

Wine & Cheese by TCC's November 2011 Wine Club

With another holiday season right around the corner we have two wines this month that will pair perfectly with your Thanksgiving dinner. One is a Viognier from Arrowood Vineyards & Winery and the other a Pinot Noir from Adler Fels Winery.

Arrowood Vineyards & Winery was founded by Richard Arrowood and his partner-wife Alis Demers Arrowood in 1986. Their first grape harvest was in 1987 and they produced and released their first wines in 1988. Prior to Arrowood, Richard gained his reputation as the first winemaker at Chateau St. Jean winery where he produced some of the first ever single vineyard wines from California. In 1990, he decided to dedicate his time and effort full time to Arrowood. His philosophy is to "produce classic varietal wines with grapes grown exclusively in Sonoma County's diverse climates, with as little intervention as possible".

Adler Fells Winery was founded in 1979 by David and Ayn Coleman. They became known for their award winning wines from the Russian River Valley in Sonoma - Sauvignon Blanc, Gewurztraminer and Chardonnay - and have since expanded into producing wines from Napa Valley and other notable areas throughout California. David was also credited with creating the first gold foil label for California wine bottles and inventing the adjustable top fermentation tank. Adams Wine Group now owns and operates the winery but they are dedicated to making sure that the techniques and innovativeness in winemaking that David established continue in their wine production today.

In the following pages, there is some information regarding the 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.

The Gang at TCC



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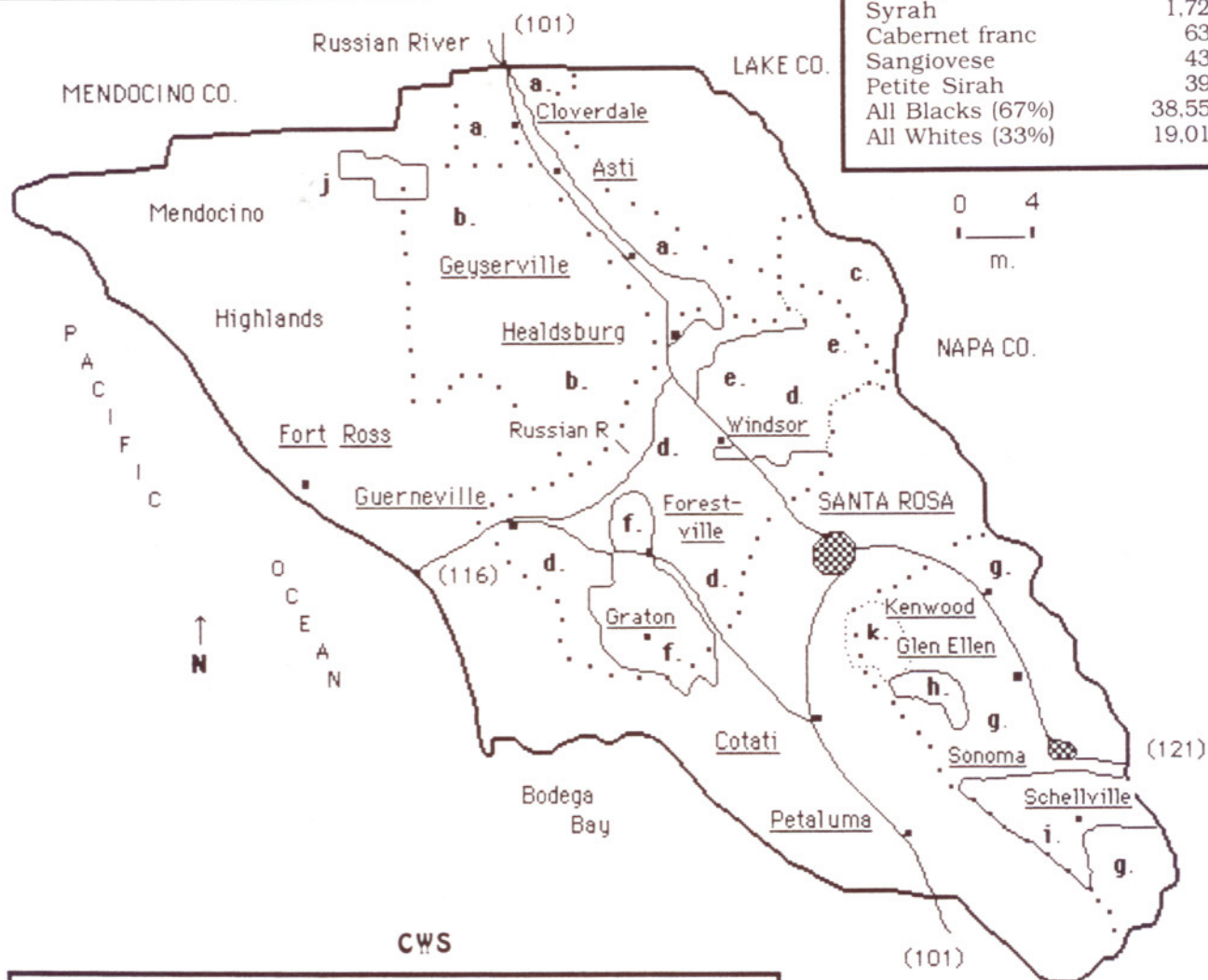


