

ACME FINE WINES



JOIN THE BIG KAHUNA CLUB

We taste wine all month long, and the three finest bottles are selected for the Big Kahuna Club.

Not to exceed \$500 in wine per month, not to include anything but the best.

You'll frequently receive slam-bam California red wine, and you might occasionally get a top-quality red or white wine from anywhere in the world.

Membership limited.

BRINGING HOME THE GOODS

We've got exciting wines coming out, this early in 2012 already even, and we can't wait to let you know. In fact, we've been up to our usual tricks of the business by letting our previous buyers know what is already here. Now that we're off to a fun, tasty start in January, we might as well let 'er rip. There isn't any point in chit-chatting about the weather, which we all know is odd as can be just about everywhere, so let's talk vino.

We pinch ourselves half the time we are at work. We never know who is going to come walking in the door with a new vintage or a sample of something that hasn't hit the market yet. We know we are in a very unique setting within the wine world and we are quite thankful for our spot just off Main Street, St. Helena. Trust me now, I worked in Colorado in the wine industry for a bit where we saw only distributors when we sampled new wine and rarely did we see even a rep from the actual winery. I knew there was something stronger pulling me out to Napa Valley, but there was no way I could have dreamed the front row seats would be this cool. Just last week, Aaron Pott dropped in with his latest [Pott Wine releases](#) along with the gems of his partnership with Carole Meredith and Steve Lagier. We pulled up our chairs, eyes affixed, palates standing by, and pencils in hand ready to capture the nuances, the stories, and the delight that Aaron brings the wine world with his

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renditions of what inspires him which, in turn, inspires us. Admit it. You feel it, too. Below are the newest wines from Chester's Anvil. Enjoy the reading and order at will for the time being. He made precious little of all of these wines, but for now, we may be the only ones to have these new releases on hand. Mixed cases make a lot of sense when encountering several great wines under one label. If you are fond of whites and reds, mix it up and sample to your heart's content.

CHESTER'S ANVIL, CHARDONNAY, SONOMA COAST 2010 \$30

60 cases made. For the lover of Chards brimming with honeyed, smoky, leesy, toasty and vanillin-y (had to say it) characteristics.

CHESTER'S ANVIL, GRETNA GREEN, NAPA VALLEY 2010 \$30

A beautiful blend of 50% Marsanne and 50% Roussanne which is slightly different from the first vintage comprised of Marsanne and Viognier.

Love French white blends? Here you go, then.

CHESTER'S ANVIL, HATTORI HANZO, NAPA VALLEY 2009 \$36

This brilliantly blended red wine from Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Malbec grapes is possibly one of the best thought-out Napa red we've had in a long while. He made mention of "kitchen sink" terminology, but we quickly found more pertinent information out, such as, the measuring of varietals so that the addition and subtraction of each varietal until perfect is how this went down and how Steve and Carole put their first choice Syrah lots into this mix, that's the kind of kitchen sink I want in my home next time I buy.

CHESTER'S ANVIL, ZINFANDEL, MOUNT VEEDER 2009 \$39

Zin like this is simply zinfuful. Wow. We taste Zin in all types of categories from yucky to rich to Port-like, etc. and this one is divine. Mount Veeder could be the perfect place for it if you like the non Port-like style, you know, the type that used to be the only way it was made with Zinfandel characteristics exploding from the glass instead of alcohol. Now, don't get me wrong, I like that style, too, but I truly love what Zinfandel can be when it isn't wearing a suit of sunshine and extraction.

CHESTER'S ANVIL, MALBEC, MOUNT VEEDER 2009 \$43

This might be my favorite Malbec from NV. I think it shows those deep characteristics that make it a great grape for blending into something for

structure and color, but it also shows what it can be on its own and that is a really special thing.

Missing something? Perhaps it is a club in your life. Whether a night, work-out or wine club, having a part in something fun, entertaining and/or healthy can make life a bit more enjoyable. Below is a wine chosen for our luxury club, the [Kahuna Club](#), due to its pedigree and quality of course, but also for its place in the recent history of Napa Valley.

[SOTER, PROPRIETARY RED, NAPA VALLEY 06 / 07 \\$140](#)

Remember when we launched the [2008 Arrow & Branch](#) through the Kahuna Club in 2011? (We know, we know, we're sure you all marked your calendars and remember the exact day we first extolled the virtues of this lovely wine. Just humor us.) We were and are so impressed by the pedigree of their estate vineyard site. Spoiler alert → there is a connection here. About a month ago, we had occasion to sample another special new wine; this time, it was Tony Soter's final Cabernet project he created in Napa before setting up shop permanently in Oregon. Tony's 30 years in Napa were spent in good company, helping to make the wines at Spottswoode, Viader, Shafer, Araujo and Etude among others. With this final bottling, he worked with the vineyard surrounding his home - Little Creek. He made a remarkable blend of 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Cabernet Franc, 20% Malbec from two separate vintages (2007 vintage - 60% / 2006 vintage - 40%). Stunning wine, and as chance would have it, the next year the Little Creek property in the Coombsville AVA was sold to, you guessed it, Arrow & Branch. It is an unbelievable treat to taste how this one-of-a-kind site performs in the hands of two different winemakers; one thing is clear, however, and that is the wonderful quality of this vineyard. An exceptional story, and what a wine!

LAST CALLS:

[SUM, Red Wine, Howell Mountain 2006 \\$225](#)

Three things: David Abreu, Mark Aubert and Ovid Winery—check out the link for further juice on the juice.

[Ad Vivum, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 2008 \\$125](#)

An Acme all-time favorite. It is only 2 vintages old and we are very glad to have found it (well, it found us, but we aren't concerned with the minor details, only finding the best for you.

What's coming in Q1? The newest releases from Orin Swift, Stewart (including Slingshot and Hollis), Dancing Hares Mad Hatter, Vine Hill Ranch and many, many more top choices.

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