

**JANUARY 2009**

*As far as I am concerned there are only two types of wine, those I like and those I don't*

*Andre Lunay*

**A** most happy New Year to all. A toast of a good glass of wine that this world wide economic and environmental lunacy that has plagued all aspects of our lives will swiftly be brought to an end.



**F**or the first month of 2009 we go to the state of Washington where Washington Wine and Beverage, a small and unique winery in Woodville, where their Silver Lake Winery produce a limited number of varietals, but each one excellent. The high degree of moisture (we call it rain) makes for nice plump and juicy grapes. We like Silver Lake wines to show that good wines do not have to be expensive wines.



**T**heir 2006 Reserve Merlot has a dark rich color from the blend of cherries, cranberries, and Raspberries. It's a big wine, though an essential Merlot flatness, it is smooth, easy, with no hard edges, It is simply soft and elegant. Goes well with pasta (red sauce only), red meat, cheese, and chocolate for dessert.

**T**he 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot blend adds their Merlot to the ripe rich cabernet Sauvignon. A Bordeaux blend it is the best of both varietals; the luscious fruit and roundness of Merlot and the strong structure and weight of the Cabernet Sauvignon. With velvety tannins, look for a long lingering finish. Goes well with the same Merlot dishes plus vegetarian, poultry and curry dishes (may be spicy is desired).

***February is know for Washington and Lincoln's birthdays, the Super Bowl, and most important, Valentines Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>..If past is prologue, we expect this year to be an exceptional day for special wine to enhance the personal meaning of a truly Valentine.This year we have two very special Valentine wines; an Almond Champagne and a Chocolate Port.***

