

**FEBRUARY 2009**

*Within the bottle's depths, the wine's soul sang one night*  
**Charles Baudelaire**

*Nestled East of Sonoma is a bucolic valley ideal for the growing of plump juicy grapes. It was here in 1962 that Harry Wewtzel planted the roots for Alexander Valley Vineyards. Today Alexander Valley wines are renowned for their consistency in quality.*



*This month Mercury Wine Club members receive wines that have been properly aged and are ready to be enjoyed whenever, however, and wherever and with whomever the sip of an excellent wine will be pleasurable.*

*The 2001 Estate Merlot has all the distinctions of a true Merlot that thinks it is a Cabernet Sauvignon. With smooth velvet tannins. The added touch of a Cabernet Franc makes it so. It is dense and rich with an intriguing dark Ruby color.*

*Uncorked and let to breath the wine opens up with a bouquet of black fruit. A touch of cranberry adds to the lingering deep flavor .Properly aged it will last 10-12 years*



*We give you the 2002 Two Barrel wine. rich, ripe, slightly sweet it melds 50% Merlot and 50% Syrah. Each wine is aged separately for 14 months in Oak barrels before being blended. This unique award winning wine is known to few of the many lovers of Alexander Valley wines. The Merlot is as smooth and lush as an excellent Merlot should be. While the Syrah is typical with an added richness of floral bouquet and palate finish of Blackberry and Earth overtones.*

*Enjoy both wines with Lamb, Burgers, and grilled meats.*

