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# The Sommelier Says....

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

## **Drinking nice wine out of bad glasses**

Anybody that knows me knows that I am a wine glass snob. I have a set of Riedel glasses always in my car; I also carry a set of Riedel O's in my suitcase when I travel. To me there is nothing worse than ordering a nice bottle of wine and having to drink it out of a glass that has a bigger lip than Angelina Jolie, and weighs more than the dumbbells I have at home. A few weeks ago Bev and I were in Hawaii, spent a few days in Maui than in Oahu to visit my son who lives there. Like always, I packed a few bottles of wine to bring along with me on the trip. I use this case from Wine Enthusiast:

<http://www.wineenthusiast.com/6-bottle-aluminum-travel-wine-safe.asp>

But while in Maui we found out that you cannot take wine into restaurants, it is against the local laws. We called a few places and asked about corkage fees and that is when we found out about the local law. So you need to buy the wines on the wine list. On Oahu however, it is fine to bring your own wine to dinner.

***Nice wine/Bad Stemware location: Macaroni Grill Tapo Canyon, Simi Valley. (Yes I did bring in my own glasses)***

## **Cousins Wine Bar re-opens as "essential wine co"**

For those of you looking for a nice wine bar to relax and listen to good music, you now can go to the old "Cousins" location that has recently re opened under new management (thank God).

Located in Camarillo at 2390 Los Posas, the new establishment has a limited number of wines on their wine lists, but the owner has selected some of the best values available from small vineyards. I was impressed by both the per bottle price and the per glass price. We were there on a Saturday night and they had a guitar player performing some nice music that really added to the atmosphere.

We stopped in for after dinner drinks and enjoyed their ice wines and other dessert wines, what was missing from the wine list was a port, but I assume that will come later. We also ordered dessert, which included a nice flourless chocolate cake.

I know many of you had a bad experience with the previous owner at Cousins, but I suggest you give the [essential wine co](#) a try, and let me know what you think!

Hours of Operation, **Tues-Thurs:** 11:30am-9pm **Fridays:** 11:30am-midnight  
**Saturdays:** 11am-midnight **Sundays:** 11am-5pm

### **Paso Robles trip moved to November 22/23**

Bev and I just bought a home and we closed this past Saturday, so needless to say, we changed our Paso plans. I did move our reservations to the weekend of November 22/23, and since no one was available to join us this weekend, maybe a few of you can free up some time to join us and stock up on your holiday wines with a trip up north! Same Hotel; Holiday Inn Express, Paso Robles. Let me know if you want to join us!

### **J Keverson Zinfandel SALE**

J. Keverson Fans.... John has informed me that he has a few cases left of everyone's favorite 2005 Zinfandel at an amazing price. It sells for \$32 bottle retail, but as the supply lasts, (only 2 cases left) he is selling it for \$206 a CASE, which is about \$17 a bottle.

J Keverson 2005 Zinfandel, the "4 buddies wine" as Tiffany calls it. Sourced from Hales Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley, this lighter-bodied zin pleases the nose with aromas of black pepper, cinnamon, cloves, red cherry/berry, slight tobacco, guaiacol, cedar box, and anise. This is a well-balanced fruity zin. The alcohol is in check, not dominating and the acidity keeps this wine lively and fruit forward. Email me TODAY if you want a case.

Cheers-

Tim

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