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Wine can of their wits the wise beguile,  
Make the sage frolic, and the serious smile

Alexander Pope, The Odyssey of Homer



*Hidden away in the Northwest corner of California is Humboldt County abutting Oregon. With 80% of its land still forested with protected Redwoods, and a total population of 125,000, we long discovered Coates Winery sitting alongside the Klamath River. A truly small boutique organic winery producing wines that are aged for 3 years before bottling. From the*

*Mercury cellars enjoy their 2002 Merlot. Produced from hand picked grapes it is a very rich Merlot with a big fruit aroma and lasting taste Norman Coates is avid in his belief of producing outstanding quality wines from organically grown grapes and with no sulfites. Coates wines are truly considered hand made using state of the art equipment.*



*Hagafen cellars from the rich fertile soil of Napa Valley have been producing exceptional wines since 1980. Though no longer consider a small winery, it is still one of our favorites. Many a White House State Dinner has been accompanied by their wines. Again, from Mercury's personal cellar inventory enjoy a 2001 Syrah .Its a truly dark red wine with distinct aroma of blended blackberry, cherry and chocolate. With firm tannins added to the long lingering finish. The taste of this well structured wine will enhance any roasted dishes and hearty meat entrees.*

