

— WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1978 —

WOODLAND HILLS
WINE COMPANY

1-800-678-9463
WWW.WHWC.COM

Napa Valley's Best \$30 Cabernet?

The highly-anticipated 2010 vintage of Orin Swift's Palermo has arrived. Mastermind David Phinney has assembled an arsenal of opulent California gems such as The Prisoner, Mercury Head, Papillon, Saldo, Abstract and Palermo. David's relentless quest to source from great vineyards and his use of the strictest winemaking techniques result in wines of unstoppable energy and stature. Though the blends are singular, the wines all have one thing in common: they're rich, hedonistic reds guaranteed to put a swing in your step and a smile on your face.

Two of Phinney's most impressive wines are the Bordeaux-style blend Papillon and the high-end pure Cabernet Sauvignon, Mercury Head. Both are sourced from several of Napa Valley's top vineyards. However, each year, the winery produces more juice than it actually needs. So what do they do with the wine that doesn't go into these luxury offerings? Say hello to Palermo. Palermo bucks all the paradigms of Napa Valley by delivering a blockbuster Cabernet blend (78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc) from world-class vineyards and appellations (Howell Mountain, Oakville, Rutherford, Saint Helena and Spring Mountain) at an unheard of price.



Which brings us to David's flagship wine, the Mercury Head. 2009 Mercury Head marks the ninth vintage of what they consider to be their best Cabernet Sauvignon lots. This vintage was all about low yields and highly concentrated fruit. Small berries and smaller clusters got super ripe while retaining bright acidity and mature tannins. The aim is to have subtle oak nuances that won't dominate the fruit, only accent the aroma. You could open one tonight or age it for up to 10 years.

*Email Insider Exclusive: Free shipping on any order for 6 bottles or more. Valid on Orin Swift wines only. Offer ends close of business 02/06/12 (7pm PST). Use **promo code: SWIFTFEB12***

2010 Orin Swift Palermo Napa Valley \$31.95

Tasting Notes: Aromas of dark, brooding fruit with subtle French oak in the background lead into a smooth entry of ripe cherry and fig. The mid-palate is subtle and stretches with loads of bright acidity and candied cassis. Layers of stone fruit and ribena lead into a round, supple, lingering finish of integrated soft tannins that roll on and on. This wine is amazing now and has another 8 to 10 years in it at least! Blend: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc. *Vineyards:* Hillside, well-drained vineyards from the Napa Valley

2009 Orin Swift Mercury Head Cabernet Sauvignon \$74.95

Tasting Notes: Ripe aromas of cassis, violet and boysenberry lead into a lush mouth-coating entry. The mid-palate has hints of dark cherry and bramble fruit framed by bright acidity and subtle structure. The finish is soft and extremely long with chains of ripe tannins. Blend: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Merlot. *Vineyards:* Morisoli and Taplin

Also available from David Phinney:

2009 Orin Swift Saldo Zinfandel California \$27.95

2010 Orin Swift The Prisoner Napa Valley \$37.95 1.5L \$84.95 3L \$224.95

2009 Orin Swift Machete Red California \$37.95

2010 Orin Swift Abstract Red California \$28.95

Cheers,

Woodland Hills Wine Co.

To view other recent email alerts, [click here](#).



“BEST WINE SHOP IN LOS ANGELES” - LA MAGAZINE

1-800-678-9463 • WWW.WHWC.COM

Woodland Hills Wine Company, 22622 Ventura Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA 91364
818.222.1111 or 800.678.WINE

www.whwc.com

© 2012 www.whwc.com. All rights reserved.

To update your email preferences or unsubscribe [click here](#).