

Terroir 'Vignettes' with Winemakers and Growers

Come join us for a more intimate view into the relationship of terroir, grape growing and winemaking. We are honored to offer you two special programs this year during Pinot Paradise that feature the vineyards. These special "vignettes" are designed to allow you to take a break from the main tasting event and enter into the more exclusive world of a few of our Santa Cruz Mountain vintners and growers. We can only accommodate a limited number of people at the vignettes. Please check in with Prudy Foxx at the Viticulture Association exhibit and obtain an entrance ticket to reserve your spot for the vignette of your choice.

Vignette I: Vineyard-Designate Tasting 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 pm

John Schumacher, Wine Shepherd and President of Hallcrest Vineyards will be hosting the first program at 2 p.m. (room to be announced). John produces Pinot Noir from several different vineyards in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He will feature an exclusive tasting of samples from these vineyards and will discuss the differences in terroir and the merits that each vineyard brings to their unique wine. Hallcrest won four Gold Medals and two Silver for its Santa Cruz Mountains Pinot at the 2006 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. This tasting will include wines from among these award-winning vineyards: Belle Farm, Veranda, Vista del Mare, and Terra Serena Vineyards.

Vignette II: Clonal Tasting 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Tony Craig, Sonnet Wine Cellars and Ed Muns, Muns Vineyard will host this vignette. In addition to producing his own Sonnet label, Tony is the winemaker with Savannah-Chanelle Vineyards. Ed Muns grows Pinot Noir at 2600' on a ridgetop of Loma Prieta Peak overlooking Monterey Bay. Tony has separately fermented and barrel-aged several of the Dijon clones from different blocks of the Muns Vineyard and is offering an exclusive clonal tasting of the individual clones. He and Ed will be presenting a slide show and offering an in depth view of the world of terroir and the interaction of different clones in the production of a vintage Pinot Noir from this last (2005) harvest.