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DAILY FOOD

Weekend Wine

Would you like a simple bottle of Pinot with dinner?

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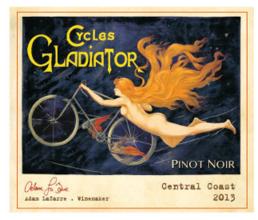
No wine is tougher to find than a reasonably priced, good quality Pinot Noir. The grape achieves its apotheosis in the Burgundy area of France, but their version is notoriously unpredictable from vintage to vintage.

California has perfect climates to create wonderful wines,

"No wine is tougher to find than a reasonably priced, good quality Pinot Noir....Recently, tle I had the opportunity to try 's Cycles Gladiator's version Adar from California's Central he Coast. Winemaker Adam were LaZarre has recently returned salm to the label, and he is making matc fresh some very good wines...count ith ad lighte this as a true bargain."

a Zinfandel, it's like finding a 120-pound Poodle. What's the point?

The wine's structure and tannic grip add immeasurably to a lightly sauced fish dish. Its aromas are the obvious cherry and what LaZarre describes as graham cracker crust, both of which offer a pleasing backdrop to your hard work in the kitchen. You can find other good American Pinot Noirs, but the soft spot for pricing is the \$20 and up range. So count this as a true bargain.





Winemaker Adam LaZarre (Photo courtesy of the Winery)

