



Summer Sunset Tastings at Silver Mountain

Sunset Tastings Dates:

6:30 - 8:30pm

Friday, 5 August

Wednesday, 10 August

Wednesday, 24 August

Light appetizers served.



Only for our Wine Club Members:

Friday, 26 August

Includes buffet.

Please RSVP: 408-353-2278 or email to info@silvermtn.com. Space is limited.

Relax with a glass of our delicious wine in hand and enjoy the fabulous summer sunsets overlooking Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay from the mountaintop at Silver Mountain Vineyards. We ask for an RSVP, since space is limited. Choose from three dates: 5, 10 and 24 August. And for our Wine Club members we are holding a special tasting with buffet on 26 August. If you join our Wine Club before the 26th you will be eligible to attend that evening.

Go to www.silvermtn.com/club.shtml or call 408-353-2278 to join our Wine Club.

Spring Rains, Cool Weather Promise an Excellent 2005 Vintage

By all indications so far, 2005 holds the promise of being a fantastic year! The vineyard got an early start, with a fairly mild winter and no frost problems (and no snow this year!). The season continued with lots of rain, which is great for the vines in our otherwise dry-farmed vineyard. In fact, with all the rain and moisture still in the ground, this is a record year for growth in our canopy. Our estate vines have experienced more vigorous growth than ever before. The crew has positioned the canes in the trellis system, thinned shoots (two per spur), and thinned leaves, which helps to expose the fruit to more sunlight for more even ripening. It also helps open up the canopy to limit the spread of mildew.

The summer has been beautiful and mild so far – perfect for our Burgundian varietals – with no really hot days. Yet. Our fingers are crossed that Mother Nature will not trick us like she did last year, when we had weeks of very hot days that pushed the sugar levels up fast and resulted in an early harvest. So far, though, temperatures have been very cool at night, in the high 40s and 50s, and moderate during the day, with the highs only in the 80s. Silver Mountain enjoys the moderating influence of the coastal fog off of Monterey Bay, even when it's hot inland – even on a day like today, as I write this. Plus, we get a gentle offshore breeze that bathes the vines and helps produce the deep, complex flavors for which our wines are known. Aah, yes, I can almost taste it! This year should be grand!

In the meantime, come by the winery at any of our special events or call for an appointment, or come to our new tasting room in Monterey and enjoy our current wine list.

- Jerold

New Release – 2002 Silver Mountain Syrah, Monterey

As dark and impenetrable as midnight on a moonless night, this Syrah has flavors and aromas equally as mysterious and alluring: black currant, black cherry, black licorice and black pepper. Don't forget your flashlight or your toothbrush. Our first release of this noble wine, made by our colleague, Tony Craig. \$24/bottle.

Upcoming Events

5, 10, 24 August

Sunset Tastings at Silver Mountain

RSVP to (408) 353-2278 or info@silvermtn.com

26 August

Wine Club Tasting & Buffet at the Winery

RSVP to (408) 353-2278 or info@silvermtn.com

2 August, 5:00pm – Los Gatos (free)

Wine & Cheese Tasting, Toll House Hotel

140 So. Santa Cruz Ave. (408) 238-6111

13 August

13th Annual Winemaker's Celebration,

Custom House Plaza, Monterey

(831) 375-9400 www.montereywine.org

13 August, 12:30-4:00pm – Palo Alto

MacArthur Park Fine Wine & Food Festival

Benefit for American Red Cross

(650) 688-0438 www.paarc.org

9 September

Friday Night Winemaker Sail on

Chardonnay II, Santa Cruz

(831) 423-1213 www.chardonnay.com

October (date TBD) - Capitola

Shadowbrook Meet the Winemaker

Wednesday featuring Silver Mountain

(831) 475-1511 or www.scmwa.com

4 November – Benefit for Pajaro Health Trust

Evening of Wine and Roses, featuring

wines of the Santa Cruz Mt. Appellation.

Call (831) 761-5639; www.pvhealthtrust.org

10 - 13 November, 11:00 – 6:00

Great Wine Escape Weekend, Monterey &

Silver Mountain Tasting Room Tour

featuring our new tasting room on Cannery

Row at Drake (Monterey Plaza Hotel)

(831) 375-9400 www.montereywine.org

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