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#5 -- SONOMA COUNTY

# 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

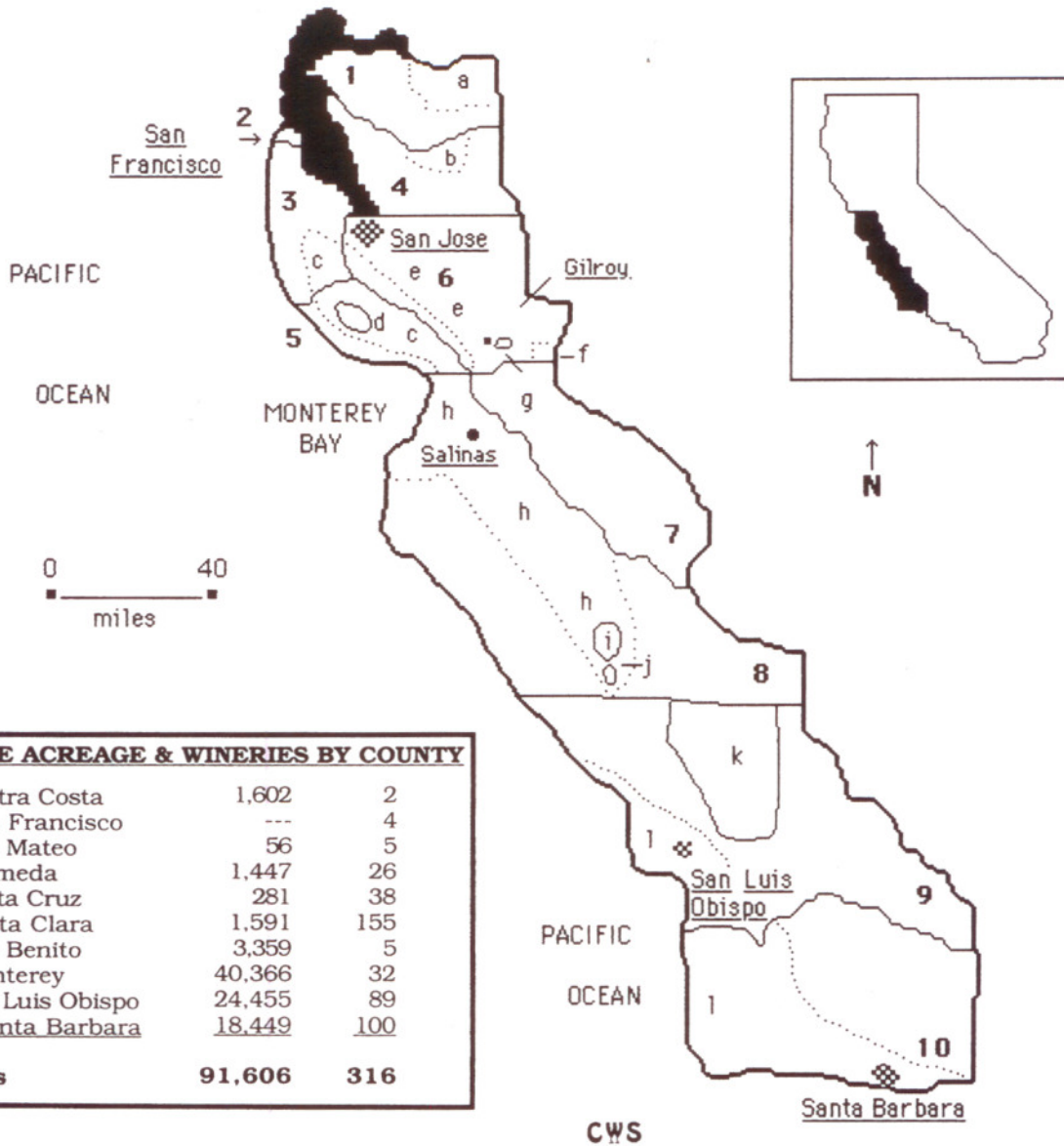


VITICULTURAL AREAS * (planted acres)	
a. Alexander Valley (7,000)	g. Sonoma Valley (6,000)
b. Dry Creek Valley (9,100)	h. Sonoma Mountain (750)
c. Knight's Valley (1,100)	i. Los Carneros (with Napa: 9,000--about 50/50 split)
d. Russian River Valley (9,000)	j. Rockpile (120)
e. Chalk Hill (1,500)	k. Bennett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



#7 -- CENTRAL COAST



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

2002

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	
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)

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.

Arrowood

Viognier

Type:	White
Varietal composition:	100% Viognier
Vineyard Location:	Russian River Valley, California
Vintage:	2007
Country:	United States
Alcohol:	15.9%
Age-ability:	Drink now or cellar for 1-3 years

Winemaking Philosophy and Vinification Details

The grapes for this Viognier were grown in Saralee's Vineyard in the Russian River Valley area of Sonoma County. The Russian River Valley experiences heavy rainfall, cool temperatures and frequent morning fog in the summer. Typically, Viognier is a warm climate grape but has done exceptionally well growing in this area. The mild temperatures and minimal humidity bring out the pleasant aroma and rich texture for which the Viognier grape is known.

This wine was produced by winemaker Heidi von der Mehden. Heidi joined the winery in 2007 as Associate Winemaker and in 2010 was appointed head Winemaker at Arrowood. She allowed the wine to go through malolactic fermentation and aged it for eight months in French oak barrels to give it a creamy mouthfeel.

Tasting Notes

This wine has aromas of orange blossom, tropical fruit, toasted nuts and honeysuckle that carry through to the taste. It is full-bodied with a long, creamy finish.

Pairing Suggestions

