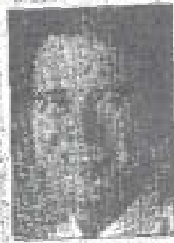


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# Fruit flavors summer whites, reds

**W**ines by Adler Fels Winery in Sonoma County are made from grapes with well-defined, intense flavor. They're well-balanced and have excellent structure. They're very food-friendly and affordable.

## GRAPEVINE



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white with oysters and clams on the half shell, grilled salmon or perhaps hot or cold pasta tossed with garlic, fresh vegetables and olive oil.

Consider the 1998 Adler Fels Russian River Sauvignon Blanc with its crisp, refreshing flavors reminiscent of grapefruit and melon.

If you'd prefer a white filled with tropical fruit flavors with just a hint of spice, consider the 1999 Adler Fels Russian River Gewurztraminer. With a complex structure and just a bit of sweetness, it's wonderful for sipping.

■ **Serve with:** This wine is meant for spicy chicken or fish dishes from Thailand, Vietnam, India, China and Mexico.

For those looking for the right red to complement summertime meals from the grill, the 1997 Adler Fels Russian River Alterra Syrah fits the bill. It's filled with full, ripe berry flavors yet has a velvety finish.

■ **Serve with:** Try this with grilled salmon, pork ribs or portobello mushrooms. It's good with hamburgers and steaks.

■ **Availability/suggested retail:** Most wine shops and a few supermarkets offer Adler

Fels wines at \$12 to \$13 for the Sauvignon Blanc and the Gewurztraminer; \$18 to \$19 for the Alterra Syrah.

### Other barbecue wines

For that feast off the grill, one red you need to remember: shiraz from Australia. Whether the maker is Rosemount Estate, Lindemans or any of dozens of Australian wineries producing this robust yet supple red, you're going to discover the perfect wine to complement steaks, hamburgers, or spare ribs. Give them a try, and discover which you like best. You won't be disappointed.

### Worth trying

The Loloni family has been growing grapes in Mendocino County since 1920, but it wasn't until 1982 that family members started the Loloni Winery. Every bottle they produce is made from organi-

cally grown grapes (no herbicides, no pesticides). The 1997 Loloni Redwood Valley Private Reserve Merlot is no exception.

It's made from 100% merlot grapes and tastes like a good merlot should. It's filled with rich fruit flavors, has a rich texture and finishes with a smooth, lingering aftertaste.

■ **Serve with:** Consider saving this private reserve for special meals that include beef or lamb. It's also well-suited to cheese (it's great with a cheese souffle) and grilled vegetables.

■ **Suggested retail/availability:** Priced about \$25 to \$28 a bottle at better wine shops.

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