

Wine & Cheese by TCC's October 2008 Wine Club

Don't be afraid of our two selections this month - an "unwooded" Chardonnay from Martin Weyrich Winery and a red varietal blend from Bogle called "Phantom".

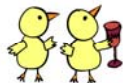
The first selection is from Martin Weyrich Winery located in the Paso Robles, California. Some wine drinkers are afraid of Chardonnay, since it tends to be aged in oak barrels for long periods of time. While some people like the toasty, buttery flavors this adds to the wine, some people think it makes the wine too heavy and adds a "bite". This unoaked Chardonnay is cold fermented in stainless steel using four separate lots then blended just prior to bottling. With one of California's longest growing seasons, the small but fertile Edna Valley offers wines having the complex flavors associated with California's great cool-climate regions. Located in the southern corner of San Luis Obispo County, the Valley is most famous for its Chardonnay and Pinot Noir production.

Our second selection is from Bogle Vineyards in Clarksburg, California. You've waited for a year for the "black magic" to return! Three unique varietals, old vine Zinfandel, Petit Sirah, and old vine Mouvedre combine berry fruit and subtle spice into a full-bodied wine. Though this wine is remarkable now, age in the bottle will only integrate the three unique varietals more. "Welcome the winery ghost into your home again with this latest vintage and enjoy with full-flavored and hearty mealsbefore it vanishes again."

In the following pages, there is some information regarding your wine club selections. First, you'll find maps* showing the regions 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**

