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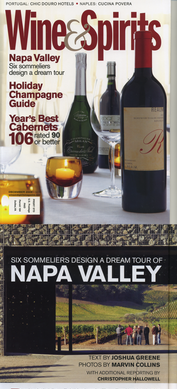

SIX SOMMELIERS DESIGN A DREAM TOUR OF NAPA VALLEY

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RICHARD SOMMER, 40, Napa Valley's Master Sommelier, is a fifth-generation Napa native. He's worked at Napa's Auberge du Soleil and Meadowood, and now he's the wine director for the Charlie Palmer Steak group in Napa, Las Vegas, and Washington, D.C. He's also the president of the Napa Valley Sommelier Society, which he helped found in 2000 to promote the wine industry and hospitality in Napa Valley. Sommer lives in Napa with his wife, Jessica, and their two children, Ryan and Sydney. He's a fan of Napa Valley Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, and Cabernet Sauvignon, and he's a big fan of the Napa Valley Marathon, which he has run twenty times so far.

ERIC BOUCHARD, 32, is a native of Napa Valley, and he's been in the wine business since he was a teenager, when he started working at Napa's Silverado Country Club. He's now the wine director for the Silverado Resort and Spa, which includes the Silverado Country Club, the Silverado Resort, and the Silverado Vineyards winery. Bouchard's favorite Napa Valley wine is Silverado Vineyards' Sauvignon Blanc, and his favorite food is Napa Valley Pinot Noir. He's married to his wife, Jessica, and they live in Napa Valley. He's a fan of the Napa Valley Marathon, which he has run twenty times.

DAVID RAMEY, 40, is a native of Napa Valley and a third-generation winemaker. He's been in the wine business since he was a teenager, when he started working at Napa's Silverado Country Club. He's now the wine director for the Silverado Resort and Spa, which includes the Silverado Country Club, the Silverado Resort, and the Silverado Vineyards winery. Ramey's favorite Napa Valley wine is Silverado Vineyards' Sauvignon Blanc, and his favorite food is Napa Valley Pinot Noir. He's married to his wife, Jessica, and they live in Napa Valley. He's a fan of the Napa Valley Marathon, which he has run twenty times.

CHRISTOPHER DONNICK-DRAYER, 32, is a native of Napa Valley and a third-generation winemaker. He's been in the wine business since he was a teenager, when he started working at Napa's Silverado Country Club. He's now the wine director for the Silverado Resort and Spa, which includes the Silverado Country Club, the Silverado Resort, and the Silverado Vineyards winery. Donnick-Drayer's favorite Napa Valley wine is Silverado Vineyards' Sauvignon Blanc, and his favorite food is Napa Valley Pinot Noir. He's married to his wife, Jessica, and they live in Napa Valley. He's a fan of the Napa Valley Marathon, which he has run twenty times.

JOSHUA GREENE, 40, is a native of Napa Valley and a third-generation winemaker. He's been in the wine business since he was a teenager, when he started working at Napa's Silverado Country Club. He's now the wine director for the Silverado Resort and Spa, which includes the Silverado Country Club, the Silverado Resort, and the Silverado Vineyards winery. Greene