Viognier is an amazingly friendly food-pairing wine. Pair this wine with roasted turkey, BBQ chicken, white chocolate Macadamia cookies, pasta primavera and cheeses such as aged cow or goat milk cheeses. Would also pair wonderfully with our Hummus, Charcuterie and Roasted Chevre plates.

For this month's cheese selection, pair with the Caves of Faribault Jeffs' Select. The tropical fruit and floral notes of the wine are a delicious offset to the salty, nutty, caramel notes of the cheese.

Adler Fels Winery

Coastline Pinot Noir

Type:	Red
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard Location:	Central Coast, California
Vintage:	2009
Country:	United States
Alcohol:	13%
Age-ability:	Drink now or cellar for 3 years

Winemaking Philosophy and Vinification Details

Coastline is one of the many brands of wine that the Adler Fels Winery produces. Its name represents the 840 miles of coastline between Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara called the Central Coast. This area's many fertile valleys and hillsides are cooled by ocean breezes. An ideal environment for growing Pinot Noir grapes!

Harry Parducci, Jr., the Director of Winemaking & Production at Adler Fels Winery, oversees the harvesting, winemaking, blending and bottling of the wines including this 2009 Pinot Noir. He has been with Adler Fels since 2002 and has over 30 years of experience in the industry.

Tasting Notes

This wine has aromas and flavors of ripe red berries and blossoming cherry. It is a well balanced wine with a supple mouth feel and smooth finish. Wonderfully drinkable!

Pairing Suggestions

A perfect match for your holiday ham or turkey. Also pairs well with aged cheddar and sheep milk cheeses or your favorite chocolate. Try it with our Grown Up Mac N' Cheese or Café Salad.

For this month's cheese club selection, pair with the Caves of Faribault St Mary's Grass Fed Gouda. The ripe berry notes of the wine marry nicely with the buttery nuttiness of the cheese.

Enjoy!