



EUROPEAN WINES AND A ROSÉ FOR SPRING!

Welcome to Spring 2009! The team at Marquee is pleased to announce the latest additions to our family of outstanding value wines. First, we ventured over to the "old world" and selected four wines that hail from Yecla in the south of Spain, hand-crafted by Bodegas La Purisima; Trapio, Old Hands Monastrell, Old Hands ORGANIC Monastrell, and our light white companion the Old Hands Sauvignon Blanc. These bold yet elegant wines are a great value for the price and we are proud to team up with La Purisima in support of Autism Research with the sale of every bottle!

In search of great white wines we selected the Clemen Reserva Vinho Verde from Wines & Winemakers by Saven, a blend of Alvarinho and Trajadura that you will not want to miss (90 Pts - BTI - Feb. 2009)! Finally, to round out our Symphony Series we have added our first rosé, Pianissimo, a Malbec Rosé which exhibits an excellent balance on the palate and finishes smooth and dry!



QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

"Wine makes daily living easier, less hurried, with fewer tensions and more tolerance."
— Benjamin Franklin.



"Sam" the Koala in Victoria, Australia getting a drink from firefighter David Tree

AROUND THE GLOBE - DEVASTATING FIRES IN VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

As many of you may already know Australia has recently been devastated by wildfires that destroyed over 2,000 homes leaving 7,500 people homeless and decimating both agriculture & wildlife in the state of Victoria, Australia. An estimated twenty-four fires ravaged more than 1.1 million acres of land and accounted for over 200 lives lost making this the most deadly bushfire in Australian history. The Yarra Valley wine region, that Marquee routinely produces wines in, was among the hardest hit in terms of lost property and lives with an estimated 350 acres of vineyards affected in the region.

As for our winemaker, Keith Brien, he reports that our wines will not be affected by the fires, but that the entire wine industry in Victoria has been "slowed down and rocked by these tragic events". Our thoughts and prayers are with those brave Australian people who have persevered through this great tragedy. If you would like to help in anyway please visit the Australian Red Cross website at: <http://www.redcross.org.au/default.asp>

MEASURE OUR GROWTH

Say hello to the newest members of the Marquee family:

- Tree of Life – Florida
- Wicked Wines - Maine

For contact information on our distributors please visit our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Attention Distributors:

Come visit Marquee at the 66th Annual 2009 WSWA Convention April 25th-28th, 2009 at the Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida!

For more information go to: <http://www.wswa.org>

WINE TRIVIA & FACTS

What percent of an oak tree is suitable for making high grade wine barrels?

Surprisingly, only 5% of an oak tree meets the industry standard for wine barrels!

Answer:

UPDATE ON "SAM"

"Sam" the koala, the most famous furry survivor of Australia's worst-ever wildfires, is healing well thanks to the efforts of caretakers at a rescue shelter — and she even has a new boyfriend, "Bob", another koala whose paws were scorched in the inferno. True version of Aussie love!