



## Conscious Wineries

by Leslie Gainer, Wine Editor

*Semler Malibu Family Wines:  
"Southern California in a Bottle."*

**A**n ethereal feeling embraces, as you gaze intently at the pictographs of the four Spanish Portola horsemen gracefully riding through the coastal mountains against the backdrop of historic rock formations. The painting is so crisp and clear, it seems incomprehensible that these perfectly preserved works of art deep in the hills of Malibu date back to 1769. This historic land was the home of Chumash, who painted these visions onto rock formations



Lisa Broyda, San Jose Fairmont Hotel, winemakers Dr. Greg Jenkins and Peggy Fleming.



Fleming-Jenkins premiere winemaker dinner at the San Jose Fairmont Hotel.

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to memorialize their perception of the Portola expedition as sun worshippers - whose sombreros captured the sun. The heritage of the two cultures is naturally archived in caves surrounded by vineyards which is the home of Semler Malibu Family Wines

This respect of nature and the environment is reflected in every aspect of the Semler Malibu Family Wines, vineyards, and ranch.

The 1,000 acre Saddleback Ranch is a labyrinth of hills and canyons terraced with about 100 acres of vineyards that correspond to the natural contours of the land. The family reflects a deep commitment and sense of reverence towards their historic surroundings.

The soils and climates are proving conducive to successfully growing a range of white and red wine varietals ranging from Bordeaux to Rhone. All of their current releases are available for tasting at a beautiful stone and wood hewn out door tasting room which is open Wednesday - Sunday from 11:00 am to Sunset.

Chances are, you will have the opportunity to meet and chat with one of the Semler's while tasting one of their unique and delightful wines. The Semler's like to call it "Southern California in a bottle."

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### *Fleming Jenkins Vineyards & Winery: Passionate about Life*

On the 20th anniversary of her 1988 Olympic skating victory, Peggy Fleming was diagnosed with breast cancer. She reflects, "For me, it was another Olympics, a life Olympics in which I was granted a second great victory. Early detection saved my life, and since then, Greg and I have looked for ways to help raise funds and awareness in the quest for a breast cancer cure."

Peggy Fleming and her husband, Greg Jenkins found a way to blend their passion for producing wines from their own vineyards, and join it with their philanthropic aspirations. Greg and Peggy have created series of special releases specifically devoted to raising funds for breast cancer research. 100% of the net profits of Victories Rosé will be donated to charities supporting a cure for breast cancer.

All of Fleming Jenkins wines will be available for tasting at their new winery tasting room that is scheduled to open in Winter 2006. For more information contact Peggy and Greg at their winery.

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### *Humanitas Wines: "Changing the World - One Sip at a Time"*

It was 1997, and Judd Wallenbrock was ready for change after having spent over 20 years working for others in the wine industry. He was seeking more self determination and felt a strong desire to combine his commitment to philanthropy and love of wine.

One day in 2002, he had an epiphany, and sent out an e-mail offer to about 200 people. He recounts, "The Humanitas IPO -- Initial Pinot Offering letter asked the question: Wouldn't it be great if every time you enjoyed a glass of wine you were doing something to better your community? Within hours we had orders flooding in from people to whom we didn't send the e-mail!"

The ground swell of support has grown exponentially ever since. The waves of giving are especially strong because there is a clear understanding that the donations go directly to local nonprofits, instead of large, often bureaucratically top heavy organizations. From the beginning, it was important to Judd to ensure that all of the profits from the wines would go to regional non profits with a focus

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on either hunger, affordable housing, or illiteracy. Habitat for Humanity and Reading is Fundamental are two examples of recipients.

"Humanitas" is the Latin word for philanthropy, human nature, and character. How inspiring, that Judd has provided the opportunity to inspire us to participate in "Changing the World – One Sip at a Time."

Humanitas wines are produced

with grapes from California vineyards. In order to taste the vineyards of giving, contact Humanitas for a local wine shop or tasting room that is featuring their wines, or shop online, Humanitas Wine Company  
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