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The Sommelier Says....

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

Who is ready for a trip to Paso Robles?

Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2, I will be heading up to the Paso Robles area for some wine tasting and you are all invited.

The current plans are to leave the Simi Valley area at 6 am on Saturday, stop for a nice breakfast in Buellton and then finish our drive up to Paso in time to begin wine tasting at about 11 am.

The Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express, 2455 Riverside Ave, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Rooms start at about \$110 a night; we are only staying one night.

If you want to go, you need to make your own hotel reservations, but please let me know if you want to join us for wine tasting, I will need to call ahead to the wineries, if we have a large group going.

<http://www.pasowine.com/>

Did you know that Ventura County had it's own wine trail?

Several local wineries have joined forces and founded the Ventura County Wine Trail, included are:

Bella Victorian Vineyard & Winery (Camarillo)

www.bellavictorianvineyard.com

Cantara Cellars (Camarillo)

www.cantaracellars.com

Casa Barranca (Ojai)

www.casabarranca.com

Camarillo Custom Crush (Camarillo)

www.camarillocustomcrush.com

Herzog Wine Cellars (Oxnard)

www.herzogwinecellars.com

Old Creek Ranch Winery (Ojai)

www.oldcreekranch.com

Rancho Ventavo Cellars (Moorpark)

www.ranchoventavo.com

<http://www.venturacountywinetrail.com/>

Winery Reviews:

Santa Ynez/Santa Barbara Wineries:

Daniel Gehrs Wines

Dan is a wine God. The Daniel Gehrs Wines label was founded in 1990 with production of only 1,000 cases. Although production increased to 7,500 cases in 2001, the focus remains the same: creating small lots of high quality wines, offered at reasonable prices. White wines include Chenin Blanc and Viognier; the red wine focus is on Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon.

I have been a wine club member for over 10 years.

2939 Grand Avenue, Los Olivos

800-275-8138

www.dgwines.com

Mosby

One of the only REAL Italian wineries in the area. Committed to producing award-winning Cal-Italian wines, Four different Mosby vineyards are home to nine different Italian grape varieties.

9496 Santa Rosa Road, Buellton

805-688-2415

www.MosbyWines.com

Zaca Mesa

You all remember your first kiss? Well, Zaca Mesa is the winery that made me fall in love with wine. An estate winery dedicated to Rhône varieties. Syrah, Viognier (served at our wedding party), Roussanne, several Rhône blends, and Chardonnay. Again, consistency- year after year. Dan Gehrs was the wine maker here when I starting coming here. The first wine club I ever joined, and still a member.

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Cheers-

Tim

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