

WINE PLAYED A BIG ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF WORLD GOURMET SUMMIT, WHETHER WHEN PAIRED WITH THE CUISINE OF THE MASTERCHEFS, DURING THE WINE MASTERCLASSES OR VITNER DINNERS. WE BRING TO YOU THE WINERIES THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE.

# wines that shine



## Partners



## CAKEBREAD CELLARS

This ranch-turned-successful-winery in Rutherford, Napa Valley is run by the Cakebread family and has seen expansion over the past 25 years, with its highest commitment to making quality wine having since come into fruition. With the progress came sophistication in winemaking methods, and as Karen Cakebread shared "Technology such as neutron probes buried in the vineyards and leaf pressure tests also assist us in making decisions about how much water the vines will need."

A prevailing attitude noticeable in this operation is that wine should be fun. "Here, there is less talk about technical facts and more interest in personal anecdotes about enjoying a bottle of wine," notes Dennis Cakebread, director of sales. In fact, the Cakebreads have been involved in campaigns like the American healthy eating movement since the 1980s.

fine food, the perfect partner to great wine



Christophe Brunet receiving souvenir plate for Torres



## TORRES

Having dedicated themselves to this art form in the Penedès for over four centuries, the winemakers at Torres have expanded to acquire more than 1,500 hectares of vineyard internationally, and have revolutionised the image of Spanish wines with their magnificent 1970 Gran Coronas Cabernet.

*Wine Spectator* honoured Miguel Torres with the title 'Man of the Year 2002', so as you can imagine, this name gaining more exposure even today. "Our passion for the Catalan grape varieties is continually reflected by ongoing research in Spain and Chile," he said. "The secret of making great wines lies in the balanced combination of the best grape varieties with the right soils and climate."

With new vineyards in the historic Catalan wine region of Priorat that will soon bear fruit and the recently introduced D.O Catalonia, Torres is set to maximise key sites throughout the region, for greater possibilities for viticulture experimentation.



## PIO CESARE

Situated in the most famous winemaking region in Italy, the ripening and harvesting of grapes are observed meticulously in this four-generation old winery. As explained by Pio-Boffa, great-grandson of founder Pio Cesare and co-owner of the firm, the winning Pio Cesare formula and style has not changed over the years, even though the winery is constantly adjusting its output to suit the market. "Everyone is drinking younger Barolos, and we are responding by learning how to make it more drinkable earlier on in its life," he said.

What is representative of the class and grace of Pio Cesare is the blended 1997 Barolo, which shot to fame due to cutting-edge presence. "Single vineyard Barolos were unheard of at that time," said Pio-Boffa. "Moreover, most of the best Barolos, especially the single-vineyard bottlings, have very limited availability".



the smile after tasting quality wine

## CHAMPAGNE DUVAL-LEROY

Champagne was the first 'Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée' region to obtain certification from the French Quality Assurance Association. This was only possible as Duval-Leroy was awarded the ISO 9002 quality certification in July 1994 – part of the progress that Carol Duval-Leroy has made in establishing the reputation and image of her company.

As the 9<sup>th</sup> largest vineyard in Champagne, this 140-year old family estate is spread out over 150 hectares and specialises in three grape varieties; the chardonnay, the pinot noir, and the meunier. Though in-house blending techniques and measures are a closely guarded secret, the sophistication, lightness and elegance of champagnes emerging from this estate does reveal a predominance of the Chardonnay grape.

## LEEUWIN ESTATE

"Great wines are born in great vineyards, and at Leeuwin, the viticulturist and winemaker work hand in hand throughout the entire winemaking process to create wines of distinction," said Dennis Horgan, winemaker and owner of the winery.

With climate that could be described as 'Mediterranean', with gentle, warm summers that is complemented by mild winters that bring cold fronts in from the ocean, the soils at Leeuwin Estate are inevitably rich.

Winemaking techniques at this family-owned vineyard and winery are a blend of old and new, broadly following European techniques, with the aim of achieving complexity, balance and longevity in its wines.

The Art Series represents Leeuwin's finest wines from each vintage, and proudly wear labels with paintings commissioned from leading contemporary Australian artists. Chardonnays and Cabernet Sauvignons from this series have achieved outstanding reviews and classifications. Meanwhile, the fruity and expressive Leeuwin 'Prelude Vineyards' are designed to drink well soon after release.



