

VILLAGE

CALIFORNIA BISTRO
and
WINE BAR



SUMMER'S ON!

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As you can imagine my daily work consists of tasting wines and trying to find the perfect products to match our cuisine here at the Village California Bistro. When the summer comes around it is always very challenging because our palate really changes so much with the beautiful weather here in California. Although we are enjoying more “lighter” wines during these sunny and warm days, we can still enjoy a nice “big” Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah or Zinfandel. During our SUMMER'S ON! promotion we'll give you an opportunity to taste our version of “Summer Wines”, but I've added a few reds just to make sure we don't forget about them ... and they go so well with our steak and chicken menu items.

We have some great wines made from Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier and of course the “King of Whites” Chardonnay. Not to be left out though are our 'unusual' white varietals like Albariño, Muscat, Roussanne, Marsanne and Semillon ... give some of these a try and you'll get a different slant on what white wines can bring to the table.

Last but not least, what can be more refreshing on a summer afternoon or evening than a great Rose ... a perfect match with our new summer menu.

Santé...

SPECIAL FEATURES & EVENTS

Please see our website thevillagebistro.net for details or ask your server for one of our contact cards to receive email reminders of our wine events

FEATURED WINE FLIGHTS

SUMMER FLING

- Prosecco Caposaldo, Veneto - Italy, Sauvignon Blanc Neil Ellis - South Africa,
Miner Sangiovese Rosado - Napa Valley

“POP KISS FIZZ”...

- Prosecco Caposaldo, Veneto - Italy, Gran Cava d'Abbatís “Mas Arago,” Catalunya - Spain '05,
Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin, Reims - France

CHARDONNAY “HERE COMES THE KING”

- Healdsburg Ranches, Sonoma County '07, Marimar “Don Miguel,” Russian River Valley '06,
Clos du Val, Carneros '07...

RED HOT SUMMER

- Martin Alfaro Pinot Noir “Lester” Santa Cruz Mountains '07, Nieto Senetiner Reserva Malbec,
Mendoza - Argentina '08, Tejada Tempranillo-Garnacha, Lake County '05...

SUMMER ENTRÉES

FEATURING THE BEST OF OUR CALIFORNIA PRODUCE FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY & DELTA.

This Month, **Summer is On**, and our Summer menu focuses on our bounty of products and the lighter style of eating during the warmer evenings

FEATURED

WINES

20% OFF THE FOLLOWING FEATURED WINES

SAUVIGNON BLANC- SEMILLON

CROCKER & STARR, NAPA VALLEY '07	52
DE SANTE <i>OLD VINE</i> , NAPA VALLEY '07	45
LAIRD "RUTHERFORD RANCH," NAPA VALLEY '08	44
MERRY EDWARDS, RUSSIAN RIVER '09	69
OJAI "MC GINGLEY," SANTA YNEZ '08	59
ORIN SWIFT <i>VELADORA</i> , NAPA VALLEY '09	58
POMELO <small>BY</small> MASON, CALIFORNIA '08	37
ROCHIOLI, RUSSIAN RIVER '09	89
WALTER HANZEL, RUSSIAN RIVER '09	45
WHITEHAVEN, MARLBOROUGH '08	39
BRIDESMAID SAUVIGNON BLANC-SEMILLON , CALIFORNIA '08	49

CHARDONNAY

ANCIEN, CARNEROS '06	70
BARNETT "SIANGIACOMO," CARNEROS '07	66
CEJA, ESTATE, CARNEROS '07	76
ETRE, SONOMA COAST '08	65
LAIRD "COLD CREEK RANCH," CARNEROS '07	58
MALDONADO "PARR," SONOMA COUNTY '07	59
BREWER-CLIFTON, "SEASMOKE," SANTA RITA HILLS '05	106
MELVILLE, SANTA RITA HILLS '07	64
MOUNT EDEN VINEYARDS, ESTATE, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '05	104
OJAI "BIEN NACIDO," SANTA MARIA '07	59
RIDGE, "MONTE BELLO," SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '04	120
TALBOTT, MONTEREY COUNTY '07	60

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STIMULATING WHITE VARIETALS

MUSCAT (DRY), BONNY DOON CA' DEI SOLO, MONTEREY '09	43
PINOT GRIS, ETUDE, CARNEROS '08	47
RHONE BLEND, REMELLURI, RIOJA BLANC, SPAIN '03	85
ROUSSANE-GRENACHE BL, BONNY DOON LE CIGARE BLANC "BEESWAX," ARROYO SECO '07	46
VIIGNIER, DARIOUSH, NAPA VALLEY '08	85

ROSES...

