

MARTINI HOUSE

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Battle of the Vines!

June 1st to June 7th

It's Season Three of : The Battle of the Vines!

The Contender!

Wicker Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, California, 2003

Ron Wicker is about as local as one could get in Napa Valley. He graduated from St. Helena H.S. in 1966. His father was the county trapper in Pope Valley for 30 years. Ron and his vineyard management company consult for the valley's top vineyards.

Ron and his wife Lisa purchased their Howell Mountain property. In which, four acres of the property are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2003 vintage is only their third release. Dennis Johns is the winemaker.

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The Defending Champion!

Pahlmeyer 'Jayson' Red Wine Napa Valley, California, 2005

By his own account, Jayson Pahlmeyer got the wine bug as a law student in 1972. He and his friend John Caldwell were intrigued enough that they smuggled vine cuttings from Bordeaux and planted them in Coombsville. This was the beginning of a quest for him to create to his 'own Mouton'. His first vintage, 1986, received 94 points from Robert Parker. But it was his 1991 Chardonnay that would become a star. It had a role in the movie 'Disclosure'. Pahlmeyer has also had a strong resumé of past winemakers such as:

Randy Dunn, Bob Levy and Helen Turley. Erin Green (a Helen Turley protégé) has been the current winemaker since 1999.

'Jayson' Red is a declassification of the wine used for Pahlmeyer's Merlot and Proprietary Red.

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About 'Battle of the Vines!' Here at Martini House, a lot of wine comes our way.

With nearly 400 wineries in Napa Valley alone, it's impossible to showcase everything.

Hmmm...what to do? Create a friendly contest and open the doors to our friends and

neighbors for a good ol' fashioned smackdown! The two above wines are duking it out to

answer the question: Who continues to be poured by the glass? The winner after a one week

face-off advances to the next round and meets a new 'opponent'. So let's get ready to rummble!