

## Valencia Vas – Wine & Song Pairing – “Reflections”

### *Full Album Flight:*

- 2006 Vietti Arneis Roero – “Piangerò”
- 2004 Landmark Damaris Reserve Chardonnay – “Home”
- 2004 Hamacher Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley – “Lullaby”
- 2005 Fortitude Luvisi Very Old Vine Zinfandel – “Wondrous Love”
- 2003 Masciarelli Montepulciano D'abruzzo Marina Chevic – “Il Voto”
- 2004 Quinta do Vale Dona Maria – “Lament”
- 2004 Santa Rita Triple C – “Me Dices”
- 2004 Catena Alta Malbec – “Tango”
- 2004 Rubicon Estate Cask Cabernet Sauvignon – “Forever”
- 2001 Beringer Quarry Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon – “Remembrance”
- Non-Vintage Wine Brut Rose – “When the Sun Comes Up”

### *Light Flight:*

- 2006 Vietti Arneis Roero – “Piangerò”
- 2004 Landmark Damaris Reserve Chardonnay – “Home”
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### *American Red Flight:*

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### *International Red Flight:*

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## Wine & Song Pairing Notes

➤ **The Song: Home**

American, rich, deep, and inviting with a lovely finesse..undercurrents are light and pure. A gentle approach to a heady subject...

➤ **The Wine: 2004 Landmark Damaris Reserve Chardonnay**

Winemaker's notes: **Toasty, creamy** vanillin, roasted grain and oak aromas lead to a **bright tangerine** and lemon custard flavors on the palate. Nice viscosity and balancing acidity give this wine a **soft inviting** mouthfeel, one that encourages a second, and then a third sip; a fruit forward, quintessentially Sonoma chardonnay



➤ **The Song: Wondrous Love**

Classic American folk hymn. Simple arrangement and orchestrations layered with a lot of vocal variation. And echo of sweetness...it lingers. Much more complicated than it seems, at first.

➤ **The Wine: 2005 Fortitude Luvisi Very Old Vine Zinfandel**

Winemaker's notes: 95% Zinfandel and 5% Petite Sirah from 90+-year old vines grown in the Luvisi family vineyard near Calistoga in Napa Valley. Made from evenly-ripened Zinfandel grapes, this vibrant, **heady** wine has **fresh**-crushed wild berry and sour cherry aromas with notes of black licorice. The wine has a **rich and mouthwatering texture** with a touch of spice.



➤ **The Song: Piangerò**

Based on Handel aria. Text is heavy, vocal line soars and often floats – bittersweet...

➤ **The Wine: 2006 Vietti Arneis Roero**

Winemaker's notes: **Pale** sunshine yellow color with **fresh** floral, citrus and melon aromas with hints of almonds. An unoaked, dry, **medium bodied** white wine with crisp acidity, the Arneis is well-balanced, **elegant** wine with **good complexity and a lingering finish**.



➤ **The Song: Lullaby**

Light, haunting and all American. Small moments of depth...based on "All the pretty horses". Complex and nuanced but not heavy...

➤ **The Wine: 2004 Hamacher Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley**

*Burghound*. October 2007: "A relatively deeply pitched nose of dark berry fruit, briar, earth and underbrush hints leads to round, rich, fresh and vibrant flavors that are **brighter** than the nose and culminate in a **dusty, focused and pure finish** that exhibits **moderate structure and fine length**. This is a wine of **restraint** yet it's ripe and displays no vegetal hints. **Good material** here and on top of it, I like the style." Allen Meadows.



➤ **The Song: Lament**

This is the heaviest song on the album...inspired by Portuguese Earthy Music – deeply colored and powerful and purely sexy.

➤ **The Wine: 2004 Quinta do Vale Dona Maria**

Mark Squires (The Wine Advocate): The 2004 Quinta Vale D. Maria is delectable, with gorgeous fruit. It has structure, too, and with air its **penetration and grip** become obvious. Make no mistake - the reason for this wine's existence is to be **seductive and sexy**.



