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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the Third Annual Christian Brothers Alumni Association Wine Tasting! For your enjoyment, twenty-three California wineries are pouring their wines and champagnes. In addition, a variety of imported beers are here for your tasting along with some light appetizers. We hope you enjoy the evening and perhaps discover a new favorite while, at the same time, supporting the Christian Brothers.

On Wednesday August 29, 1990, classes began here at Christian Brothers. This marked the beginning of the 115th year of educational and spiritual service to the young people of Sacramento by the Christian Brothers. Stop for a moment to consider: One hundred and fifteen years of academic and spiritual excellence. How many organizations, educational or otherwise, can claim that kind of rich, successful history in Sacramento? Not very many.

This year marks a new and exciting chapter in providing a Christian Brothers education. After extensive research and discussion, the Brothers decided to provide co-educational instruction to the Sacramento community. As you may notice while wandering around the campus, many physical changes are being made to accommodate the new young women joining the student body. As an Alumnus, I am extremely excited about this change which I believe will be another tremendous success for the school.

There is a reason for the Brothers past success, it is grounded deeply in the passion of the Brothers and lay teachers for their work here. It is in their dedication to the young men and now women they teach and in the high standards they hold their students to. I can tell you that there is an incredible caring and loving for the students here. This and the Christian Brothers successful history generates great camaraderie between all those associated with the Brothers. It is out of this environment Christian Brothers can demand and get such excellence from these young men and women. Because of this excellence we begin our 115th year with pride and confidence that the school will again enjoy future success.

On behalf of the Christian Brothers Alumni Association, I extend our thanks for your participation here tonight, and a special thanks to all of our sponsors who made this evening possible.

Sincerely,

Randall M. Schaber, '79

President, Christian Brothers Alumni Association

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A NOTE ON WINE TASTING

THE WINES presented for your tasting this evening are from America's most distinguished wineries. In sampling each of the wines which are offered, we suggest you try the following method as used by experienced wine tasters:

1. Examine the wine for color and clarity.
2. Perceive the fragrances of the wine: the **aroma** (fragrance derived from the grape), and the **bouquet** (fragrance derived from vinification and aging.)
3. Taste the wine--rolling it in the mouth--so as to savor the flavor, body and texture.
4. Swallow the wine and note its aftertaste (the lingering fragrance and sensations remaining in the mouth after the wine is swallowed).
5. Between wines, clear you palate with a piece of bread or sip of water.

We believe this method will enhance your enjoyment of the wines. But use any procedure you prefer, and don't be governed solely by the opinions of others. In wine usage there is only one basic rule: "Drink the wine you enjoy!"

"SINGLE GLASS" TASTING PROCEDURE

Each guest will retain one glass throughout the tasting. Remainders of wine may be disposed of in containers provided throughout the courtyard. Rinse glass with water between wines as desired.

Beaulieu Vineyard

Beaulieu Vineyard
1960 St. Helena Hwy.
Rutherford, CA 94573
707-963-1451

Beaulieu Vineyard's worldwide reputation for immediately drinkable cabernet that will also age for decades is unparalleled in California's fabled Napa Valley. Older vintages of any other American cabernet have yet to command the same top dollar in auctions and on wine lists. Long recognized in winemaking as the towering model of consistency, BV holds a solid prestige earned over 90 years of continual winemaking, even during Prohibition.

TASTING NOTES:



Buena Vista

Winery & Vineyards

Buena Vista Winery
18000 Old Winery Road
Sonoma, CA 95476 707-938-8504

Buena Vista, California's oldest premium winery, preserves its distinguished heritage at its Historic 1857 Haraszthy Cellars in Sonoma. At the same time, it is also a pacesetter in today's wine world, with a state-of-the-art winery in the prestigious Carneros area.

