

Corks & Cuisine



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**We are pleased to announce
our second 2010 winemaker...**

**Eric Mohseni, Zaca Mesa Winery
Santa Barbara, California**

Raised in Los Angeles, Eric graduated from California State University at Long Beach with a degree in food science and a minor in chemistry. His career began as a wine buyer at The Wine Country, a noted wine retailer in the Long Beach area. Mohseni aided in managing an extensive collection of wines while developing his knowledge of wine and the wine consumer.

In 1997, Eric took a sabbatical from wine retail, taking a harvest position at Edna Valley Vineyards. There he had his first dose of winemaking. In 1999, he furthered his winemaking knowledge by serving as a member of the harvest crew of Esk Valley Estate in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand's fifth largest vineyard. Eric credits both of these experiences with igniting his passion for hands on winemaking.

In 2001, Eric joined Zaca Mesa as enologist. Over the years, he worked his way up to Assistant Winemaker, then to Associate Winemaker and finally to Winemaker in July 2008.

Eric lives in Santa Maria with his fiancée, Laura and their two bulldogs, Roy and Oswald. When Eric is not thinking of wine (which is rare) he enjoys spending time with his family, cooking, traveling, and listening to music.

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