

SILVER MOUNTAIN

VINEYARDS

Premium Wine to Enhance the Quality of Life

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Message from the Winemaker, Jerold O'Brien

From the beginning my philosophy of farming has been to be in harmony with Mother Nature. Years later when I discovered that this was called "organic" I applied for and received organic certification. I am often asked, "What does it mean that your grapes are organically grown?" And I give the example of sulfur. Sulfur is a naturally occurring element that comes from the earth. As long as it is mined and processed mechanically, with no chemicals added, it remains a natural product and may be used to help control pests and mildew in the vineyard. Other organic farming practices that we employ at Silver Mountain are dry farming (no irrigation), manual weed control (mowing and cultivating instead of using herbicides) and a special trellising system that exposes the fruit to the sunlight, thereby reducing the threat of grape-killing fungus and mold. Sure, these practices are more labor intensive and therefore more costly than "conventional" techniques, but the result is much more satisfying in terms of the quality of the fruit that is produced.

We also employ organic farming principles when working with our grape-growing partners, owners of small, local vineyards whose vines we tend and whose fruit we make into Silver Mountain wines. We are currently applying for organic certification for three such vineyards. I feel that certification is important because it allows us to make organic statements on our labels and thereby reach out to consumers who value organic farming practices and sustainable agriculture.

Introducing...

Silver Mountain Vineyard's newest vintage...
2000 Chardonnay, Estate, organically grown

Private Events at Silver Mountain

Silver Mountain Vineyards is a great venue for dinner parties, picnics, corporate team building events, birthday parties, family reunions and other small group gatherings. In addition to our tasting room our facilities include an amphitheater and picnic areas, a commercial kitchen, and a formal dining room. Give us a call to make Silver Mountain Vineyards the location for your next special celebration.

Sunset Wine Tasting Series

We invite you to join us for one of our upcoming Sunset Tastings. Come up after work and taste Silver Mountain wines and hors d'oeuvres while enjoying the beauty of a late summer sunset.

Dates & Times: 6, 12 and 15 August - 6:30pm - sunset
10, 16 and 19 September - 6pm - sunset

Make your reservation now!

Current Recommendations

Available for purchase in our tasting room or on our website.

1999 Chardonnay, Estate organically grown
1999 Zinfandel, Sonoma County
1997 Alloy, our Bordeaux blend

Summer Events

19 July - PASSPORT DAY -- Silver Mountain Vineyards open house from 11am to 5pm: with wine tasting, vineyard and winery tours, live music, hors d'oeuvres, special discounts, and greetings from Oscar and Nessie.

Silver Mountain Vineyards wines will be featured at the following events:

"A Night to Remember", 18 July 2003,
Seascope Sports Club, Aptos
A benefit for the Alzheimer's Association.

WINO Barbecue and wine tasting, 20 July 2003,
Burrell School Vineyards - Sponsored by The
Santa Clara Valley Chapter of WINO
(Wine Investigation for Novices and Oenophiles)

Music at the Millpond, 7 August 2003,
The Millpond, Soquel, CA
A benefit for the Cabrillo Music Festival.

Macarthur Park Wine Festival, 16 August 2003,
Macarthur Park Restaurant, Palo Alto, CA
A benefit for the Palo Alto Area Chapter of the
American Red Cross

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