TASTING NOTES:

CHARLES SHAW

Charles Shaw
1010 Big Tree Road
St. Helena, CA 94573 (707)963-5459

Located in Napa Valley, Charles Shaw is noted for its Gamay-Beaujolais, and Chardonnay. Charles Shaw Chardonnay is produced from a ten acre vineyard parcel acquired in 1981 and incorporated into the 50 acre Domaine Elucia estate. In addition, thirteen existing acres formerly planted to Napa Gamay vines are now grafted with Robert Young clone Chardonnay. Since 1983, the 40-acre Star Vineyard, located on the Rutherford Bench and jointly purchased by Charles Shaw and Ric Forman in 1986, has provided additional grapes from 20 acres of Chardonnay vines for Charles Shaw's Chardonnay.

TASTING NOTES:

Creston Manor

**Creston Manor
Highway 58 Star Route
Creston, CA 93432**

Creston Manor Vineyards and Winery is located high in the La Panza mountain range in San Luis Obispo County, just 26 air miles for Hearst Castle. In 1982 the winery presented their first vintage and in the brief time since, Creston Manor wines (Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit d'Noir) have already won over 100 medals in national and international competitions.

TASTING NOTES:

C I N Z A N O

**Cinzano
Imported from Italy**

This Italian sparkling wine goes well with picnic lunches and lite meals.

TASTING NOTES:

CLOS PEGASE

Clos Pegase
1060 Dunaweal Lane
Calistoga, CA 94515 707-942-4981

Clos Pegase translates as the Walled Vineyard of the Winged Horse. The Clos Pegase Winery is located in St. Helena. The winery itself is an extraordinary monument to the creative flair of mankind.

TASTING NOTES:

DE LOACH VINEYARDS

De Loach Vineyards Inc.
1791 Olivet Road
Santa Rosa, California 95401
707-526-9111

Now in their eighteenth year as grape growers and twelfth as winery owners, the De Loach family has firmly established their reputation as one of Sonoma County's leading producers of premium wines. Their 190 acres of vineyards are located in the Russian River Valley. Cecil De Loach, a former San Francisco fireman, is the winemaker at De Loach Vineyards and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Wine Institute.

TASTING NOTES:

FETZER

Fetzer Vineyards
1150 Bel Abres Road
Redwood Valley, CA 95470
(707)485-7634

The Fetzer Vineyards are located in Medocino County. The Fetzer Family has spent their lives building the modest Mendocino County winery their father started in 1968 into one of the healthiest and most successful wine companies in California.

TASTING NOTES:



Fisher Vineyards
6200 St. Helena Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
707-539-7511

Beginning in 1973, the Fishers established two varietal vineyards in a niche of the special Mayacamas Mountains above the Napa and Sonoma valleys. Since the first vintage in 1979, Fisher wines have become known for their consistent quality and elegant style. The wines reflect the excellent fruit grown in the estate vineyards; they also are the result of a high level of craftsmanship achieved within the winery.

TASTING NOTES:



Kendall-Jackson
600 Matthew Road
Lakeport, CA 95453 (707)263-9333

Kendall-Jackson Winery was founded in 1982 in Lake County. In eight short years the once tiny Lake County winery has grown to a point where it owns or purchases about 8% of all the Chardonnay grapes in California. Kendall-Jackson wines are made from 17 different vineyards around the state.

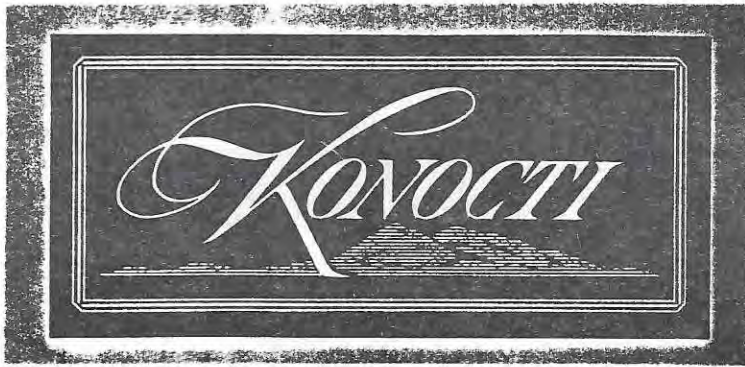
TASTING NOTES:



Kenwood Vineyards
P.O. Box 447
Kenwood, California 95452
707-833-5891

Kenwood Vineyards began in 1970 when six wine enthusiasts acquired the historic (1906) Pagani Brothers Winery. Kenwood believes the most outstanding grapes are grown on hillsides that have shallow, well-drained soils; these conditions result in grapes of complex varietal character and intense flavor. Yields are low, but quality can be exceptional.

