

December 2010

# Venice WINE & COFFEE COMPANY



## Thank you, Venice

for Voting us the "Best Place to Have Coffee" and "Best Place to Buy Wine." We were also voted finalist for "Best Happy Hour" and "Best Wine List."

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## From the Gourmet Side

**Christmas Cookies and Candies** are here, perfect for stuffing holiday stockings!

- \* Nutcracker Sugar Cookie coated with chocolate
- \* Gingerbread Boy with white chocolate
- \* Gingerbread Reindeer
- \* Peppermint Snowmen cookies with chocolate confection

For those hard-to-buy-for people on your list, we have Collegiate pastas for your favorite teams.

Order your **holiday baskets** now! For a nominal fee we will hand deliver your basket to locations throughout the area or ship to anywhere in the country.

Look for our extensive selection of teas from the **Boston Tea Company** packaged in attractive viewable tins. We carry numerous varieties of teas including the finest grade of Rooibos Tea that is naturally caffeine free.

**Coffee Alert: Winter Wonderland Coffee** has arrived and will only be here until the end of the year! This delicious seasonal coffee pleases with hints of caramel, vanilla and sweet coconut.

Now offering **Soy milk** for your coffee beverages!

### *The Holidays are Already Here!*

*Don't wait too long to check with Richard to purchase the perfect wine to compliment your Holiday meal. When buying for Holiday parties be sure to ask for your case discount. Shopping early is a good idea while the shelves are full and the selection is best!*

## Featured Wines of the Month: Bubbly for the Holidays

### **Roederer Estate Brut Domestic - California**

Roederer Estate Brut is the first California sparkling wine produced by Champagne Louis Roederer. This wine is crisp and elegant with complex pear, spice and hazelnut flavors. It is fresh and lightly fruity with great finesse and depth of flavor. \$20 a bottle

### **Louis Roederer Champagne Brut NV Premier Imported - France**

Brut Premier is a pale golden color with apple flavors that meld effortlessly with citrus, grapefruit zest, and just a touch of toast. It has a creamy structure that strikes a perfect balance with the crisp fruits. Wine Enthusiast: 91 points. \$35 a bottle

## Area Happenings

**Dec. 2** - Downtown Christmas Walk from 5:30 - 8 p.m., with afternoon and evening food samplings at VWC featuring Earth & Vine provisions

**Dec. 4** - Holiday Boat Parade 6 p.m. (next day rain date)

**Dec. 4** - Free daytime tasting from 2-5 p.m. with Broman Wines

**Dec. 4** - Evening wine tasting with Big Crush - call for possible cancellations

**Dec. 10** - Friday night concert in the park at 7 p.m. featuring Arch Band

**Dec. 11** - Richard's Annual Christmas Party 4 p.m. - ? See Richard for location

**Dec. 11** - Evening wine tasting - call for possible cancellations

**Dec. 16** - Thursday Evening Stroll from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

**Dec. 16** - Wine Dinner with Hess Wines, 6:30 p.m. Advance reservations required.

**VWC will be closing at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and will be closed all day on Christmas Day and New Year's Day**

**We will be open Sunday afternoons through Easter**

### **TAKE THE TROLLEY!**

Through the month of December and possible through the winter season, the downtown merchants along with Venice Main Street will be sponsoring a trolley to transport you and your Christmas packages around the downtown area.

Bring this coupon in for one

**Free Refill of Hot, Brewed Coffee**

Good Monday through Friday, in-house before 11 a.m.

Expires December 24, 2010

## Dining / Delectables

### Lunch at the Wine & Coffee Bar

Join us for **daily lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 to 2:30**. We now have both regular offerings and something special every day so watch our menus posted at the store.

### Thursday Night Dinner Club

Thursday night dinners will be on hiatus through the Christmas Holidays. January dinners will be on January 6, 13 and 27, so call now for menus and make a reservation.

### Everyday Menu

#### ☞ Lunch ☞

Chef's Daily Choice—posted in our window \$8.50

Hearty bowl of Chef's Selection Soup, with Artisan bread \$7

Cup of Chef's Selection Soup & House Salad, with Artisan bread \$7

"Not Your Mama's" Grilled Cheese Sandwich \$5.50  
Served with choice of soup or salad \$8.50

#### ☞ Always Available ☞

Cheese Plate of Chef's Selection, served with condiments & artisan bread basket \$6.50/\$11.50

Fresh Artisan Breads, Bagels, Muffins & Coffeecake, served cold or toasted with jam, butter, peanut butter or cream cheese \$1.50 to \$2.50

## Cooking with Earth & Vine Provisions

Earth & Vine's Red Bell Pepper & Ancho Chili Jam is a delicious helper in the kitchen which can be used many ways, hot or cold. Available in the gourmet shop.

### SMOKED SALMON RED BELL PEPPER APPETIZER

¾ Cup cream cheese

¼ Cup yogurt

1 Teaspoon fresh cracked pepper

1 oz Smoked salmon, cut into 15 squares

15 Mini Fillo shells, pre-baked

9 oz Earth & Vine Provisions Red Bell Pepper & Ancho Chili Jam

1 Tablespoon chives, finely chopped

Mix together cream cheese, yogurt and cracked pepper. Fill each pastry cup with 1 teaspoon of mixture. Spoon ½ teaspoon Red Bell Pepper & Ancho Chili Jam on top and top with salmon square. Sprinkle with chives.



### SANDWICH CREATIONS

**Smoked Turkey Sandwich:** Sourdough roll, Red Bell Pepper & Ancho Chili Jam on one half and cream cheese on the other, smoked turkey, red onion, and lettuce. Other creative idea: splash bread with B.R. Cohn balsamic vinegar.

**Brie & Prosciutto Sandwich:** Fresh sourdough roll, Red Bell Pepper & Ancho Chili Jam, slice of Brie and prosciutto. Toast under the broiler.

**Grilled Chicken Sandwich:** Chicken breast, sourdough roll, Red Bell Pepper & Ancho Chili Jam, Bibb lettuce, white cheddar cheese, mayonnaise and sprouts.

**Roast Beef & Horseradish Sandwich:** Sliced roast beef, Red Bell Pepper & Ancho Chili Jam on a sourdough roll with horseradish cheese and arugula.

**Tomato & Goat Cheese Sandwich:** Sourdough roll, Red Bell Pepper & Ancho Chili Jam, goat cheese, sliced tomatoes, sliced red onion, mixed spring greens.

## Wine Events

### Hess Collection Vineyards Wine Dinner

December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

This delicious six-course gourmet dinner showcases the well-crafted wines from the Hess Collection in Napa Valley. This is a special event you don't want to miss. \$90 per person. See Richard for details and reservations.

### Weekly Wine Events

#### Tuesday – Social Wine Group

A popular wine tasting evening beginning at 6 p.m...buy a bottle of wine (+ corkage)...your wine is placed behind the bar with all other bottles purchased...you now have access to all purchased bottles in similar price range. A great way to taste many wines!

#### Wednesday – Ladies in Charge

**Night** – (No charge!) A mid-week social gathering of locals & visitors...many bring appetizers to share...all are welcome!

#### Thursday – Gourmet Dinner Club

Four course dinner plus a full array of unique wines. Reservations a must as seating is limited. Two seatings 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Check the Thursday Night Dinner Club Menu for selections.

#### Friday – A Venice Tradition for 19 Years

Many Venice residents meet at the Wine Bar for an end of the week social.

#### Saturday – Evening Wine Tastings

(\$25 per person) Twice a month enjoy a relaxed, seated wine tasting with food pairings. Availability is limited, call for reservations 484-3667.