## JACKSON-TRIGGS

"We continue to invest in developing the very best vineyards, technologies and human resources in the Okanagan," said Donald Triggs, president and CEO, Vincor International, which owns the Jackson-Triggs vineyard. Perhaps, this accounts for the reason why Jackson-Triggs was the top scoring winery at the "Judging Awards", garnering golds for three brand new 2000 vintage wines - Proprietors' Reserve Shiraz, Proprietors' Reserve Red Meritage and Grand Reserve Sparkling Riesling Icewine.

The aggressive expansion policies have led to the opening of a new showcase winery in Ontario's Niagara Peninsula in the second half of last year. By 2005 this new facility is expected to reach a production rate of 100,000 cases per annum, with plans for a new facility in Okanagan also in the pipeline. Jackson-Triggs wines are currently only available in Canada.



## DUCKHORN VINEYARDS

Some say this winery produces the best Merlot in California. As compared to many flagging Napa Valley labels from the mid 1980s, the Duckhorn 1986 and 1987 Merlots have a much fresher and more concentrated quality. Other than this, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Paraduxx (a proprietary red), and Decoy Migration white and red table wines are among the other wines you can experience from this 25-year old Napa Valley vineyard that's located at Lodi Lane and the Silverado Trail, north of St. Helena California.

## SCHLOSSGUT DIEL

The mission statement for Schlossgut Diel is simple.

"Quality, quality and quality," responded Armin Diel, the current owner of the winery. The first step he embarked on in 1987 was to change all the experimental vines with his father Dr Ingo Diel planted to relaunch the Riesling, which is "Germany's greatest contribution to the world of fine wines".

"The queen of all German grape varieties" is planted in all the premium vineyards that has been classified as Grand Crus in 1901 by the Prussian government.

In the home market in Germany, dry wines are popular, which accounts for two-third of their sales there. However, in the export markets, it is the classical fruity style that makes up 90% of the sales - the archetypal character of German wine to the outside world.



## CHÂTEAU RAUZAN-SÉGLA

We always look for wine that has both finesse and elegance," explained John Kolasa, general manager, of the winery's philosophy," It is unique to find a wine with two such combined qualities, that has good structure for great aging potential."

Boasting a rich history that has roots running all the way back to 1661, Château Rauzan-Ségla's vineyard was started up by Pierre des Mesures de Rauzan. After a quartet of highly successful Premiers Grand Crus, Lafite-Rothschild, Latour, Margaux, Haut-Brion and the top ranked Mouton-Rothschild, Rauzan-Ségla was not surprisingly considered Bordeaux's best wine in 1855. Today, after much stringent selections from the best of the crop, the winery has also catapulted into the elite group of Bordeaux's super seconds.

With an annual production of 100 000 bottles of Château Rauzan-Ségla and 120 000 bottles of Ségla, this open-market wine definitely is worth looking out for. Along with the cuisine of two-Michelin starred Chef Philip Legendre, Château Rauzan-Ségla made a definite French impression during World Gourmet Summit " It was also a great opportunity for us to speak about our properties and present our wines and vintages to the Asian public," added Kolasa.



## DE LOACH WINERY

What happens when two anthropologists decide to bottle their own wine? The result - 800 acres of vineyard that is situated throughout the Russian River Valley that produce both cool and warm climate grapes considered as some of the finest in the world.

Cecil and Christine De Loach are the owners of De Loach winery that holds state of the art facility designed for the specific needs of 11 different grape varieties. Situated 60 miles north of San Francisco, just west of the city of Santa Rosa, this winery was almost not to be - the original plan was to retire at the vineyard. The skyrocketed grape prices in the 1970s encouraged the pair to make their own wine in 1975, following it with further expansion. And the wine philosophy? Craft exceptional wines, from the highest quality grapes, that people love to drink.



## KNOWING YOUR COGNAC

The art of appreciating cognac may be unfamiliar in this part of the world, which was why the presence of Martell masterblender Patrick Raguenaud for a one-session masterclass can only be viewed as an eye opener:

"A good meal is like having a good cognac. It's got to have good balance and should match overall," said the man who spends his day testing the different quality of spirits and blending them. What exactly does a masterblender do? "Other than tasting, I plan activities for management, discuss and negotiate contracts with the existing farmers," was the laughing reply. On top of that, it is also his responsibility to ensure that V.S.O.P and XO Supreme will not change.

During the cognac masterclass, those present were able to learn the primary characteristics of cognac and what makes Martell unique. "After going through our distillation method, the cognac bears this lightness and floral taste, before being stored in oak barrels from Tronçais that gives it the final perfumed flavour," came the enlightening reply. JT/EG/RK