GRENACHE CINSULT, DOMAINE DE LA FOUQUETTE, COTES DE PROVENCE-FRANCE '09	46
MOURVÈDRE, TABLAS CREEK, PASO ROBLES '07	47
SYRAH, SAXON BROWN "FLORA RANCH," CHALK HILL '08	45
SYRAH, CEJA, SONOMA COAST '07	46

SUMMERY REDS...

MERLOT

CORTÉ RIVA, NAPA VALLEY '04	59
JAYSON BY PAHLMAYER, NAPA VALLEY '05	69
PARCEL 41, NAPA VALLEY '06	48
PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS, NAPA/SONOMA '06	119

PETITE SYRAH

CARVER SUTRO, "PALISADES," NAPA VALLEY '05	94
ENVY "ENVY," NAPA VALLEY '07	54
MOSHIN, RUSSIAN RIVER '07	85

ZINFANDEL

CORTE RIVA, NAPA VALLEY '06	58
NEYERS, "TOFANELLI," NAPA VALLEY '06	77
ORIN SWIFT <i>SALDO</i> , CALIFORNIA '08	63
SAXON BROWN, "CASA SANTINAMARIA," SONOMA VALLEY '06	65

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PINOT NOIR

CEJA, ESTATE, CARNEROS '06	84
CUBANISIMO, WILLAMETTE VALLEY '08	65
DONATIELLO, RUSSIAN RIVER '06	66
EN ROUTE, <i>LES POMMIERS</i> , RUSSIAN RIVER '07	99
LEMELSON <i>THEA'S SELECTION</i> , WILLAMETTE VALLEY '07	75
MARTIN ALFARO, GARYS' VINEYARD '07	85
OJAI, "BIEN NACIDO," SANTA MARIA '07	88
RADIO COTEAU, "LA NEBLINA," SONOMA COAST '05	98
REX HILL, DUNDEE HILLS '07	79
TWOMEY, RUSSIAN RIVER '08	99
WALTER HANSEL "THE SOUTH SLOPE," RUSSIAN RIVER '06	84

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ARTESA, NAPA/SONOMA COUNTIES '05	52
ELIZABETH SPENCER SPECIAL CUVEE, NAPA VALLEY '07	58
LAIRD FAMILY "DIAMOND MOUNTAIN RANCH," NAPA VALLEY '03	91
LEVIATHAN, NAPA VALLEY '07	115
SEQUUM "KIDD RANCH," NAPA VALLEY '06	89
STELTZNER, STAGS LEAP DISTRICT '06	75

WINE DIRECTOR

“D” S PICKS

Because I'm the poor guy who has to taste most of the wines to please your tastes during your dining experience with us, as often as I can I like to find special “deals”, or, as I call them, “good bottles to share between friends” for the best values. When I get a fair “deal” I make sure to share it with you as I would with my friends...

Santé... “D”

FAR NIENTE CHARDONNAY, NAPA VALLEY '08 \$ 79

I have always had a great respect for the wine vision of Gil Nickel. When he decided to purchase his winery in the late 70's, he wanted to make a wine that people would talk about for decades. In my opinion, he succeeded with Far Niente. Gil passed away in the Fall of 2003. Far Niente blends wines from its various estate Chardonnay vineyards to create its distinctive style. When young, these wines offer fresh fruit and a marvelous finish; with time, they slowly reveal the wine's complex nature through added texture, richness, weight, and depth. Far Niente Chardonnay has earned its reputation as one of the great white wines worthy of aging. Cheers to Gil.

