

New Friends Promise Many Years of Flavorful Fun

Bill and Gerry Brinton came to Sonoma County from the Midwest. They established Charles Creek Vineyard (named in honor of their son and Bill's grandfather) in 2002 with the intent to make wines that taste much more expensive than they really are.

So far, they have been quite successful.

Look for these three distinctive chardonnays:
a rich buttery 2002 *Las Patolitas* (\$20);
a delicate, tropical fruit-flavored 2002 *La Sorpresa* (\$25);
and the crisp, citrusy 2002 *Vista del Halcon* (\$22)

They have also been successful with red wines.
The 2001 *Miradero Merlot* (\$22) is smooth and elegant, while
the 2001 *La Sonrisa del Tecolote Cabernet Sauvignon* (\$26)
shows crisp red berry fruit and dusty tannins.

-By Rich Mauro

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