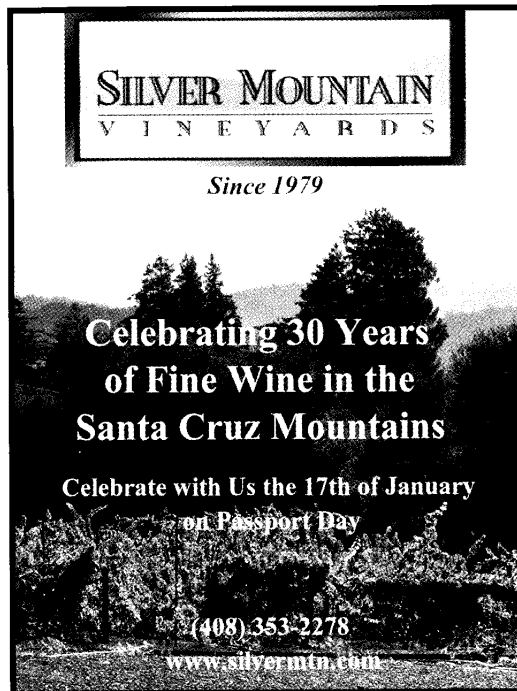


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Silver Mountain Vineyards

Mary Lindsay

Jerold O'Brien celebrates thirty years of making wine in the Santa Cruz Mountains at Silver Mountain Vineyards. The community is invited to a thirty-year anniversary celebration at the Saturday, January 17, Passport Day, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jerold is part of the history of winemaking, like legends such as Martin Ray and David Bruce. Jerold worked with several well-known local winemakers who helped him get started, including Bob Roudon (Roudon-Smith) and David Bennion (Ridge). Jerold was also a founding member of the organization that has become the Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association.

Jerold produced his first wine in 1979 and started the current estate vineyard in 1980. The estate chardonnay is the Mount Eden clone with low yield, very small berries, and intense fruit flavor. The vineyard includes some merlot that goes into Silver Mountain's "Alloy" Bordeaux-style blend, and some pinot noir, that was first harvested in 2006. "The vineyard has been an ongoing experiment for these past thirty years," Jerold commented.

The vineyard at Silver Mountain is certified organic, with no artificial fertilizers or pesticides. For many years it was the only certified-organic vineyard in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Jerold handcrafts his wines using traditional winemaking techniques. The fruit is handpicked, and the winery is entirely gravity-fed, from delivering the newly harvested fruit to bottling. Join us at Silver Mountain Vineyards.

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