

Esterlina Vineyards & Winery

Notes by Winemaker Eric Sterling

2005 Sauvignon Blanc, McDowell Vineyards

Esterlina is proud to resume production of this wonderful varietal. A trip to New Zealand last winter (I told them I was doing important research) helped me to hone in on a style of Sauvignon Blanc I liked. This beautiful wine has a lovely perfumed nose of citrus and pear. Hints of pineapple, kiwi, peach and lemon on the mid-palate. It finished with soft, rich warmth and a bit of honey. This wine should pair well with poultry dishes, pasta and cream sauces, white fish and medium cheeses. Best served slightly chilled. Drink now until 2008. **725 cases produced - \$18/bottle (Wine Club \$14.40)**



- At Esterlina Vineyards, we produce hand-crafted, award-winning wines.

2004 Esterlina

Tres Appellation Chardonnay

This may be the best Chardonnay Esterlina has ever released. An aromatic nose of passion fruit and pineapple starts the experience. Ripe fruit, hints of French oak, cinnamon and nutmeg on the mid-palate give the wine a rich, full body. Crisp acidity and citrus enhance the long, lingering finish. **850 cases produced - \$20/bottle (\$16 Wine Club)**

2005 Cole Ranch Off-dry Riesling

This Riesling is perhaps the best we have ever grown. The 2005 Off-dry has the classic Cole Ranch nose, with pineapple, green apple and spice hints. Lots of grapefruit and honeydew flavors, with a strong mineral undercurrent. Great acidity, and a hint of residual sugar – a bit less than the '04-- make this an excellent wine for warmer weather. It should pair well with most Asian foods, curry, and glazed ham.

512 cases. \$18 (\$14.40 Wine Club)

2004 Estate Pinot Noir (Anderson Valley)

This wine is similar to our '02 Estate Pinot Noir, with intense, concentrated flavors and ripe fruit, but with slightly better balance. We have no problems opining that our 2004 vintage of Pinot Noir from this vineyard is worth collecting. It starts with stellar red and black fruit aromas, in addition to sweet vanilla-oak and mushroom hints. The mouth has wonderful flavors of ripe and juicy dark cherry, spiced cranberry and a bit of mushroom, with the classic acidity always present our estate pinot. The finish is long and spicy.

730 cases. \$40 per bottle (\$32 Wine Club)

2003 Russian River Pinot Noir (Sterling Family Vineyard)

From our vineyard off Eastside Road in Forestville, this pinot noir has a nose of ripe berries, spice and vanilla. Raspberries, quince, and a hint of sweet caramel are elegantly balanced in this medium bodied wine. At bottling, this pinot noir was immediately approachable with soft tannins and good complexity. Like all of our pinots, it is very good now, and will age exceptionally well. **450 cases made. \$35.00 per bottle (\$28 Wine Club)**

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2003 Russian River Zinfandel (Bacigalupi Vineyard)

This is another excellent Zinfandel from the Bacigalupi Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. The wine starts with rich aromas of plum, coffee, and chocolate, with an underlying hint of baking spice. The mouth-feel is polished, perhaps even extravagant, with lots of ripe black fruit flavors, caramel corn and a ribbon of oak. We hope and expect that you will be as pleased with this wine as we are.

640 cases produced - \$25/bottle (Wine Club \$20)

2002 Cole Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon

This is yet another in a long line of excellent wines from our family's Cole Ranch appellation-vineyard. This Cabernet is a beautiful burgundy color with toasty oak, vanilla, and black fruit aromas. Flavors of juicy cherry and currant are framed by oak, medium tannins, and good acidity. The wine will be splendid with age but it drinks very well today.

350 cases produced - \$20/bottle (Wine Club \$16)

2004 Sonoma County Port

This year's Port is blend of Syrah from the Janian Vineyard in Sonoma Mountain, Cabernet Sauvignon from our Alexander Valley property, and a small percentage of Merlot. Like the previous vintage, this is rich, smooth and complex, with flavors of red berry, black cherry and a bit of baking spice. We didn't make very much of this varietal so it will not be around for long. **300 cases produced - \$25/bottle (\$20 Wine Club)**



Wines are discounted @ 15% per case or 5% per ½ case.

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