

Corks & Cuisine



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

Larry Brooks, Tolosa Winery

Tolosa Winery, a sustainably farmed estate vineyard is located in the coastal hills of San Luis Obispo, California, not far from the Pacific Ocean. This close proximity to the sea provides for cool morning fog, warm days, and one of the longest growing seasons in California. The unique climate conditions, terroir, and focused wine-making allow Tolosa to produce world-class Burgundian-style Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs.

Larry Brooks began wine making in 1979 with Acacia. In the mid 1990's, he began working as an executive winemaker for the Chalone group – work which gave him in-depth knowledge of winegrowing in the Edna Valley. During this time, Larry founded Echelon and managed all of Chalone's many wineries and vineyards.

In the early 2000's, Larry worked as an independent consultant. During this time, his association with Tolosa began and in 2006 he accepted the position he holds today of senior winemaker. Larry focuses on low-yield, small production estate wines available in limited quantities as well as their flagship Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs.

***Celebrate Montana's beautiful late summer
weather with this delicious recipe...***

Cinnamon Chile Dry Rubbed Flank Steak with Mango Salsa

**Tom Atkins
*The Boise Centre on the Grove***

Flank Steak

About 3 to 4 pounds flank steak

Dry Rub

6 ounces kosher salt
8 ounces sugar
1 ounce cayenne pepper
5 ounces cinnamon
5 ounces paprika
1 ounce black pepper

Combine all ingredients. Dredge flank steak in dry rub. Grill within 20 minutes to desired doneness. Serve with Mango Salsa (*see recipe following.*)

Mango Salsa

1 mango, peeled and diced
1 red onion, peeled and diced
1/2 yellow bell pepper, seeded and diced
1/2 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
1/2 green bell pepper, seeded and diced
1 pasilla chile, diced
1 jalapeno pepper, diced
1 lime, zested and juiced
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl. Let stand at room



This recipe and many more can be found in the
MSU Billings Foundation Wine & Food Festival 15th Anniversary Cookbook
Available at the Montana State University Billings Foundation, 2615 Virginia Lane, Billings, MT (406) 657-2244

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