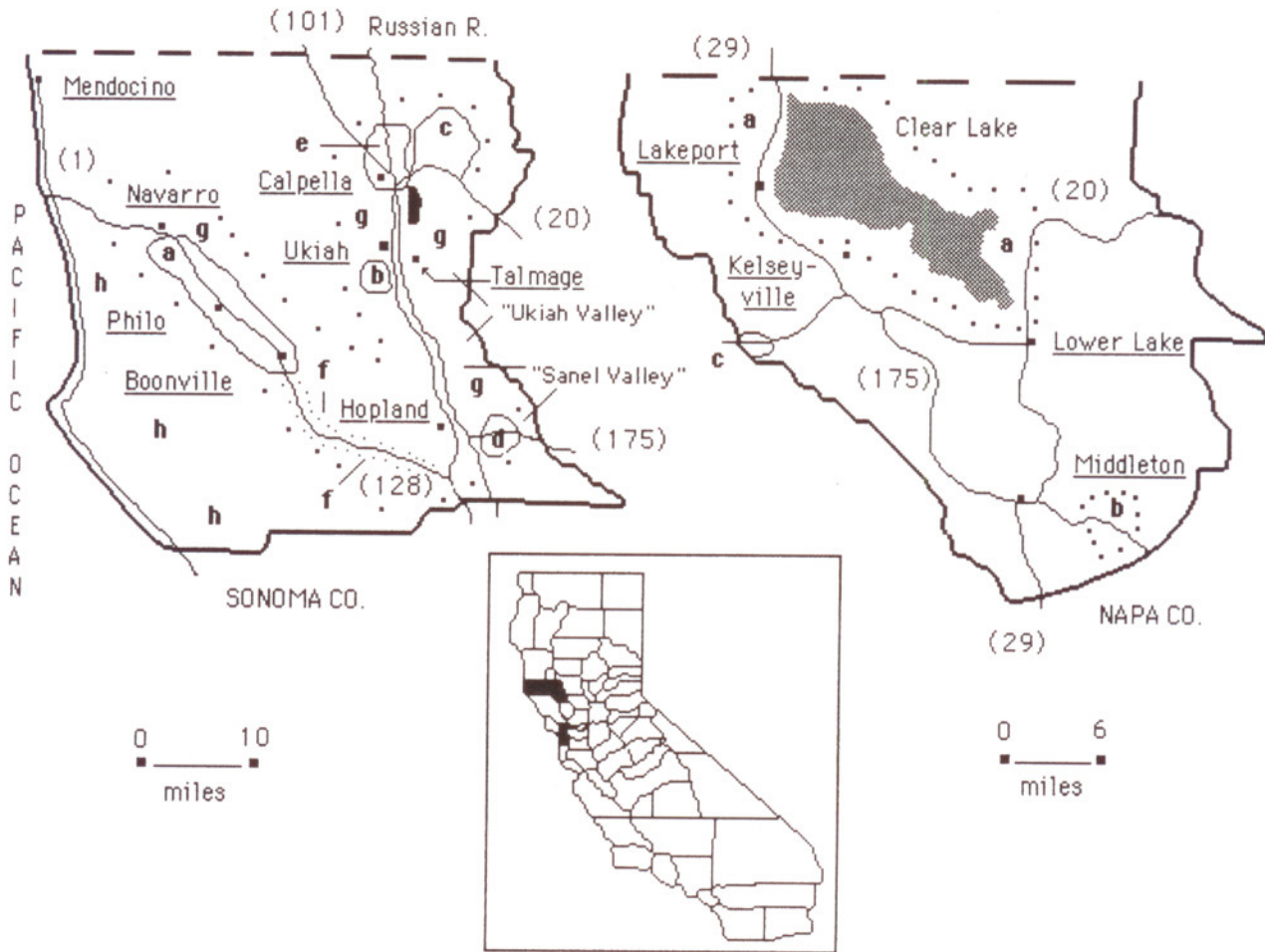


VITICULTURAL AREAS * (planted acres)	
a. Alexander Valley (7,000)	g. Sonoma Valley (6,000)
b. Dry Creek Valley (9,100)	h. Sonoma Mountain (750)
c. Knight's Valley (1,100)	i. Los Carneros (with Napa: 9,000--about 50/50 split)
d. Russian River Valley (9,000)	j. Rockpile (120)
e. Chalk Hill (1,500)	k. Bennett Valley (proposed: 650)
f. Sonoma County Green Valley (1,200)	

\* in addition, all of western coastal Sonoma, as well as the Dry Creek VA, is known as the "Sonoma Coast" VA, while an umbrella VA known as "Northern Sonoma" envelops the Dry Creek, Alexander, Russian River & Knight's Valley VAs as well as most of the Sonoma County Green Valley VA.



