



SILKWOOD

WINES

other california reds

Immigrants from Europe introduced a wide variety of Mediterranean grapevines to the Golden State more than a century ago, but these varieties weren't taken seriously until the 1980s, when a group of winemakers who dubbed themselves the "Rhône Rangers" realized that California's Mediterranean climate was ideally suited to French grapes like Grenache, Mourvèdre, Carignane and Petite Sirah. Today, these grapes are responsible for some of the state's most interesting wines. Despite similar hopes for Italian grapes such as Sangiovese, Dolcetto and Barbera, these grapes have yet to truly impress on a large scale, although they are responsible for some excellent wines.

other red recommendations

Silkwood QueSirahSyrah | 2002 | STANISLAUS COUNTY

★ ★ \$ \$ \$ Petite Sirah and Syrah are blended to thick, velvety effect in this chocolaty wine with blackberry, mint, and sandalwood notes.

Key to Symbols

QUALITY

- ★★★★ **OUTSTANDING** Worth a search
- ★★★ **EXCELLENT** Top-notch of its type
- ★★ **VERY GOOD** Distinctive
- ★ **GOOD** Delicious everyday wine

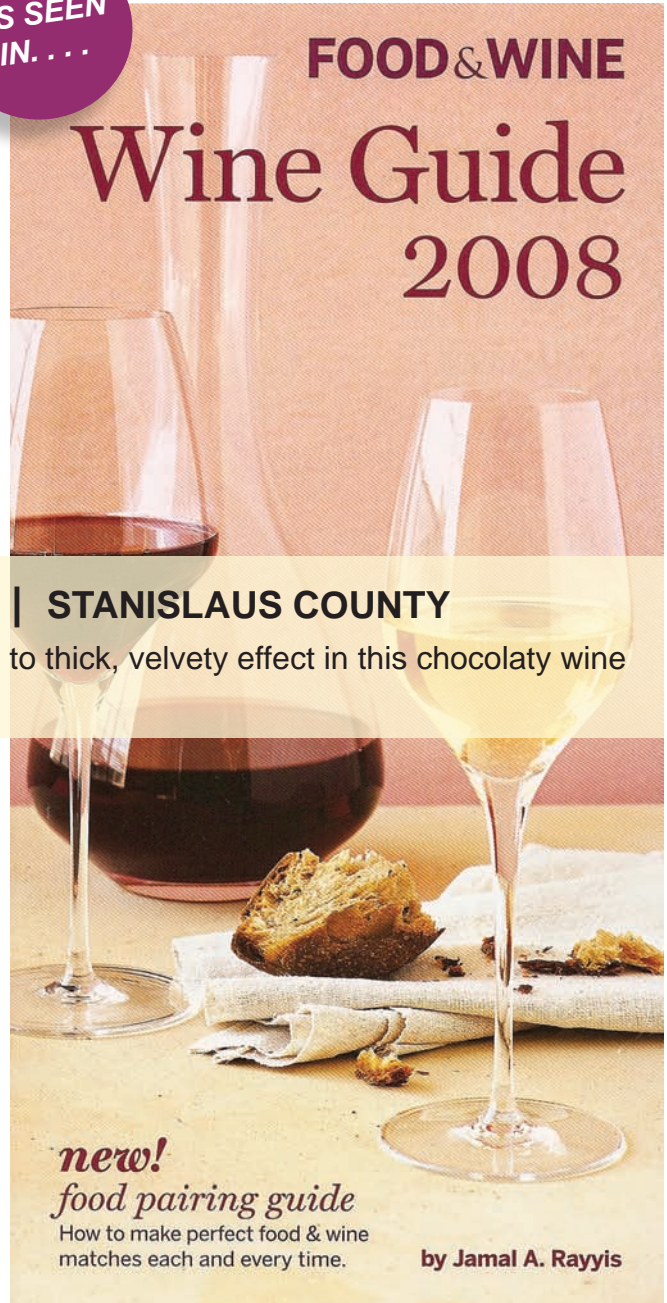
PRICE

- \$ \$ \$ \$ **OVER \$50**
- \$ \$ \$ **\$26 TO \$50**
- \$ \$ **\$15 TO \$25**
- \$ **UNDER \$15**

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