

Eco-friendly Wines reds

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Whether it's dry farming, filling the tractor with bio-diesel, or producing wine "off the grid" you'll find the most sensitive wineries here taste their efforts in the wines they produce.

POURTAL #33 VIÑA IJALBA GRACIANO



100% Graciano, a grape rarely planted, from the only Certified Organic producer in all of Rioja. Red lilac in color, this is an intense and well-rounded wine with balanced acidity and a fruity aroma. It is delicate but full-bodied, and an excellent match for meat and rustic fish dishes.

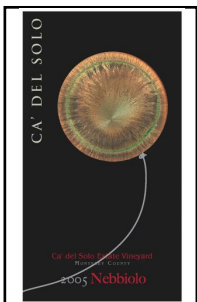
Varietal(s): Graciano

Vintage: 2005 **Region:**, Rioja, Spain

Commitment: Organic Wine



POURTAL #34 CA' DEL SOLO NEBBIOLO



Practicing Biodynamic, Bonny Doon is one of the forefront pioneers of the "Natural Revolution." They've widdled down their labels focusing on what grows the best where and have decided to only use screw caps. There are various reasons for this method, but as Mr. Doon says "Not quite convinced, ... trust the New Zealanders." In the meantime, taste this Nebbiolo, a grape indigenous to Piedmont, but thoroughly expressed from Monterey County.

Varietal(s): Nebbiolo

Vintage: 2005 **Region:**, Monterey County,

Commitment: Biodynamic



POURTAL #35 DOMAINE FELINES JOURDAN MERLOT



Although Claude Jourdan is best known for producing one of the better examples of Picpoul de Pinet, she also makes killer merlot. This is because she also owns some of the best land in the Languedoc land with clay soils near the sea, which are much better suited to red than white varieties. A delicious, supple Merlot with plenty of plummy red fruits & at a great value.

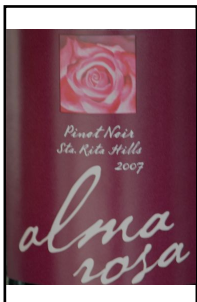
Varietal(s): Merlot

Vintage: 2007 **Region:**, Languedoc, France

Commitment: Sustainable / Organically Grown



POURTAL #36 ALMA ROSA PINOT NOIR



Richard Sanford, the family cited for the original Sanford & Benedict planting, have produced an organic, deeply colored Pinot with sandalwood and red fruit (black raspberry, cherry) and a velvety texture that reminds us of why this is a special place in California. Alma Rosa was named 1st Place on the list of Top 10 Eco-Wineries by Greenopia.

Varietal(s): Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2007 **Region:**, Santa Rita Hills,

Commitment: Sustainable / Organically Grown



POURTAL #37**AMPELOS "GAMMA" SYRAH**

"Lip licking" wine because the palate goes on and on and on -& people continue to lick their lips. Besides the long palate, gamma offers a nose of dark chocolate and sweet almond. Combined with cracked white pepper a signature of cool climate syrah in sta. rita hills. In addition, the tannins are balanced and the oak is supporting.

Varietal(s): Syrah

Vintage: 2006 **Region:** Sta. Rita Hills,

Commitment: Sustainable / Organically Grown

**POURTAL #38****QUIVIRA GRENACHE**

The goats on the label are housed next to the oldest block of Grenache. Organic and efficient. Their goats mow down the weeds with robust appetite. Cute they are, but once the leaves start unfolding on the vines you have to keep a sharp eye on them, because they are known to stray back into the vineyards for the soft early vine leaves of spring. Enjoy this fantastic wine from one of the best Biodynamic producers out there.

Varietal(s): Grenache

Vintage: 2007 **Region:** Wine Creek Ranch, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma,

Commitment: Biodynamic

**POURTAL #39****ROBERT SINSEY CABERNET FRANC**

Definitely the best Cab Franc from the States. Ripe Carneros fruit with a Loire Valley mineral backbone. Sinskey is known for bringing terrior to every bottle through his Biodynamic methods. Besides practically having a zoo of animals on the farm to naturally rid pests and compost the soil, he even runs his tractor on used corn oil from the Culinary Institute around the corner.

Varietal(s): Cabernet Franc

Vintage: 2005 **Region:** Vandal Vineyard, Los Carneros, California

Commitment: Biodynamic

**POURTAL #40****MONTESECONDO ROSSO**

A great vintage for the Toscana Rosso by Silvio Messana. Lovely Sangiovese fruit, quite dense and earthy. Silvio farms organically, ferments with wild yeasts and bottles unfiltered. This wine seems to improve with each vintage, the problem is that Silvio doesn't make enough of it.

Varietal(s): Sangiovese; Canaiolo

Vintage: 2008 **Region:** Tuscany, Italy

Commitment: Organic Wine

