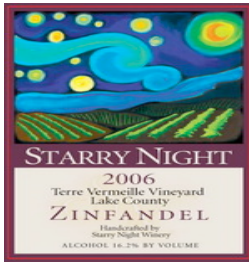


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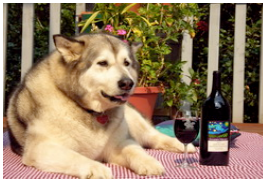
*Wine nourishes, refreshes, and cheers...
Wherever wine is lacking, medicines become necessary.
The Talmud*



One of the great pieces of art is Van Gogh's Starry Night. And so we have a small boutique winery in Northern California aptly named Starry Night. They originally wanted to copy the actual Starry Night painting for their label, but the Van Gogh museum wanted \$.30 a label. Instead the powers to be at the winery slightly altered the painting and created their rendition.

This month we are sending club members their 2007 Lodi Zinfandel and 2007 Lodi Petite Syrah. Both had less than 1,000 cases bottled.

The Zinfandel, a Gold Medal winner at the 2008 California State Fair, has firm body and a lingering pleasant taste of Blackberries, cherries, and a hint of pepper and spice. With its 14% alcohol content, it is most enjoyable with hearty meats, pasta, and lamb. Or can be sipped slowly with crackers and full body cheese.



If you enjoy a full bodied crisp Petite Syrah we trust you will like this one. From its deep rich color and body, taste the rich fruit flavors of full ripe plums, black cherries and a slight hint of anise. Ready to drink now, it can also age gracefully for several years. Very versatile it can be enjoyed with barbecues

meats and chicken, hearty soups, and mild cheese

For those that like a crisp Sauvignon Blanc that has an aroma and accompanying taste of tropical fruits as grapefruit, white peach, apricot, and melon we also have their Starry Night 2008. Served slight chilled with crab, oysters, fish, chicken, and Asian food, or for just sipping. Mercury wine club has a limited supply of this outstanding wine for just \$12.95 a bottle-minimum 4 - or \$139.00 a case plus shipping.



"By the way, the health benefits of a glass of wine a day are not retroactive."