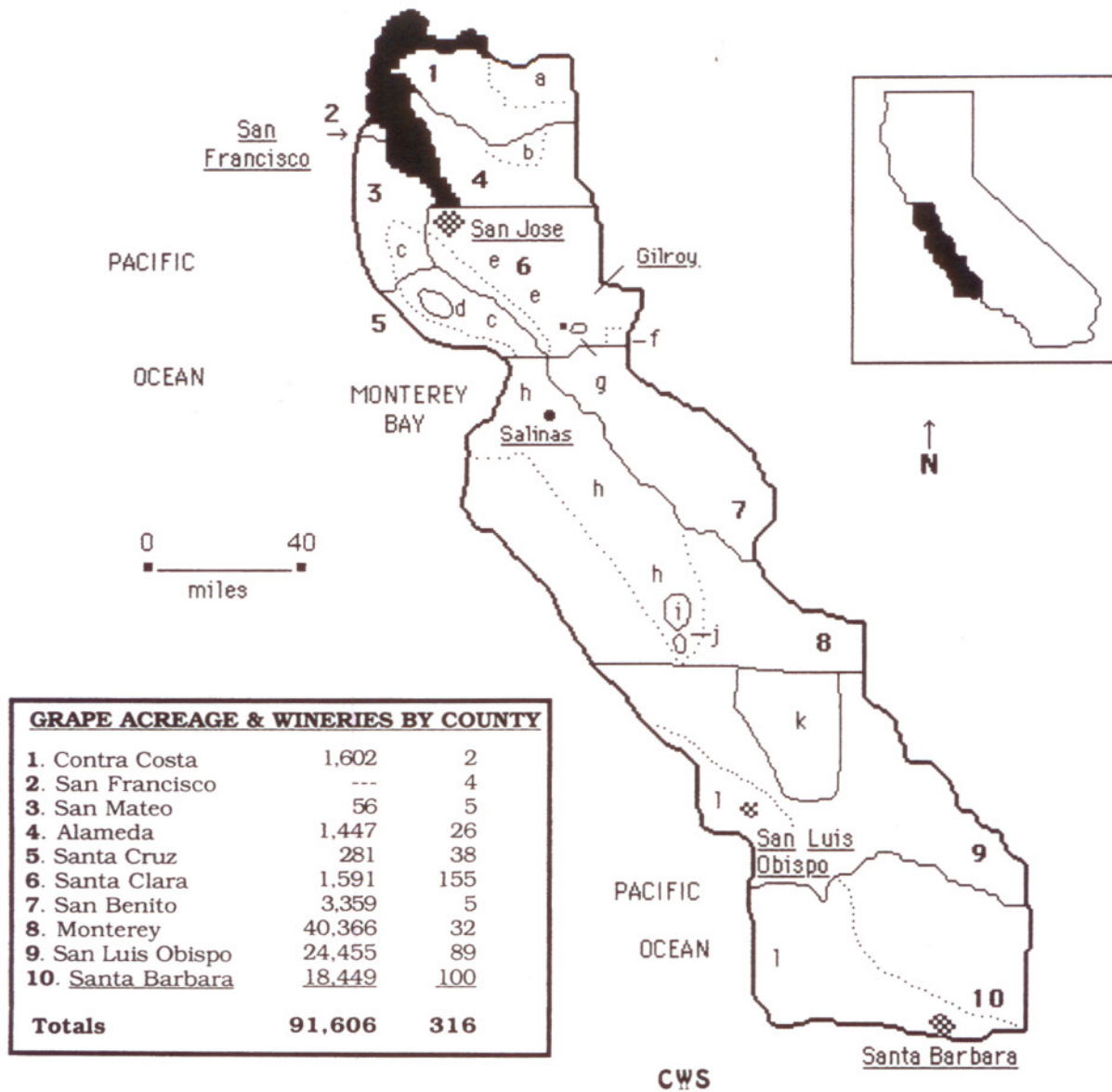


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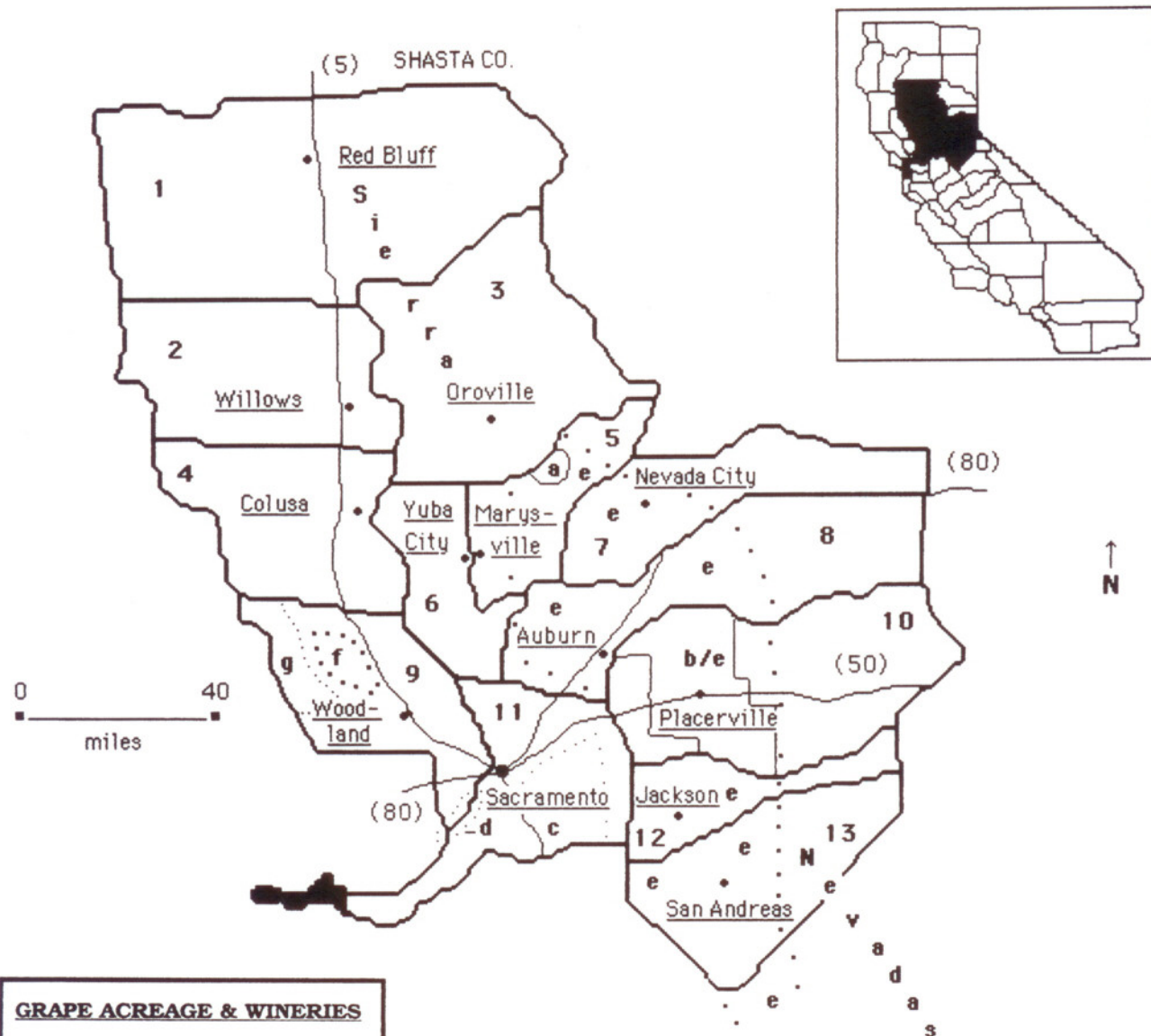
GRAPE ACREAGE & WINERIES BY COUNTY		
1. Contra Costa	1,602	2
2. San Francisco	---	4
3. San Mateo	56	5
4. Alameda	1,447	26
5. Santa Cruz	281	38
6. Santa Clara	1,591	155
7. San Benito	3,359	5
8. Monterey	40,366	32
9. San Luis Obispo	24,455	89
10. Santa Barbara	18,449	100
Totals	91,606	316

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LEADING WINE VARIETIES	
(acres)	
Chardonnay	(32,757)
Cabernet-Sauvignon	(15,847)
Merlot	(11,285)
Pinot noir	(8,571)
Syrah	(4,782)
Zinfandel	(3,443)
Sauvignon blanc	(2,797)
White Riesling	(1,499)
Chenin blanc	(1,277)
Gewürztraminer	(1,009)
Petite Sirah	(945)
Cabernet franc	(780)
All reds	(48,580--52%)
All whites	(42,592--48%)

