



## ROCOGO GOES TO CALIFORNIA

Dave and Kevin recently took a trip to California to visit some amazing wineries and taste wine with some of the most respected winemakers in the world. They learned how each winemaker does something distinctly different from the rest to make their wines unique. Once you taste these wines, you'll understand why we chose them for you. If you have any questions about these wines, please feel free to ask as we are eager to share our knowledge from each wine maker.

<b>2014 Cornerstone Cellars 'Benchlands', Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley</b> .....	<b>75</b>
<b>2014 Cornerstone Cellars, Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain</b> .....	<b>100</b>
This was our first stop in Napa and what a way to start the trip. These small production wines are an amazing expression of what California's best fruit can do without burning a hole in your wallet. Both were amazing but the Howell Mountain took the prize.	
<b>2016 Philip Togni 'Tanbark Hill', Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley</b> .....	<b>109</b>
An extreme honor to have a private tour and tasting with Philip's daughter, Lisa. She toured us through her vineyards of Spring Mountain and then barreled tasted through all the upcoming vintages. The amount of care and detail in their wines is expressed vividly through each taste you take. The Tanbark Hill is an amazing introduction into their wines and shows true elegance.	
<b>2014 Morlet 'En Famille', Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast</b> .....	<b>109</b>
<b>2013 Morlet 'Passionement', Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville</b> .....	<b>384</b>
Wow. What a special treat to meet one of California's best winemakers, Luc Morlet. The only thing that was more amazing than listening to Luc speak about his wines was how humble he was about everything. This is by far some of the most amazing wine on the entire planet. This tasting is one we will never forget.	
<b>2014 Canard 'Adam's Blend', Cabernet Franc/Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley</b> .....	<b>108</b>
What's better than meeting Rich, the owner of this winery, and learning the crazy history of the vineyards and winery? Being invited into his private cellar to taste whatever we wanted. The wines were amazing but the stories we heard from Rich were even better. True history lesson of Napa Valley.	
<b>2015 Staglin 'Salus', Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford</b> .....	<b>150</b>
When you have Fredrik Johansson, Michel Rolland, David Abreu and then add Andre Tchelistcheff's wisdom to Staglin, you have the "Super Team" of winemakers. All proceeds from 'Salus' wine go to benefit mental health research where the Staglins have raised over \$400 million dollars.	
<b>2014 Hanzell, Chardonnay, Sonoma Valley</b> .....	<b>80</b>
<b>2014 Hanzell, Pinot Noir, Sonoma Valley</b> .....	<b>158</b>
Hanzell is one of the pioneers of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the Sonoma Valley. Truly balanced wines that way overdeliver for the price.	
<b>2015 Checkerboard 'Kings Row', Cabernet Sauvignon, Diamond Mountain</b> .....	<b>240</b>
<b>2015 Checkerboard 'Aurora Vineyard', Cabernet Sauvignon, Diamond Mountain</b> .....	<b>466</b>
Kevin said this was the best wine he tasted on this trip. Vineyards reach up to 2,000 feet up on Diamond Mountain and the attention to detail in every aspect of this winery was mind boggling. The Kings Row was outstanding showing great complexity, balance and structure. The Aurora Vineyard can only be described by two words. "Stunningly Sexy"	
<b>2015 Anderson's Conn Valley 'Reserve', Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley</b> .....	<b>177</b>
This winery has been family owned and operated since 1983. These days, they are making a mere 3000 total cases. Todd Anderson and his team spend countless hours tasting each blend of wine they make to show perfection and it shows in their Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.	
<b>2016 Pott 'Actaeon', Cabernet Sauvignon, Stag's Leap</b> .....	<b>244</b>
<b>2016 Pott 'Le Nouveau Western', Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford</b> .....	<b>244</b>
Aaron Pott invited us up to his 1800-foot-high vineyards on top of Mt. Veeder to show us a little why he was voted 2012 winemaker of the year. Super laid back and humble guy for how much respect his wines command. This was Dave's favorite wines of the trip.	