COLD HEAVEN “SANFORD & BENEDICT,” VIOGNIER SANTA MARIA VALLEY '08 \$ 75

Morgan Clendenen's mission and goal as a winemaker is to illuminate and define Viognier, to elevate its profile and explore its potential through keen observation and copious tasting. She seek to sound the depths of this enigmatic grape, to reveal its secrets and shine a bright light on the extraordinary fruit grown in the cool vineyards of the Santa Maria and Santa Ynez Valleys of California 's Central Coast. This wine is packed with initial lovely aromas of apricots, sweet butter, and pears and it moves to a kind of wet brook scent – much like classic Condrieu. The finish is sweet and lingering.

MARTINELLI *BELLA VIGNA* PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER '08 \$ 85

All of the Martinelli Estate vineyards are farmed by Lee Martinelli, Sr., and sons Lee, Jr., and George Martinelli. The wines are made by consultant winemaker, Helen Turley, and their winemaker, Bryan Kvamme. These handcrafted wines are un-fined, un-filtered, neither cold nor heat stabilized and may contain naturally occurring sediment. The Bella Vigna Pinot Noir is a select blend of some their single vineyards. A delicate style, ripe, smooth and elegant, with a creamy texture and complex cherry, berry and spice flavors that linger long on the finish.

ROTH CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ALEXANDER VALLEY '07 \$ 62

Roth is a family owned producer, dedicated to crafting Cabernet Sauvignon that is reflective of its origins. In 2000, the first vintage was made from select vineyard sites within the southern most tip of the Alexander Valley AVA.

The 2007 vintage has the deep fruit and firm tannins characteristic of this AVA's southern expanses - blackberry, red cherry, plum and cassis, accented by hints of white pepper, cedar and nutmeg that carry over the long finish. Aged 18 months in seasoned French and American oak barrels, the wine gently fined to preserve varietal character. While stylistically fruit forward and ready to drink upon release.

WINES BY THE GLASS

BUBBLES

PROSECCO, CAPOSALDO, BRUT, VENETO ITALY, NV	9
SPARKLING ROSÉ, DOMAINE CARNEROS <i>DAMASK</i> , CARNEROS NV	12
SPARKLING, GRAN CAVA D'ABBATIS "MAS ARAGO," CATALUNYA SPAIN '05	11
CHAMPAGNE, VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN <i>YELLOW LABEL</i> , REIMS FRANCE NV	17

WHITE

ALBARINO, CAMBIATA, MONTEREY '08	10
CHARDONNAY, HEALDSBURG RANCHES, SONOMA COUNTY '07 UNOAKED	9
CHARDONNAY, MARIMAR "DON MIGUEL," RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY '06	11
CHARDONNAY, CLOS DU VAL, CARNEROS '07	14
MUSCAT (DRY), BONNY DOON CA' DEI SOLO, MONTEREY '09	11
PINOT GRIGIO, CIELO, DELLE VENEZIE ITALY '09	9
RIESLING KABINETT, WEGELER, WEHLENER SONNENUHR, MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER GERMANY '07	11
SAUVIGNON BLANC, N. ELLIS <i>SINCERELY</i> , WESTERN CAPE SOUTH AFRICA '09	9
SAUVIGNON BLANC, TWOMEY BY SILVER OAK , NAPA VALLEY '09	14
SEMILLON, SAXON BROWN "CRICKET CREEK," ALEX. VALLEY '08	11
VIOGNIER, MINER "SIMPSON," CALIFORNIA '08	12

ROSÉ

GRENACHE, VALDEMAR, RIOJA '08	8
SANGIOVESE, MINER, MENDOCINO '09	10

RED

BORDEAUX BLEND (MERLOT & CABERNET), CHÂTEAU TROCARD, BORDEAUX '06	10
CABERNET SAUVIGNON, LINE SHACK, SAN ANTONIO VALLEY (MONTEREY) '07	9
CABERNET SAUVIGNON, B.R. COHN, NORTH COAST '07	13
MALBEC, NIETO SENETINER <i>RESERVA</i> , MENDOZA '08	9
MERLOT, ADASTRA, CARNEROS '06	10
PINOTAGE, NEIL ELLIS, STELLENBOSH, SOUTH AFRICA '08	12
PINOT NOIR, CAPIAUX <i>CHIMERA</i> , SONOMA COUNTY '07	15
PINOT NOIR, CAMUS-BRUCHON, BOURGOGNE FRANCE '07	13
PINOT NOIR, MARTIN ALFARO "LESTER," SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '07	10
PINOT NOIR, MORGAN <i>TWELVE CLONES</i> , SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS '08	12
TEMPRANILLO-GARNACHA, TEJADA, LAKE COUNTY '05	13
ZINFANDEL-SYRAH, PELERIN <i>RTW</i> , MONTEREY '07	11
ZINFANDEL, RUNQUIST Z "MASSONI RANCH," AMADOR COUNTY '07	13

FEATURED WHITE FLIGHTS

UNUSUAL WHITES

ALBARINO, CAMBIATA, MONTEREY '08

Dry, with a good balance between alcohol level and acidity.

