

# Area vintners produce outstanding wines

**SANTA CRUZ** — Numerous local vineyards supply outstanding grapes and produce fine-quality wines. Here are some wineries located in the county:

**AHLGREN VINEYARD** — P. O. Box 931, Boulder Creek.

This firm's goal is to seek the inherent promise of each vintage, variety and microclimate — using a traditional, low-volume, hand-made approach to winemaking. Write or phone for information regarding visits and wine availability.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 338-6071.\*

**APTOS VINEYARD** — 7278 Mesa Drive, Aptos.

There are 2½ acres, on which premium Pinot Noir grapes are grown to produce a limited bottling of 1,500 bottles. The grapes are consistent first-place winners at the Santa Cruz County fair in the grape division. The wines are made by Thomas Kruse.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 688-3856.

**BARGETTO WINERY** — 3535 North Main St., Soquel.

Bargetto is not only regarded as one of California's premier producers of fine varietals, but also as an innovator in producing some of the country's finest fruit wines. The tasting room is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bargetto's also operates a tasting room in Monterey at 70 Cannery Row (phone 373-4053).

**BONNY DOON VINEYARD** — P. O. Box 8381, Santa Cruz.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 425-3625.

The winemaker is Randall Graham. This new small winery in the Bonny Doon area features limited production of premium

quality wines made from the estate vineyard and fruit purchased from selected vineyards. These include Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Claret and Sirah. Summer tasting hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays and other times by appointment at 2 Pine Flat Road.

**COOK-ELLIS WINERY** — Corralitos. Mailing: P. O. Box 66585, Scotts Valley.

The winemaker is Jim Ellis. This is a new, remote mountain winery producing premium-quality Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Fume Blanc. Table wines produced under the Buzzard Lagoon Vineyard label. Tours, tasting and sales by appointment.

**CRESCINI WINES** — P. O. Box 216, Soquel.

This winery is owned by Richard and Paule Crescini. They specialize in Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Chenin Blanc.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 462-1466.

**DAVID BRUCE WINERY** — 21439 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos. Mailing: P. O. Box 205, Saratoga, CA 95071.

David Bruce Winery has been making wine in the Santa Cruz Mountains for 20 years.

Specialties include Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grown on the estate. Tasting and Sales — Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sales only — Monday through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 354-4214.

**DEVLIN WINE CELLARS** — 2815 Porter Street, Soquel. Mailing: P. O. Box 7289, Soquel, CA 95073.

Owned and operated by Chuck and Cheryl Devlin, this facility is located in the Santa Cruz Mountains overlooking the Monterey Bay. Specialties include Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot. These

award-winning wines are available at the tasting room or by mail order. Visiting is daily from noon to 5 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 476-7288 or 476-9300.

**FELTON-EMPIRE WINEYARDS** — 379 Felton Empire Rad, Felton.

Located on the Hallcrest Estate planted in 1941, Felton-Empire specializes in White Riesling and related varieties with a limited production of Cabernet and Pinot Noir. Wines are also made from coastal vineyards ranging from Santa Barbara to Mendocino. Tasting and tours on weekends from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 335-3939.

**FRICK WINERY** — 303 Potrero, Santa Cruz.

Specializing in the production of Pinot Noir, the winery is open for tasting Saturday from Noon to 4 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 426-8623.

**GROVER GULCH WINERY** — 7880 Glen Haven Road, Soquel.

Owned by Dennis and Reini Bassano and Reinhold Banek, the winery specializes in Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. Wines are made in the tradition of the California-Italian style of winemaking. Visits by appointment.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 475-0568.

**McHENRY WINEYARDS** — Bonny Doon. Mailing: 330 11th St., Davis, CA 95616.

All wine is produced from a four-acre, west-facing, 1,800 foot vineyard located five miles from the ocean. The specialties are Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

Additional information may be obtained by

calling (916) 765-3202.

**NICASIO VINEYARDS** — 483 Nicasio Way, Soquel.

**P & M STAIGER** — 1300 Hopkins Gulch Road, Boulder Creek.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 338-4346.

Founded in 1973, this winery is at the 1,100 foot elevation and makes wines only from its own five acres. There are plantings of Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot (in an 80-20 percent mix). Production is approximately 1,100 gallons per year and will remain at that level.

**RIVER RUN VINTNERS** — 65 Rogge Lane, Watsonville.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 726-3112. Open by appointment.

**ROUDEN-SMITH VINEYARDS** — 2364 Bean Creek Road, Santa Cruz.

Established in 1972 by Bob and Annamaria Roudon and Jim and June Smith, the winery is dedicated to the best possible from each vintage. Tours and sales — Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 438-1244.

**SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAIN VINEYARD** — 2300 Jarvis Road, Santa Cruz.

Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyard produces premium Pinot Noir and other red wines. Although not generally open to the public, they will arrange appointments.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 426-6209.

**SILVER MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS** — P.O. Box 1695, Los Gatos, CA 95031.