TASTING NOTES:



Konocti Winery
HWY 29 and Thomas Drive
Kelseyville, CA 95451 (707)279-8861

Konocti Winery (Ka-nock'-tie) is located in Lake County in California's North Coast winegrowing region. Bordering Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, Lake County is known for its unique growing conditions. Mt. Konocti has supplied rich volcanic soils and Clear Lake contributes to cool harvest seasons which combine to produce vineyards and wines of exceptional fruit.

TASTING NOTES:

LYETH WINERY

TASTING NOTES:



Martini and Rossi Asti Spumante

The super premium #1 selling imported sparkling wine from Asti. This Asti Spumante has been known for many years as the highest in quality. Serve chilled, Asti Spumante is great as an aperitif, at picnics, and with dessert.

TASTING NOTES:

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Oak Ridge Vineyards

Oak Ridge Vineyards
Lodi, California

Near the turn of the century, the story of Oak Ridge Vineyards began when a small group of grape growers of German decent began planting vines in the northern part of the central valley of California. They were to develop a packing and national distribution company that became famous through consumer confidence of producing the highest quality fruit.

In upholding this tradition of fine wines and brandies, the winery has accumulated hundreds of awards, and is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

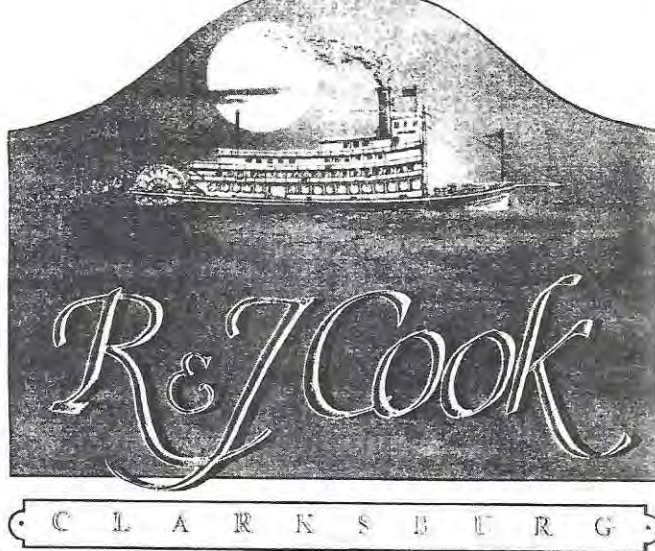
TASTING NOTES:

Parducci

Parducci Wine Cellar
501 Parducci Road
Ukiah, CA 95482 (707)462-3828

Adolph Parducci purchased the land in Mendocina County during 1921, prohibition was in force. With the repeal of Prohibition, Parducci Wine Cellars were ideally positioned to begin full scale production of premium wines. Today, in addition to the 120 acres of the original Home Ranch, the Parducci Winery owns two other producing vineyards as well as prime vineyard land for expansion.

TASTING NOTES:



R. & J. Cook Winery
Netherlands Road
Clarksburg, CA 95612
916-775-1234

R & J Cook is a family-owned and operated winery with estate vineyards in the viticultural area of Clarksburg, California. Named after the proprietors, Roger and Joanne Cook, the winery which has gained considerable fame, creates premium estate bottled wines from their vineyards located in the cool Delta area south of Sacramento.

TASTING NOTES:

RUTHERFORD VINTNERS

Rutherford Vintners
1673 St. Helena Highway
Rutherford, California 94573
707-963-4117

Rutherford Vintners is a small, estate winery located on the west side of State Highway 29. The principals, Bernard and Evelyn Skoda, have been in the Napa Valley since 1961. Vineyards were planted in 1968 and 1972 and winery construction was begun in 1976. Wines produced and distributed are Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Johannisberg Riesling, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. Muscat of Alexandria is made but sold only at the Winery. Special emphasis is made toward well aged and soft Cabernet Sauvignon in both the regulars, and Special Reserve, bottled as Chateau Rutherford.