SEMILLON, SAXON BROWN "CRICKET CREEK," ALEX. VALLEY '08

Aroma of candied fruits and white flowers. Medium to full bodied swept clean by crisp acidity. Flavors of tropical fruits.

VIIGNIER, MINER "SIMPSON," CALIFORNIA '08

Lovely restrained floral scents, dry, silky smooth and full bodied on the palate, with white peach on the mid-palate and a hint of minerality through the somewhat warm finish.

THREE 2 OZ TASTES ... 13

"POP KISS FIZZ" ...

PROSECCO, CAPOSALDO, BRUT, VENETO ITALY, NV

Pale straw with greenish undertones; fruity aroma with citrus, green apple and acacia flowers. A pleasant acidity, freshness and full-bodied flavor.

GRAN CAVA D'ABBATIS "MAS ARAGO," CATALUNYA SPAIN '05

Delicate bubbles and intense taste. It is produced from aged Peralada vineyards grown in Mas Aragó state. After two years of ageing, the result is this smooth cava which goes extremely well with light dishes.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN YELLOW LABEL, REIMS FRANCE NV

A crowd-pleaser if there ever was one! The non-vintage Veuve Clicquot is a bold, heavy-weight Champagne, boasting complex almond, honey and ginger flavors, surrounded by a rich texture.

THREE 2 OZ TASTES ... 15

HERE COMES THE KING

HEALDSBURG RANCHES, SONOMA COUNTY '07 UNOAKED

bright lime, lemon pith, green melon.

MARIMAR "DON MIGUEL," RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY '06

Tropical fruit, ripe pear, creme brulee, hazelnuts, well balanced .

CLOS DU VAL, CARNEROS '07

Consistent minerality, lemon custard, hazelnuts, oaky finish

THREE 2 OZ TASTES ... 14

FEATURED RED FLIGHTS

RED HOT SUMMER

Did I ever say that we have to drink only white or light red wines during the summer? No way!!! This flight is a perfect taste of few great reds that you can enjoy all year long...

PINOT NOIR, MARTIN ALFARO "LESTER," SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS '07

Rich aromas and flavors of red currant, raspberry, sage, mushroom, and fresh, earthy notes.

MALBEC, NIETO SENETINER RESERVA, MENDOZA '08

Complex and inviting with a broad, ripe array of toasty buttery oak and a smooth core of currant, herb and spicy flavors that stay with you on a long, full finish.

TEMPRANILLO-GARNACHA, TEJADA, LAKE COUNTY '05

Rich, ripe plum, black cherry flavors, milk chocolate, kirsch, toasty cedar, structured tannins.

THREE 2 OZ TASTES ... 13

BACK TO BASICS REDS

In this flight we wanted to give you the opportunity to taste a true expression of the "terroir" from a particular grape in a particular area. This time you can enjoy a typical blend of Merlot and Cabernet from Bordeaux, the unique taste of a Pinotage from South Africa and a Cabernet Sauvignon from California...

BORDEAUX BLEND (MERLOT & CABERNET).

CHÂTEAU TROCARD, BORDEAUX '06

Coffee bean and ripe fruit on the nose. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a wonderful concentration of ripe fruit and currant.

PINOTAGE

NEIL ELLIS, STELLENBOSH, SOUTH AFRICA '08

Deep red color, plummy cherry fruit with subtle hints of tobacco fill the aroma of the wine. Well balanced ripe tannins giving a soft elegant taste.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

B.R. COHN, NORTH COAST '07

Firm and intense, with cedar, roasted herb, green olive and black currant flavors. Solid tannins.

THREE 2 OZ TASTES ... 13