

WINE BUSINESS MONTHLY

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Hottest Small Brands of 2007

1. Willamette Valley Vineyards
2. Ceja Vineyards
- 3. Tangent Winery**
4. Clos Du Val
5. Kutch Wines
6. Coro Mendocino
7. J.R. Storey
8. L'Ecole N° 41
9. King Family Vineyards
10. Gruet Winery



“Tangent Winery, which launched in 2006, focuses exclusively on “alternative white wines.” The wines also have an alternative package – they’re sealed with screw caps and no oak barrels or malolactic fermentations are associated with any of the wines. Tangent is meant to “explore the limitless possibilities of alternative cool-climate white wines.””

“They found that no California winery was purely focused on alternative whites. Their hunch that the market was ready for a brand dedicated to un-oaked alternative whites has thus far been pretty much spot on.””

2006

1. A to Z Wineworks
2. House Wine Walla Walla
3. Liberty School
4. Shannon Ridge
5. Twenty Bench
6. Cycles Gladiator
7. Bedell Cellars
8. Artesa Vineyards
9. Black Star Farms
10. Buena Vista Carneros

2005

1. Parducci Wine Cellars
2. SoloRoso
3. Cheapskate
4. Velvet Red
5. Peachy Canyon Winery
6. Core Wine Company
7. Kunde Estate
8. Hitching Post
9. Andretti Winery
10. Esser Vineyards

2004

1. Red Truck: Cline Cellars
2. Cartlidge & Brown
3. Seven Deadly Zins
4. Oliver Winery
5. Angeline Wines: Martin Ray
6. Rock Rabbit: Purple Wine Co.
7. Three Thieves Bandit
8. Sofia Mini: Niebaum-Coppola
9. Screw Kappa Napa
10. Graceland Cellars