

Brotherhood Winery celebrates 170 years as a functioning winery.

BRAND OF BROTHERS

This year marks the 170th anniversary of Brotherhood Winery in Washingtonville, N.Y., the nation's oldest continuously run winery. 2009 may be nearly over, but the anniversary celebration continues with weekly Thanksgiving-themed cooking demonstrations that offer both menu and wine-pairing ideas for the holidays.

The Hudson Valley winery was founded in 1839 by a family of Huguenots and has had only a handful of different owners since. In its infancy, Brotherhood became known for its earthy pinot noir, and it managed to evade

Prohibition by supplying regional churches with sacramental wines

Tours are conducted daily, often led by owner and winemaker Cesar Baeza, who is usually found in the cavernous tasting room, pouring samples of Blanc de Blancs Champagne and Brotherhood's award-winning Riesling, which was the American white wine of choice, selected for White House functions by Bill and Hillary Clinton.

A native of Santiago, Chile, Baeza preserves the legacy with touches such as aging his wine in barrels crafted from French oak trees, and replacing them every

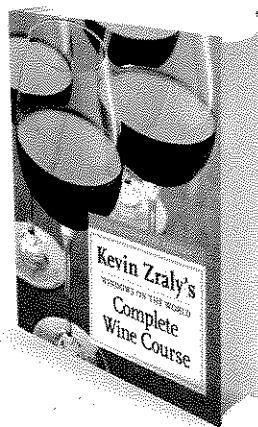
Season's Libations

WINDOW INTO WINE

One of the best-selling books on wine is about to celebrate its 25th anniversary—and it's gotten the once-over inside and out. *Windows on the World Complete Wine Course* (\$24.95) has sold more than 2.5 million copies already, and there's a reason for that. Author Kevin Zraly, who was the wine director of *Windows on the World* from 1976 to 2001, explains wine, its regions and how to pair it in a simple, down-to-earth way. For the 25th anniversary edition of the book, he visited 80 wine regions in more than 20 countries, tasted more than 4,000 wines and met with 500 winery owners, winemakers and vineyardists.

The book teaches readers the fundamentals of basic wine regions, grapes and pairing, and also includes six new sections on great wine-producing countries, including Austria, Canada, Greece, Hungary, New Zealand and South Africa, and more details about Argentina, Australia, Chile, Italy, Spain, and Oregon and Washington. The new edition also has recommendations for more than 1,000 wines, looks at how the wine world has changed since the book was first published in 1985, and explores how each region's wines and wine culture have transformed over time.

The book's new edition would make a great holiday



gift for anyone. A favorite comment on amazon.com reads, "Once you read this book you will know more about wine than most people who work in a package store." windowswineschool.com

THE BEERS OF THE BALL

With all this talk about wine, you might think beer's getting short shift. Not at *Domaine Hudson* in Wilmington, Del. This restaurant, known for its wine dinners and wine tastings, is now giving craft beer its due. Owner Tom Hudson is stocking 40 different beers from 11 countries, including a couple of local favorites, Dogfish Head and Tröegs, both from Pennsylvania. And he's treating the beer with the same respect he gives to his 2,050-bottle wine cellar. Just as he serves sparkling wines at 40 degrees, whites at 52 and reds at 62, he's serving his wheat beers at 40 degrees, ales