



## 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> you will be eligible to attend that evening.

Go to [www.silvermtn.com/club.shtml](http://www.silvermtn.com/club.shtml) or call 408-353-2278 to join our Wine Club.

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## 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](mailto:info@silvermtn.com)

26 August

**Wine Club Tasting & Buffet at the Winery**

RSVP to (408) 353-2278 or [info@silvermtn.com](mailto: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

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Winemaker's Celebration,**

Custom House Plaza, Monterey

(831) 375-9400 [www.montereywine.org](http://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](http://www.paarc.org)

9 September

**Friday Night Winemaker Sail on**

**Chardonnay II, Santa Cruz**

(831) 423-1213 [www.chardonnay.com](http://www.chardonnay.com)

October (date TBD) - Capitola

**Shadowbrook Meet the Winemaker**

**Wednesday** featuring Silver Mountain

(831) 475-1511 or [www.scmwa.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.montereywine.org)

## Premium Wines to Enhance the Quality of Life



### Tony Craig, Consulting Winemaker at Silver Mountain

Tony Craig, previously winemaker at David Bruce Winery for 12 years, joined Silver Mountain Vineyards in 2003 as Consulting Winemaker and has worked with Jerold O'Brien on the Silver Mountain offerings since, including the 2002 Syrah and 2004 Pinot Noir Rosé. Tony is originally a Shakespearean actor from the English town of Newcastle. He produces Pinot Noir at the Silver Mountain winery under his own label, Sonnet (the name alluding to Shakespeare's verses).

### ! AWARDS !

**Gold Medal, Orange County Fair: 2003 Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, Tondre Vineyard**

**Gold Medal, San Francisco Bay Wine Competition: 2000 Alloy**

**Gold Medal, Los Angeles County Fair: 2000 Alloy**

### Currently Available from Silver Mountain Vineyards

1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 Chardonnay <i>Santa Cruz Mountains Estate</i>	\$20/bottle	2000 Alloy (Bordeaux blend) <i>Santa Cruz Mountains</i>	\$28/bottle
2004 Rose of Pinot Noir <i>Central Coast</i>	\$15/bottle	1997 Alloy (Bordeaux blend) <i>Santa Clara Valley</i>	\$24/bottle
2002 Pinot Noir, Monterey <i>Santa Lucia Highlands, Tondre Vineyard</i>	\$28/bottle	2002 Syrah <i>Monterey</i>	\$24/bottle
1996 Champagne <i>Santa Cruz Mountains (available at the winery only)</i>	\$28/bottle	1999 Zinfandel <i>Sonoma County</i>	\$24/bottle

**TO ORDER:** Order online from the Shop at <http://www.silvermtn.com>, or call us at 408/353-2278. Enjoy a 15% discount on any order of 12 or more bottles and discounts of 23% to 25% on sampler cases.

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**THE WINERY IS AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE TASTINGS AND RECEPTIONS. CALL US TO RESERVE.**



### VISIT THE NEW SILVER MOUNTAIN TASTING ROOM IN MONTEREY

Our tasting room is located at the beautiful Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa on Cannery Row in Monterey, just steps from the Monterey Bay, and only blocks from the Aquarium. It is ideally situated for a day of exploring Monterey's varied wonders, and excellent restaurants are nearby.

As well as tasting and selling all of Silver Mountain's currently released wines, our Monterey tasting room contains a gallery of artwork featuring Stanley Stokes and a collection of antique silver.

The tasting room is open every day until 6pm and until 7pm during the summer. We are also available to host private tastings after hours - contact us for more info.

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[tasting@silvermtn.com](mailto:tasting@silvermtn.com) Open Daily Until 6pm

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