

The Monterey Bay Psychological Association

invites members (and their significant others)
to a unique private wine tasting event.

Saturday, April 25, 2009

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Winery tour starts at 1:30 PM

Only \$8 per person, at the door.
(cash or checks only)

*** Yo, Please RSVP by Tuesday April 21, or sooner
to Rick Alloy at 831-688-5010; ralloy@pacbell.net ***
(You're still welcome even if you don't RSVP).

At the

Silver Mountain Vineyards

"Hidden high in the Santa Cruz Mountains lies a unique winery and vineyard operated by founder/winemaker Jerold O'Brien. Established in 1979, Silver Mountain Vineyards is located at an elevation of 2,100 feet and enjoys a spectacular view of the Monterey Bay and surrounding redwood forest."

Pre-selected by Rick Alloy, the five highly anticipated wines are:

2006 Chardonnay, Santa Cruz Mountains, Estate, Organically Grown

2005 Pinot Noir, Santa Cruz Mountains, Muns Vineyard



Gold: Pacific Rim Int'l. Wine Competition, AppellationAmerica.com

Silver: 2008 Dallas Morning News, 2008 Riverside Int'l, California State Fair

2005 Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, Tondré's Grapefield



Gold: Pacific Rim Int'l. Wine Competition, 2008 Monterey County Fair, 2008 Orange County Fair

Silver: 2008 San Francisco Chronicle, 2008 Dallas Morning News, 2008 New World Wine Competition

2005 Syrah, Central Coast, Wiedeman Vineyard

*Wiedeman Ranch is in the transition area between the rugged Santa Cruz Mts and the 'Valley of Hearts Delight'.
Imagine complex flavors from a blend of rugged and delightful! A big, rich Syrah of blackberry and pepper that fills
your mouth!*



Gold: 2008 Long Beach Grand Cru

And I wonder why he chose this one?

2002 Alloy, Central Coast

Bordeaux blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc



Silver: 2008 Long Beach Grand Cru

*Bronze: San Francisco International, 2008 New World Wine Competition, 2008 Best of the Bay Wine
Competition*

A small appetizers assortment (meaning cheese, crackers, olives, nuts) will be available.

Article from the Good Times:

Jerold O'Brien

Written by Josie Cowden

Wednesday, 11 March 2009



[Jerold O'Brien at the helm of Silver Mountain Vineyards. Photo by Charles Mixson](#)

Silver Mountain vineyard's chief winemaker

Situated on a peak at an elevation of more than 2,000 feet lies Silver Mountain Vineyards. The sweeping view of Monterey Bay from the winery is impressive, as are the splendid wines made by owner and winemaker, Jerold O'Brien. But it took him quite a few years to perfect his craft.

When O'Brien retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1980 after 20 years of duty, he decided to grow grapes on a prime piece of land he had purchased in 1973. The first time he planted chardonnay grapes was in 1974 and 1975, although that attempt didn't work well, he says. But when in 1982 the vines he had planted grew strong and healthy, he realized he had done all the right things to produce some fine-tasting chardonnay grapes. He turned these grapes into some very drinkable wine, and Silver Mountain Vineyards was born—a dream come true for O'Brien.

"Back then, organic farming was almost unknown," O'Brien says. "At that time, I hadn't even heard of organic farming. But what I was doing was organic anyway—I just didn't know it." Some years later, when he finally applied for organic certification, it was granted right away, and Silver Mountain remains one of the few wineries in the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation with estate-grown, certified organic chardonnay grapes.

O'Brien also produces a locals' favorite called Alloy—an exceptionally good Bordeaux blend made from premium grapes he purchases—as well as pinot noir, cabernet sauvignon and zinfandel. His wines have garnered accolades far and wide—including many gold medals from state fairs.

But as much wine as O'Brien makes, he also gives a quantity of it away—and with a willing heart. Passionate about the arts, he has supported the Santa Cruz Symphony for years by serving on the board and with generous donations of wine. Copious amounts of Silver Mountain wines are served at the annual fundraiser Symphony Ball, and O'Brien also donates for the silent auction. And dinner for 16 at the winery cooked by a local chef is one of the hottest items at the ball's live auction.

Winery visits are every third Saturday, or by appointment. A spacious dining room is available for private tastings, and there is plenty of space to cook up a storm in O'Brien's big kitchen.

Silver Mountain Vineyards, P.O. Box 3636 (take Miller Cutoff off Old San Jose Road), Santa Cruz Mountains. Tel: (408) 353-2278. Visit silvermtn.com

Silver Mountain

Winery and Estate Vineyards

Our Winery and Estate Vineyards are situated at 2,100 feet atop Skyland Ridge in the Santa Cruz Mountains - near Summit Road off of the Old San Jose-Soquel Road, just 20 minutes from either Los Gatos or Soquel. We enjoy a gorgeous panoramic view of the Monterey Bay and the surrounding mountains and mixed evergreen forests as well as awe-inspiring sunsets.

This amazing setting is home to 12 acres of [estate Chardonnay vineyards](#), our [winery facility](#), and our tasting room.

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Open by appointment and for [special events](#)

Directions

From Hwy 1: Take the Bay/Porter Street exit north (Porter becomes San Jose-Soquel)
10.7 miles to right turn on Miller Cut Off
0.9 mile to left turn on Silver Mountain Drive

From Hwy 17: Exit onto Summit Rd., turn east on Summit
3.8 miles to right turn on San Jose-Soquel Rd.
0.5 miles to left turn on Miller Cut Off
0.9 mile to left turn on Silver Mountain Drive



Maps: [Google](#) | [Yahoo](#) | [MapQuest](#)