

The Catamarcan

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Monthly Newsletter

Wow! It's January already. I am still amazed at how fast 2007 went by. For 2008 I am asking you my loyal readers to get involved. I need ideas. So, send me your questions about wine. Anything goes! I'm sure some of you have questions about grapes, wine making, wine regions, etc. Email me with anything that you want to know about and I'll try to answer.

For more information about our wines and our retailers please go to our website at www.catamarcaimports.com.

Upcoming Events

Unfortunately we will not be doing any wine tastings in the month of January. But I will definitely keep you posted for events during the year.

Wines for the Super Bowl

by Christi Azurmendi

Wines for the Super Bowl

Well kids, it's only a few short weeks away, Super Bowl XLII. We still don't know which teams will be there, what we do know however is that it is time to plan for the party. I mean who cares which teams play? Isn't the point to sit around and watch a little gridiron with friends? Ok, ok, I realize there are those of you out there with an actual stake in who goes and who wins whether it be monetary or emotional. I mean if the Falcons were to go (ha ha ha) I'd cheer for them...maybe. But what interests me more is the food and what to serve with it.



As I get older, I notice that my parties have evolved from kegs of cheap beer and jello shots to microbrews and vodka tonics. Why not step it up one more time and serve some wine as well? You may be surprised at the amount of people who choose wine over other alcohol. Of course, that adds the question, what wine to serve with the typical Super Bowl fare. I would typically say that depends on what you are eating, but actually there are many wines that go with Super Bowl fare.

Let me say, I am not a huge fan of sweet wine. When I go to dinner or open a bottle at home, you are not likely to see a bottle of Riesling on my table. However, all of that changes when you are eating salty foods. Chips, wings, cheese dip, ranch dip, all of these have a fare amount of saltiness to them. The sweetness of Riesling can be a delicious and refreshing contrast.

I know there are some of you out there that would rather drink reds. Ribs, chili, pizza or barbeque all go great with red wine. Look for an Aussie Shiraz or Shiraz blend with its balance of fruit and spice to balance nicely with any tangy red sauce. Or, for something with a fuller body try an Argentine Cab or Malbec. Each of these wines will be enhanced by a tangy sauce and we happen to have a few that would be perfect.

Last but not least there is always sparkling wine. Believe it or not a glass of bubbly will go with just about anything. The crispness and the bubbles are a wonderful contrast to anything that is spicy or cheesy or tangy. This is a foolproof choice for anything that you might be serving. Plus it's always fun to drink!

Whichever wine you decide to go with enjoy the game, enjoy the food and of course enjoy the wine. Bon appetit!

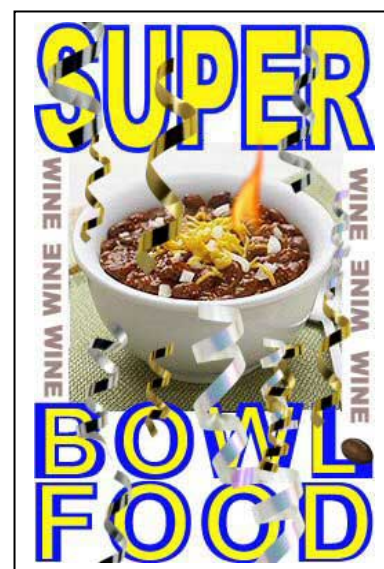
Have a question about one of our products or just wine in general?

Send me an email and I'll try to answer it: christi44@comcast.net.

In home wine tastings:

We are now offering personal wine tastings in your home. They are perfect for events and also makes a great gift (one size fits all!!!)

To find out more please contact Christi Azurmendi at 404-422-0808 or christi44@comcast.net.



Suggestions for your holiday wine marked with a ◀

Wines:

White Wines

Argentine

Cavas de Santos/Santos Beck:

Torrontes
Chardonnay-Viognier

Serrera:

Chardonnay ◀

Spanish

Heredad Ugarte

Reinares Blanco **New

Australian

Printhie Chardonnay ◀

Rose Wines

Spanish

Heredad Ugarte

Mercedes Eguren Cabernet
Sauvignon Rosado

Red Wines

Argentine

Cavas de Santos/Santos Beck:

Malbec Classic ◀
Cabernet Sauvignon Classic
Gran Malbec ◀
Gran Cabernet Sauvignon ◀
Gran Merlot
Gran Vino

Serrera:

Malbec ◀
Syrah
Del Pecado ◀
Gran Guarda

Bodegas Crotta:

Syrah
Tempranillo

Don Cristóbal:

Reserve Malbec
Reserve Shiraz

Xumek:

Malbec ◀
Syrah

Spanish

Reinares Tinto **New ◀
Mercedes Eguren Shyras-
Tempranillo **New
Heredad Ugarte Crianza **New
Dominio de Ugarte Reserva **New
Martín Cendoya **New

Australian

Printhie Shiraz ◀
Printhie Shiraz-Viognier ◀
Printhie Cabernet-Shiraz ◀
Printhie Merlot

Dessert Wines and Sparkling

Wines:

Argentine

Santos Beck:

Moscatel de Alejandria ◀

Bodegas Crotta:

strip tease ◀
Semi-Sweet White
Semi-Sweet Red

Where to find us:

Restaurants

Adriana's Café and Bistro
Anatolia Restaurant
The Argentine Steakhouse
Bangkok Thyme
Beyond the Bayou, Inc.
Bluepoint
Cabernet
Carpe Diem
Cobb International Farmers Market
Duke's Package Store
Fever Tapas Bar
Gaucho's Grill
Gaucho's Grill II
Grapes and Hops
Gwinnett International Farmers Market
High Falls BBQ
Intercontinental Hotel Buckhead
Java Vino
Kiosko
LaBrassa Grill
La Strada – Marietta
Muss&Turners
One Midtown Kitchen
Pampas Steakhouse
posh
Saga
Sal Grosso Churrascaria
Tequilaboom Mexican Grille
Trattoria 141
Violette's
Willie Rae's Simpatico

Wine Bars

D'Vine
Especially for You
Planet of the Grapes

Retailers

Bailey's Bottle Shop
Beverage World
Bottoms Up Beverages
The Barn Bottle Shop
Colors of Wine
Conyers Liquor Store
Decatur Package Store
DeKalb Bottle
Depot Package Store
DJ's Package
Dogwood Wine and Spirits
Five Points Bottle Shop
G's Package Store
Georgetown Package
Hwy 138 Package Store
Hall of Fine Wines
Hometown Spirits

International Farmers Market in
Chamblee

Jasper's Liquor Store
Lake Pointe Wine & Spirits
Lilburn (ABC) Package
M and J
Marietta Wine Market
Michael's Beer & Wine
Mountain Beverage
New Era Package Store
Newton Package Shop
Perimeter Bottle shop
Plaza Beer & Wine
RK Package
Roswell Beverage
Sahil Package
Salem Spirits
Sigman Bottle Shop
Smoke Rise Bottle Shop
South 85 Bottle Shop
USA Package Store
V'Boggs
Village Spirits
Vino 100 at Lenox
Wine Cellars
Wine Gallery + Market
The Wine Seller
The Wine Store
The Winery
Winward Beverage Mart

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the wine you are looking for to:
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Virginia and North Carolina. To find
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those states:

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Al McKosh 703-304-0692 or
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