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Tiamo Prosecco – Prosecco comes from the once Slovenian village of Prosecco that became a part of Northeastern Italy in 1918. Primarily made from a white grape variety that has historically been called Prosecco, but has been renamed Glera. The wine has fresh and rich fruity aromas of apple and pear with a hint of citrus fruit that fades to bring in slight floral notes. Fine bubbles with a palate that confirms the nose.

#2

Balletto Zinfandel 2009 – A wonderful example of a cool climate Zinfandel. Big and full with bright and lively fruit with acidity that is fresh and lingering. The fine tannins and structured earth lead to a wonderful finish with a beautiful weight and texture. This wine is perfect for food, with its baking spice, licorice, and mixed berry flavors a wonderful accompaniment to a braised beef or lamb dish.

#3

Poggio Anima “Lilith” Primitivo 2012 – According to Jewish folklore, Lilith was the first wife of Adam. She was banished from the Garden of Eden when she refused to make herself subservient to Adam’s sexual requests. When she was cast out of the Garden, she was made into a demon, and Adam was given a second wife, Eve, who was fashioned from his rib to ensure her obedience to her man. Where Adam was created from dust, Lilith was created from filth and sediment. Primitivo refuses to be submissive to the oenology that is the same grape as its close relative Zinfandel.

#4

Mauritson Zinfandel 2012 – According to the winemaker, the 2012 vintage will go down on record as one of exceptional quality. Because of near perfect growing conditions, absent of any extreme weather episodes, the grapes were able to hang long into the growing season and developed complex flavors and aromas with mature tannins. Rich with ripe blackberries and raspberries, the wine’s time in barrel is with a balance of coffee and vanilla that rounds out the palate. This will get somewhat better with age, but is showing well and will be good for another 6-8 years.

#5

Hallowed Ground 2011 – Coming from 4 different vineyards in Napa Valley, this Zinfandel blend is a pleaser from start to finish. On the nose, aromas of ripe black cherry, tobacco, baking spices with heavy emphasis on cloves, and nice finish of vanilla. These continue onto the palate, with a balance of flavors that will finish with a nice cocoa bitterness that is a nice balance to the strong flavors of cherry. The texture pushes through to a long and lingering finish.

#6

Saldo Zinfandel 2012 – Because of the success of The Prisoner, the all new Prisoner Wine Company has gained access to some of the best Zinfandel vineyards and grape sources throughout California. The word “Saldo” has many different meaning in Spanish, Italian, and Portugese. In Spanish it mainly refers to “balance on hand,” and sometimes it can mean “from here and there.” This wine is a representative of the best Zinfandel grapes from great vineyards all across Northern California.

It has a dark ruby color with bold aromas. This wine is the definition of a fruit-forward wine; promoting a beautiful plum pie aroma, with hugh flavors of spice and blueberries. A very nice, elegant finish bring in the flavors of coffee and vanilla.