

Holiday Wine Pairing & Gift Guide That Gives Back (VIDEO)

Tune in for the ultimate holiday wine advice on what to bring to a holiday party, what is the perfect holiday wine gift to impress your boss, holiday wine pairings with everything from latkes to cauliflower pizza and find out which wineries are donating to California fire relief efforts. Watch as these four women in wine come together to taste and toast the best of California wine country.



In this episode of Wine Oh TV, Monique Soltani heads to the [Kitchen Door](#) in Napa for a holiday food and wine pairing supporting California Wine Country. Beth and Marcy from [The Wine Road](#) and Carla from the [Carneros Wine Alliance](#) join Monique!

Kitchen Door Chef Todd Humphries Prepared These Dishes:

Grilled Loch Duart Salmon, Curried Cauliflower, Pickled Green Tomato, Arugula, Black Garlic Aioli

Cauliflower Pizza, Parmesan cream, Brussels sprouts, Bacon, Apple Smoked Cheddar Cheese, Sage

Carneros Wine Picks

2015 Artesa Block 92 Estate Vineyard Chardonnay, \$60

2015 Cuvaison Estate Chardonnay, \$26

2011 Domaine Carneros Estate Brut, \$35

2015 Etude Grace Benoist Ranch Pinot Noir, Carneros Estate, \$85

2014 Schug Rouge de Noirs Brut, \$35

2014 Schug Carneros Pinot Noir 'Estate Grown', \$45

2014 Truchard Merlot, \$35

Wine Road Wine Picks

Leo Steen, Chenin Blanc, \$24

Jigar Rosé, \$22

Gary Farrell, Chardonnay \$35

Wineries that Give Back

Jordan Winery is keeping a running list of Jordan's fire-related donations on their blog: <https://blog.jordanwinery.com/2017/10/wine-country-wildfires-relief-helping-the-sonomastrong-community/>. A significant portion of the proceeds from Jordan wine sales fund The John Jordan Foundation, which will be helping aid local schools and charities affected by the fires.

Jordan Winery's Annual Sonoma County Toys for Tots Toy Drive

Between John Jordan's donations, employees, wine bloggers who donated during the Wine Bloggers Conference and consumers who attended the Jordan Winery Christmas Party, Jordan Winery donated 1,720 pounds of toys! That includes 31 bicycles, a dozen scooters, and hundreds of games and other toys.



Cline Cellars Cashmere label makes flat donations several times a year to support breast cancer research and other causes.

To date more than \$300,000 has been donated to organizations such as National Breast Cancer Foundation, Living Beyond Breast Cancer, Breast Cancer Network of Strength and most recently the Susan G. Komen, San Francisco. This year, \$35,000 was donated to charities including fire relief funds, Susan G. Komen, and the YWCA (shelter for women and children).

For a complete list of wineries donating to fire fire relief efforts check out CAwinestrong.com

Creative Hanukkah Food and Wine Pairing Guide

Wine Pairings by: Israel's Golan Heights & Galil Mountain wineries & importer, Yarden Inc.

Dish: Sweet potato latkes and applesauce

Wine Pairing: Viognier

Dish: Zucchini latkes and sour cream

Wine Pairing: Chardonnay

Dish: Classic jelly doughnuts

Wine Pairing: Moscato

Potato latkes and sour cream paired with Gewurztraminer

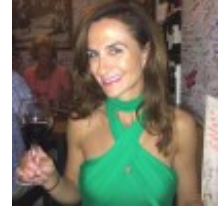


“The spicy and off-dry notes of the gewurztraminer will accentuate the subtle spices of the latkes. The medium-bodied viscosity will work great with the cream.”

Potato latkes with applesauce paired with Sauvignon Blanc

“You will want a bit more acidity to go with the underlying acidity in the applesauce. The dryness of the sauvignon blanc will make the applesauce taste slightly sweeter; and the grass and herbal notes will bring out the earthiness of the potato.”

For the entire, free, menu of pairings, please see the [guide here](#).



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Monique Soltani is the Executive Producer and Host of Wine Oh TV. Wine Oh TV is the only weekly wine show on television. Watch Wine Oh TV with Monique Soltani Wednesdays at 8:30pm on Comcast (Ch. 104/819HD).