



Les Marmitons of Cranford

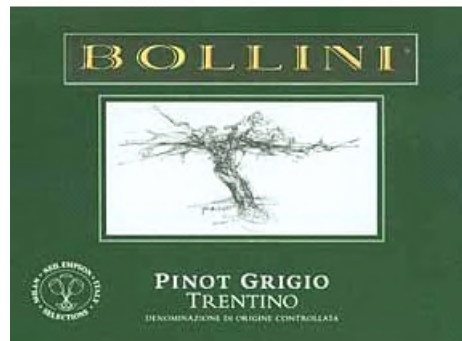
SEPTEMBER '04 DINNER EVENT WINE PAIRINGS & TASTING NOTES

MONTHLY VARIETAL FOCUS

The Pinot Grigio grape, a variety with dusky purple skin and white pulp, was the result of a genetic color mutation of the noble Pinot Nero, or Pinot Noir, variety. Like its relative, the Pinot Grigio may be vinified as a rosé (but not as a red) wine if left in brief contact with the skins during fermentation. The cool, even climate of Trentino is particularly well-suited to the Pinot Grigio variety, lending it a characteristic personality and especially fragrant, perfumed bouquet.

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BOLLINI PINOT GRIGIO '03 TRENTINO, ITALY



Bollini Pinot Grigio is styled to show intense varietal aromas, with an especially fragrant, perfumed bouquet, elegant, delicately focused white fruit flavors and a slightly flinty quality on the palate. The texture is crisp and clean in the mouth, with superb acid balance and a subtle nuttiness on the finish. The fresh, refined style is ideal for frequent, casual consumption.

WINE BLEND: 100% Pinot Grigio

PERSONAL NOTES:

FIRST APPETIZER & SALAD

**LUCIEN CROCHET SANCERRE '02
LOIRRE VALLEY, FRANCE**

"The 2002 vintage at Domaine Lucien Crochet, whose vineyards are located in and around the village of Bue in the southwestern zone of Sancerre, is outstanding. The favorable weather conditions throughout much of the growing season produced wines of classic character with extra added concentration due to quite low yields.



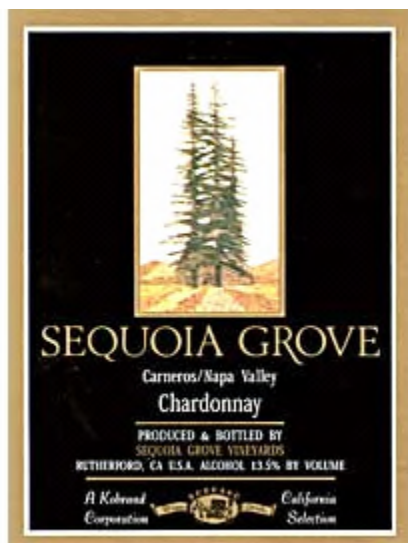
The vintage produced classic versions of the three separate cuvees. It is a vintage of floral bouquet, lively cut, strong minerality leading to a lengthy finish, typical in its elegance. The regular cuvee of Sancerre (a blend of grapes from vineyards in Bue and several surrounding villages, e.g. Crezancy) is sturdy, forthright, and satisfying; the Croix du Roy is, as always, the most full-bodied and lush; the Le Chene is the most vigorous, high-toned, and mineral with intense bouquet."

WINE BLEND: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

PERSONAL NOTES:

SECOND APPETIZER

**SEQUOIA GROVE CHARDONNAY '01
CARNEROS & NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**



This extremely elegant Chardonnay is a lovely amalgam of richness and finesse. Its classic varietal fragrance of white and tropical fruits is offset by subtle notes of vanilla and spice, which carry onto a palate marked by superb full fruit and acid balance and a refined, crisp texture. The finish confirms the fruit intensity shown in the flavors, and is long, supple and clean.

WINE BLEND: 100% Chardonnay

PERSONAL NOTES:

MAIN COURSE

**BENZIGER RESERVE PINOT NOIR '99
SANTA BARBARA & SONOMA COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA**



Aromas are of black cherry, plum, herbs and spicy oak. The flavors are of red plum, berry, toffee and rich vanilla. Overall impression is of intensely ripe fruit. The mouthfeel/texture is medium bodied, creamy and velvety. The flavors carry through to a long finish.

WINE BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

PERSONAL NOTES:

DESSERT

**SALOMON UNDHOF, HOCHTERRASSEN, GRUNER VELTLINER '03
KREMSTAL, AUSTRIA**



Fantastically fresh and lively with a subtle, earthy note and a gentle hint of spice. Wonderfully clean, dry and bouncing with minerally fruit.

WINE BLEND: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

PERSONAL NOTES: