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# The Sommelier Says....

Hello and welcome to the newsletter for <http://www.wine-sommelier.com/>

## Wood Ranch Wine Bistro

I want to thank all of you that have come out to the Wood Ranch Bistro wine nights, it has been a tough road but I hope the rough spots are behind us now. I'd like to invite you all out to the Bistro on Thursday night May 21 for some wine tasting. If you mention that you heard about the tasting from me, you will receive 1/3 discount on a bottle of wine from the Sommelier wine list after doing the wine flight!

We are going to make this a weekly wine tasting event on Thursday nights, so I hope you all come out and give us a try.

Mark down May 28 in your calendar too, [Cantara Cellars](#) will be pouring their latest releases! And they are AWESOME!

<http://www.woodranchbistro.com/events.htm>

## Rose' Wine, it's not just for wimps anymore...

You pour a glass of Rose' wine to any guy, and they look at you funny. It is as if you just made them watch four Barbara Streisand movies, and enroll them into ballet/tap class. (No offense to those of you that ballet or tap).

Rose' wines, often referred to as blush wines, may be produced in a number of different ways, depending on the desired results. Most Rose' wines are the result of crushing the red grapes used rather early on, so that they are not able to impart their color – or much tannin – to the final wine.

One of the most popular Rose' wines is of course, White Zinfandel. Which is the reason most people scoff at a glass of Rose', but frankly in the warm weather we have had recently, I want nothing more than a nice chilled glass of Rose'. Beer fills me up quickly, Chardonnay is too heavy and not real refreshing, but Rose' has a crispness to it, that is light and refreshing. The Rose's I am referring too are not too fruity, and actually on the dry side.

The history of Rose' wine is that of just about all other wines, France. More specifically, Provence France. Rose's are also made from just about any red wine, or a blend of red and white wines.

One major plus in Rose's is the price- most are under \$20 a bottle! So in the hot summer months, put down those cold beers and pour yourself a nice glass of Rose'!

A few of my personal favorite Rose' wines are:

[Zaca Mesa ZGris](#)

[Frogs Leap Pink](#)

[Bradley Vineyards Rose](#)

### **Question of the Month:**

***What are your favorite Rose' wines?***

Tell me what your favorite Rose wine is, where you buy it and how much it cost, and you can even write a short review of it. Send it to me by June 1 and you can win a bottle of wine from my personal wine cellar!

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### **The Winemakers**

Twelve men and women compete for a chance to create and launch their own wine label nationwide. In each episode they will face challenges on every aspect of wine making from viticulture and enology to sales and marketing, but in the end only one contestant will win the title of Wine Maker.

The Winemakers will begin airing nationwide on PBS in Spring 2009.

<http://thewinemakers.tv/>

### **Wine 101 at Herzog Winery**

Wednesday, June 3rd - 7 pm

Join me for an educational evening where I will cover Wine 101 - where it comes from, how it is made, the magic of the wine label, selecting, serving, and storing wine. This seminar will include a tasting of four Herzog wines. \$10 per person, please call Herzog for reservations 805-983-1560.

### **Questions Of The Month-**

I want to thank those that sent in their answers and also congratulations to Scott Klacking winning a bottle of Dark Star Ricordati from my personal wine cellar!

### **Looking ahead**

\*- ***May 16 Wine Spectator Grand Tasting in Las Vegas***

<http://www.winespectator.com/GrandTour/WSgrandtour.html>

\*- ***May 15-17 Paso Robles Wine Festival***

<http://www.pasowine.com/events/winefestival.php>

\*- ***May 21 Wood Ranch Wine Bistro wine tasting night***

\*- ***May 28 Cantara Cellars at the Wine Bistro!***

- \*- *June 3 Wine 101 at Herzog Winery*
- \*- *June 7<sup>th</sup> Casa Pacifica Food and Wine Festival*  
<http://www.cpwineandfoodfestival.com/>
- \*- *June 14 Ojai Wine Festival*  
<http://www.ojaiwinefestival.com/>
- \*- *July 17-18 California Wine Festival-Santa Barbara*
- \*- *August 8-9 Paso Robles Wine Tour- Details to follow*
- \*- *September 11-13 Wine tour to Willamette Valley Oregon, are you interested in going too? Let me know today!*

Cheers-

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If you know someone that wants this list, please have him or her send me an email requesting to be included too!