TASTING NOTES:



SANTINO WINERY

The winery is located in the heart of California's Shenandoah Valley (a designated viticultural area) in Amador County. It is adjacent to the oldest known producing Zinfandel vineyard in California. This vineyard, known as 'Grandpere' is now owned by Santino's winemaker, Scott Harvey and will be the source of special bottling of Zinfandel in outstanding years.

TASTING NOTES:

SEQUOIA GROVE

TASTING NOTES:

Shenandoah Vineyards

Shenandoah Winery

Shenandoah was founded in 1977 by Shirley and Leon Soron. They moved from Los Altos, California, where Leon was a senior scientist with the Lockheed Research Lab. The selection of a winery site was well researched and the Shenandoah Valley of Amador County was selected.

TASTING NOTES:

SILVERADO

TASTING NOTES:

ST. FRANCIS

St. Francis
8450 Sonoma Hwy.
Kenwood, CA 95459

The Chardonnay grapes come from 5 vineyards in the Sonoma Valley. 30% of the wine is barrel fermented in small french cooperage and 40% is aged in a barrel for 7 months. The wine should be served chilled, and is excellent with fish or fowl dishes. It has a scotch, oak, spice and pineapple flavor.

TASTING NOTES:



WENTE BROS.

Wente Bros.
5050 Arroyo Road
Livermore, CA 94550
415-447-4023

Established in 1883, Wente Bros. is the oldest continuously operated family owned winery in California. This 1,850 acre estate is operated by the fourth generation of the Wente family. The family vineyard is in the unique Livermore Valley. Its special soils and climate have contributed greatly to the Wente's style of well defined quality varietal wines. Some twenty years ago they found that Monterey County, specifically the Arroyo Seco district, has a unique climate and soil. This region provided the Wentes with an additional source for exceptional quality fruit while retaining the same style of wines for which they are noted.

TASTING NOTES:

Wm. Wheeler Winery
130 Plaza St., P.O. Box 881
Healdsburg, CA 95448
(707) 433-8786

Bill and Ingrid Wheeler bought their first 175 acres of Dry Creek Valley hillside, in Sonoma County, in 1970. They harvested their first grapes in 1975 and bottled their first wines in 1981 from the '79 crush. With Julia Iantosca, who was hired in 1982 as their Winemaker, Wm. Wheeler Winery has attempted to create wines with elegance and balance in the French tradition. But the full, rich flavors of California fruit create special challenges that have been met by fine tuning grape growing practices. Wheeler still believes low tonnage per acre is essential for making the best wines.

From their Norse Vineyard Estate, the Wheelers produce Cabernet Sauvignon, Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, and White Zinfandel.

To produce distinctive Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, the Wheelers have selected a few outstanding Sonoma County growers as their source of supply

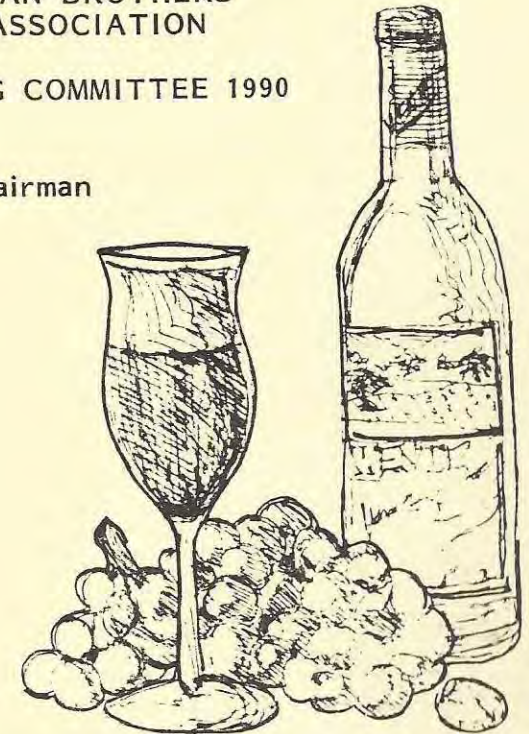
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