



## **RISING STARS OF WINE COUNTRY**

Sabor de Napa - A Latino New Wave Gets Creative Juices Flowing for Community.

Napa Wine Country turned out in full force to support the sold-out Sabor de Napa (Flavor of Napa) event Saturday May 14th at Quintessa Winery.

The dramatic setting, with wine barrels and tanks towering above all heads, was the backdrop for an impressive exhibition of featured Latino artists from all walks-musical, visual, food and wine. The turnout for the event expressed resounding appreciation for NSHP and its community, and the crowd was rewarded with a relevant and rich expression of Latino-influenced wine culture at every turn. We also made a list of tasty wines to watch for that we will share with you a bit later.

Alex Sotelo displayed his mastery of photography and winemaking, wowing the crowd with artistry in each. Winemaker for Robert Pecota Winery, Alex poured the impressive Alex Sotelo Cellars 2002 Dalraddy Vineyard Zinfandel, a wine whose jubilant, rich fruit was tightly constrained by tasteful French oak. Careful organic growing, gentle fermentation, low 14.2% alcohol and long barrel time have resulted in a sophisticated, elegant, Cab drinker's Zin to make all of Napa proud.

Yes, the wines were huge stars. The winery list was a comprehensive who's-who of hard work, vineyard management successes and up-and-coming Latino winery brands that are just now being uncorked. While the names may be new to the public, they have for many years been responsible for delivering the fruit to supply some of Napa's best known wines.

With artistry and charity to match, the future of Latino flavors and people in Wine Country is ever-brighter thanks to Sabor de Napa. If you can, be sure to catch this breakout event next year, which will be its third. In the meantime, some excellent wines are awaiting your attention today.

[http://www.winecountry.com/newsletters/current/2005\\_06/sabor\\_de\\_napa.html](http://www.winecountry.com/newsletters/current/2005_06/sabor_de_napa.html)