#6 -- MENDOCINO & LAKE COUNTIES (southern portions only)



**MENDOCINO CO. VITICULTURAL AREAS**

- a. Anderson Valley
  - b. Cole Ranch
  - c. Potter Valley
  - d. McDowell Valley
  - e. Redwood Valley
  - f. Yorkville Highlands
  - g. Mendocino (an umbrella VA covering all of the above)
  - h. Mendocino Ridges (comprising the land above 1,200' in the SW section bounded by HWYs 128 & 1 and the Sonoma county line)
- Ukiah Valley & Sanel Valley (pending)

**LAKE CO. VITICULTURAL AREAS**

- a. Clear Lake
- b. Guenoc Valley
- c. Benmore Valley

in addition, both Lake & Mendocino counties lie within the umbrella VA called "North Coast".

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2002

**VINEYARD AREA**

**WINERIES**

16,104 acres

41

**MAJOR WINE VARIETIES** (63% red)

Chardonnay (4,437), Sauvignon blanc (735).  
Gewürztraminer (205), Viognier (134), Chenin blanc (101) & French Colombard (88);  
Cabernet-Sauvignon (2,539), Zinfandel (1,898), Merlot (1,755), Pinot noir (1,841) & Syrah (592).

**VINEYARD AREA**

**WINERIES**

7,614 acres

8

**MAJOR WINE VARIETIES** (68% red)

Sauvignon blanc (1,488), Chardonnay (639),  
Gewürztraminer (102) and Sémillon (47);  
Cabernet-Sauvignon (3,223), Zinfandel (609)  
Merlot (593) and Syrah (246).

## Everett Ridge Winery Diablita Blanca

Type:	White Wine
Varietal composition:	96% Sauvignon Blanc, 2% Semillon, 1% Riesling, 1% Viognier
Vineyard Location:	Sonoma County, Cole Ranch, and Alexander Valley, California
Vintage:	2007 (first vintage!)
Country:	United States
Alcohol:	13.3%
Age-ability:	Drinks best now or cellar for 3-5 years

### Winemaking Philosophy and Vinification Details

Everett Ridge's Winemaking philosophy begins in the vineyard. Winemaker Dick Schultz says, "The goal is to always make a wine that is the purest expression of the fruit. This means conscientious grape growing practices followed by minimal intervention and quality caretaking at the winery. We all know that when fruit is taken care of in the vineyard, it really shows in the finished product."

Don't let the cute Diablita label fool you - this is a terrific bottle of wine. 100% stainless steel fermented to let the true fruit flavors of the wine come through.

### Tasting Notes

This wine has peach, green apple and citrus hints on the nose. The peach and citrus notes carry through to the palate with big fruit flavors and a nicely balanced acidity on the finish. A crisp, clean, easy drinking wine for the summer (if it waits that long!).

### Pairing Suggestions

Pair this wine with grilled fish, shrimp, crab, lobster and cream based pasta dishes. A great companion for our Harley Farms goat cheeses or Grana Padano.

For this month's cheese club selection, pair with Apple Cinnamon Jack Cheese. The crisp acidity of the wine will complement the creamy texture of the cheese while the peach and green apple flavors will marry nicely with the apple cinnamon.

## Everett Ridge Winery Diablita Red Wine

Type:	Red Wine
Varietal composition:	Cabernet, Merlot and Petit Sirah
Vineyard Location:	Sonoma County, Cole Ranch, and Alexander Valley, California
Vintage:	2005
Country:	United States
Alcohol:	13.7%
Age-ability:	Drinks best now or cellar for 3-5 years

### Winemaking Philosophy and Vinification Details

Located in Mendocino County, Cole Ranch is the smallest American Viticultural Area (AVA) in the United States at one-quarter square mile. Cole Ranch's climate and soils comprise a unique microclimate suited to a variety of grapes. Founder John Cole planted the varieties he liked to drink - Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, and Riesling. The Everett Winery represents the only wines in the Chicago area that are sourced from Cole Ranch AVA.

Everett Ridge Winery thinks of a Diablita as "a fun and slightly mischievous woman who enjoys life". In the spirit of their Diablita, they created the Diablita Tres Appellation Blend, a combination of Alexander Valley, Cole Ranch & Sonoma County fruit. The wine is aged in French Oak, 25% of which was new to allow for balanced fruit and oak flavors.

### Tasting Notes

This wine has rich and juicy blackberry, plum, black cherry and black licorice flavors with a slight note of toast on the finish. It has soft tannins with a touch of acidity to balance the wine and make it very drinkable.

### Pairing Suggestions

Diablita goes well with grilled fare, shrimp and vodka sauce pizza, fried calamari, cured meats, Morbier and aged Gouda cheeses. It's also delicious all by itself!

For this month's cheese club selection, try it with Beer Kaese. This cheese has an earthy, slightly tangy, full-bodied flavor which makes it an excellent pairing with Diablita Red.

Enjoy!