



O'Brien Estate

Staff Picks:

'07 Robert Biale
"Pollo Bianco"
Yountville, Napa

*"I never knew I liked Sauv
Blanc before – it's like a party
in my mouth!"*

–Jenny

(get it while it lasts; it's sold
out everywhere!)

'04 "The Doctor"
Krupp Vineyards
Napa Valley

*An interesting blend of
Tempranillo, Merlot, Cab Sauv
and Malbec*

'05 Larkmead "Firebelle"
Napa Valley

48% Merlot, 40% Cab Sauv,
9% Cab Franc, 3% Petit
Verdot

*"Mmm, this wine is really big
and really smooth at the same
time! Who knew so much
Merlot could taste so good?"*

–Zöe

Things to Look Out For:

Our second annual Ladies
Night is coming up so all
you gals keep an eye out!

A hoard of new sparkling
wine is arriving summer
day by summer day.
France, Italy, it's an
international bubble
delight!

O'Brien Estate arose as a love story and continues to show off its romantic beginnings through its wines. Bart and Barb O'Brien fell in love with Napa and each other on their third date. Twenty years later, we are all enjoying the product of their life together. Originally established in 1978, Bart and Barb O'Brien purchased the winery from John Costello in 2000. Located in the heart of the Napa Valley, O'Brien Estate is sustainably farmed, completely free of pesticides. Each grape in that bottle has been hand picked with love and care. O'Brien wines are small production, uniquely hand crafted and made with all of the romance that the Oak Knoll District has growing in its soil. With exclusively estate grown fruit, each of O'Brien's wines displays a different and special reflection of the vineyard, the winery, and the couple behind these wines.

Not only do the wines drip with romance and love, they're named appropriately as well. O'Brien's proprietary red blend, "Seduction", is a combination of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Seduction has a rich, sexy, purple color and smells of espresso and cedar with a hint of licorice. In the mouth it certainly seduces with dark berry and cassis flavors as well as full bodied yet balanced tannins. It's one of our best sellers here at Artisan, and Wine Spectator agrees with a 90 point score.

Bart O'Brien, the proprietor, will come to Artisan to pour some of his great wines. He will seduce us all with a wine tasting. Check our website for details!

Seduction: bottle \$45

www.obrienestate.com

Remember our 10% discount when you buy a bottle to go!

Hunnicut Wines

Get ready for a tasty new wine! We're featuring one of Hunnicutt's best: the 2005 Chiles Valley District Zinfandel (Napa). Hunnicutt is a small production winery in the Napa Valley. Proprietor Justin Hunnicutt is also the general manager of his family estate D.R. Stephens. While extremely well versed in the winemaking process himself, Justin made the smart decision of hiring childhood buddy and renowned winemaker Kirk Venge (Saddleback Cellars and Venge Vineyards, among others) to consult in the winemaking for Hunnicutt and it has proved to be a wise choice. This great team turns out tasty small production wines with a big focus on quality and class.

This Zinfandel features 5% Petite Sirah, adding a little bit more body to the wine. Only 344 cases were made with grapes from the Chiles Valley District in Napa.

Zin: \$36

New Stuff from J. Wilkes

If you enjoyed J. Wilkes 2006 "Hillside" Bien Nacido Vineyards Pinot Noir, then you're sure to be a fan of his 2005 Block 3 from Solomon Hills Vineyards. It's bigger than the Hillside, in the glass and on the palate. The color is deceptively thick and dark, but it still shows that typical Pinot Noir translucence on the edges. All of J. Wilkes' Pinots are great: Noir... Blanc... both great wines!

Noir: \$45

Blanc: \$23

Lang & Reed

Cab Franc is the new Cab Sauv. Growing ever more popular, Cabernet Franc has finally been delicately honed into a beautiful solo varietal. Lang & Reed's 2003 Premier Etage is a perfect example of how lush Cab Franc can be. Its smoky, tobacco aromas carry through onto the palate with a full bodied leathery texture that stays lingering in your mouth, awaiting appreciation.

bottle: \$45

Other things to note:

Having a party? Entertain your guests with **Winerd** – the fun game that tests your wine knowledge!

In the meantime, try and answer this question:

"Why are Swiss wines not well known in the U.S.?"

- a) They are inferior quality and are not allowed in the U.S.
- b) Few are available for export
- c) They cannot export wine because they are a neutral country

(see bottom for answer)

Come check out our **new artist**, Averyl Veliz. Her pieces are flying out the window, so be sure to see them while they're still on the walls!

We have **Happy Hour** every week day (we're closed on Mondays) from 4pm-6pm. Try our tasty appetizer plates, or discounts on some glasses of wine, our beers, sparkling wines, sangria and other treats.

Find all your updates, new info, menus and anything else you might need on our website: www.artisanwl.com

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