

Tasting Notes - 7/22/10 - Pinot Noir
Thos. Moser Los Angeles Showroom
8705 Washington Blvd, Culver City

WHITE WINES

2008 Sixteen by Twenty Sonoma Coast Chardonnay \$30

This has a clean, fresh nose with hints of honeysuckle, lemon curd, banana and melon. It has excellent balance and acidity, citrus and mineral flavors, a creamy midpalate, a smooth rich texture and hints of toast on the finish.

RED WINES

2008 Weber Wine Company Kelley Family Vineyard Pinot Noir \$30

This wine has a classic Oregon Pinot nose, earthy and funky, very enticing. In the mouth, cranberries, cherries, orange peel with a healthy dose of minerality. Wonderful acidity. With air, floral notes and forest floor characteristics emerge on the nose.

2007 Weber Wine Company Russell Family Vineyard Pinot Noir \$30

Slight Pinot funk on nose, red raspberries, red berries, fresh herbs on both the nose and palate. Great mouthfeel. Opens up beautifully, showing a wonderful crowd-pleasing nose. Bright acidity keeps this lively throughout.

2007 Weber Wine Company Orchid Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir \$30

Riper, earthier nose than the other wines. Candied red cherry, cola, sassafras flavors. Big, sweet, ripe, pleasing, fruit forward wine.

2007 Boheme Wines Pinot Noir Stuller Vineyard \$40

This wine features a vibrant dark ruby color, with expressive and inviting aromas of lilacs, spice and earth on the nose. Flavors of cola, sassafras, dried cherries, cinnamon and clove are framed by bracing minerality.

2007 Boheme Wines Pinot Noir Taylor Ridge Vineyard \$48

Bright cherry, ginger, forest floor and caramel leap from the glass. In the mouth, gorgeous deep, dark red flavors of plum and dark berries. Fabulous concentration and balance, finishes long and complex.

2007 Small Vines Wines Russian River Valley Pinot Noir \$50

Bursting out of the glass with an intriguing spicy, tart red fruit and incense nose, there is a lot going on and it kind of hits you all at once. A rich, smooth but tight mouthfeel, and a spicy, tart berry, cherry, orange palate with a hint of licorice gives the backdrop for a real nice wine.

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ABOUT THIS WEEK'S FEATURED WINERIES

SIXTEEN BY TWENTY WINES

Sixteen by Twenty Wines is an extremely small production winery dedicated to producing top quality Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon in a very artisan, handcrafted fashion. With Paul Hobbs as Consulting Winemaker, the wines show the pedigree, character, quality and complexity associated with all of Paul's projects.

WEBER WINE COMPANY

In 2006, Andrew Weber decided to leave the software business and embark on the journey of winemaking. This journey led him to Clos Pepe Vineyard, where he became an intern. His goal is to produce food friendly wines that incorporate the rich fruit exemplified by the best domestic pinot noir, and the elegance, earthiness, and acidity exhibited in Burgundy.

BOHEME WINES

I first tried Boheme in 2006 on the recommendation from another Syrah junkie, and it blew me away. These wines have such intensity of flavors, richly elegant mouthfeel, showing a wonderful sense of place and expression of cool climate Pinot Noir and Syrah that I instantly became a fan. Kurt Beitler is a genius winemaker, meticulous farmer and passionate believer in wines expressing their depth and complexity with minimal intervention.

SMALL VINES WINES

Small Vines Wines is dedicated to producing the finest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay utilizing the European style of high-density planting. Owned, farmed and created by Paul & Kathryn Sloan, Small Vines believes that smaller vines produce smaller, more intensely flavored grapes and by extension, higher quality wines. Given the incredible reception that their initial vintage (2005) received, we see no reason to doubt their vision.