



**Leisure – Domestic White Wine**

A long and storied history can imbue an estate with a certain appeal that the imagination of the wine drinker attributes to the wine itself. There is a certain reverence and not a little awe that accompanies the consumption of a glass of Château Haut-Brion Blanc, for example. Yet certain recently established vineyard sites have a magic and resonance of their own – a fortuitous alignment of soil, climate, and exposure that ultimately fills the glass with a transcendent sensory experience. Tin Cross Vineyards – Carol and Mike Foster’s remote acreage situated 2,450 feet above the floor of the Alexander Valley – is such a place. There, the couple and winemakers May-Britt and Denis Malbec, formerly of Château Latour, craft Chardonnay and exquisite Bordeaux-style wines under the Captûre label. The **Captûre 2009 Les Pionniers Sauvignon Blanc**, a blend from sites throughout Sonoma County, exudes intense, apple-orchard fragrances followed by flavors of candied lemon, green apple, and tangy pineapple. The protracted finish is steely and clean.