

50 California Central Coast Wines You Should Be Drinking Right Now

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The California Central Coast, identified as Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo (and its main wine region Paso Robles) and Monterey is California the way it used to be, or at the very least, California the way people want it to be: small towns, charming architecture, varied history of Missions and Indians, and coastlines for miles; a slow pace, clean air and a belief that no one really works very hard. But the area has been home to grape growing since the Spanish brought vine cuttings from Spain via Mexico in the late 1700s and winemakers and vineyard managers have been working hard ever since.

To celebrate this beautiful region IntoWine.com offers these wines that represent the diversity of the California Central Coast.



Cycles Gladiator 2014 Petite Sirah

The heroic Cycles Gladiator Petite Sirah is a fully fleshed out uber rich and ripe wine made from mainly Petite Sirah with a small amount of Syrah to tame it just a bit. The dominant blackberry, cherry and black cherry are unrelenting and unforgiving, pulling no punches, however it also offers back notes of cedar and cola, and will make you feel like a gladiator. This shows that good wine need not be prohibitively expensive. (\$12, cyclesgladiator.com)