VITICULTURAL AREAS (vineyard acreage planted if known)	
a. Oakley	<p>In addition, the 5 counties which touch SF bay are known the "San Francisco Bay Area" VA. Finally, almost the entire area bordered by the Pacific Ocean (excluding eastern Alameda, Santa Clara, San Luis Obispo & Santa Barbara counties and all of Contra Costa, Santa Cruz & San Mateo counties) is known as the "Central Coast" VA. For other VAs see individual county maps.</p>
b. Livermore Valley (1,600)	
c. Santa Cruz Mountains (235)	
d. Ben Lomond Mountain	
e. Santa Clara Valley	
f. Pacheco Pass	
g. San Ysidro (120)	
h. Monterey	
i. San Lucas (14,000)	
j. Hames Valley	
k. Paso Robles (6,300)	

#11 -- SACRAMENTO RIVER DELTA/SIERRA FOOTHILLS AREAS



GRAPE ACREAGE & WINERIES

1. Tehama	138	0
2. Glenn	1,748	0
3. Butte	96	3
4. Colusa	1,470	0
5. Yuba	246	1
6. Sutter	84	0
7. Nevada	346	9
8. Placer	93	5
9. Yolo	8,775	5
10. El Dorado	1,290	20
11. Sacramento	16,638	7
12. Amador	2,823	23
13. Calaveras	469	10
Shasta	43	2
TOTALS	34,258	85

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MAJOR WINE VARIETIES (acres)

Chardonnay (9,422), Zinfandel (5,353), Merlot (4,662), Cabernet- Sauvignon (4,273), Syrah (2,106), Sauvignon blanc (2,065) and Chenin blanc (655).
 All Red Wine Grapes (19,697--58%);
 All Whites (14,518--42%)

VITICULTURAL AREAS

- a. North Yuba
- b. El Dorado
- c. Lodi (extends in San Joaquin Co.)
- d. Clarksburg and "Merrit Island" (within Clarksburg)
- e. "Sierra Foothills" (extends south into Mariposa and Tuolumne counties).
- f. Dunnigan Hills
- g. Capay Valley (see Map # 12 for other AVAs)

Martin Weyrich Unwooded Chardonnay

Type:	Chardonnay
Varietal composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard Location:	Jack Ranch & Wente Vineyards, Edna Valley, California
Vintage:	2006
Country:	USA
Alcohol:	13.5 %
Age-ability:	Drinks best now

Winemaking Philosophy and Vinification Details

Since 1981 Martin & Weyrich, has planted more than 250 acres in San Luis Obispo County. The family also owns the spectacular Jack Ranch Vineyard in Edna Valley, a region known for growing some of the best Chardonnay and Pinot Noir California has to offer. Martin & Weyrich wanted to create a wine that truly captures the essence of Central Coast with their "unwooded" chardonnay. It's aged for 6 months in refrigerated stainless steel tanks to maintain chardonnay character.

Tasting Notes

This wine is fresh and flavorful and loaded with citrus aromas. It has flavors of tropical fruits and melon with a full mouthfeel mid-palate that leads to a juicy acidity on the finish.

Pairing Suggestions:

Pair with oysters, seafood with a light cream sauce, or your favorite roasted chicken recipe. Also, try with our Saint Andre, Comte Saint Antoine, and Pecorino Grand Cru cheeses.

For this month's cheese club selection, enjoy this wine with Esrom. The bright finish of the wine cleanses your palate from one sweet creamy bite to the next.

Bogle Vineyards Phantom Red Blend

Type:	Red Wine
Varietal composition:	55% Petite Sirah, 42% Zinfandel, 3% Mourvedre
Vineyard Location:	Clarksburg, California
Vintage:	2005
Country:	USA
Alcohol:	14.5 %
Age-ability:	Drink now or cellar for 3-5 years

Winemaking Philosophy and Vinification Details

Bogle means "goblin, specter, or phantom." There's nothing scary about this wine except for how delicious it is! The Bogle family continues to be deeply rooted in the day-to-day production of their wines. Many family members are involved in the operations of the winery and the vineyards are currently managed by its sixth generation. They believe in a blend of traditional farming techniques and innovative technology. This unique blend is aged for two years in one, two, and three year old American oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

This wine is intensely fruit forward with aromas of blueberries, violets, cherry, and chocolate with a touch of black pepper. It has rich full flavors of blackberry, dark cherry, and raspberry with notes of baking spice, clove and mocha. It's full and concentrated with flavors of vanilla on the long, velvety finish.

Pairing Suggestions

Pair with full flavored, hearty fall meals such as pot roast, beef stroganoff, French onion soup, Morbier and Gouda cheese.

For this month's cheese selection, pair with the Tilsit. The rich dark fruit flavors of the wine will offset the tangy fruitiness of the cheese.

Enjoy!