➤ **The Song: Me Dices**

Based on a Chilean Folksong. Lots of rich colors and very aggressive in character – Intriguing Chilean red with a strong finish.

➤ **The Wine: 2004 Santa Rita Triple C**

Winemaker's notes: This superb wine is a blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Carménère, three varieties originally from Bordeaux that have been carefully cultivated by Santa Rita. Triple C benefits from the **best of both the Old and New World**, combining the elegance of traditional grape varieties with state-of-the-art New World techniques. The specially selected grapes are grown at Santa Rita's Alto Jahuel Estate in Maipo Valley, Chile, approximately 40 miles from Santiago. Triple C represents a new style in Chilean winemaking, becoming a true expression of Chilean nature; **complex and abundant**.



➤ **The Song: Tango**

Quintessentially Argentinean, Seductive, Spicy, Sexy and playful...

➤ **The Wine: 2004 Catena Alta Malbec**

winemaker's notes: The 2004 Catena Alta Malbec shows a deep, **saturated violet color** with a blackish hue. The nose presents a wide array of dark berry fruits with notes of delicate violet flowers as well as **sweet clove spices**, a touch of cedar and leather. The mouthfeel is **full and unctuous**, with excellent **weight and supple texture**. The mid palate offers rich cassis and black currant fruit flavors interwoven with hints of chocolate, vanilla and black pepper. The **lengthy finish** shows wonderful minerality, with finely grained tannins and **lively acidity**.



➤ **The Song:            Remembrance**

Heavy American song with a hint of a sweet ending. Dark and rich American wine. Amazing depth and range...

➤ **The Wine:            2001 Beringer Quarry Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon**

Robert M. Parker Jr., Wine Advocate #157 (Feb 2005): **The dense ruby/purple-colored 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Quarry Vineyard exhibits earthy, leathery, mineral, black raspberry, and currant notes along with a sweet finish. It's a beauty!**



➤ **The Song:            Il Voto**

Lush benchmark Italian red...cinema paradiso inspired. Long lines, Full-bodied and rich with a beautiful finish.

➤ **The Wine:            2003 Masciarelli Montepulciano D'abruzzo Marina Chevic**

[www.diwinetaste.com](http://www.diwinetaste.com): deep ruby red color and **nuances** of ruby red, little transparency. The nose reveals **intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant** aromas which start with hints of black cherry, plum and black berry followed by aromas of blueberry, violet, vanilla, tobacco, pink pepper, licorice, cinnamon, cocoa, mace, leather and menthol. The mouth has excellent correspondence to the nose, a tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, **full body, intense flavors, agreeable roundness**. The **finish is very persistent with long flavors** of black cherry, plum and blackberry. A **very well made** wine.



➤ **The Song:           When the Sun Comes Up**

upbeat, bubbly American pop tune. Hopeful and bright.

➤ **The Wine:           J Non-Vintage Wine Brut Rose**

Winemaker's notes: sparkles with a **luminous** cool pink hue and exudes delicate aromas of strawberry, nectarine and juicy red apples. On the palate, the wine opens with flavors of cherry, blood orange, citrus peel and the tropical star fruit that are underlined by a **bright** acidity that keeps the overall impression **delightfully fresh with a lively, lingering finish**. The wine engages the entire palate with balance wrapped in a refined body of elegance and **effervescence**.



➤ **The Song:           The Christmas Promise**

This is a variation on the American folksong, Shenandoah. Echoes of snow whispering through the night...Though the song itself, is pure, angelic and sweet. **Contrast** the sonority with a mulled American Zinfandel...Pure Nostalgia and warmth.

➤ **The Wine:           Mulled American Zinfandel**

2 bottles American Zinfandel  
2 ounces brandy  
½ cup sugar in the raw  
12 whole cloves  
4 cinnamon sticks  
1 whole nutmeg  
1 large orange, zested  
Additional Orange slices and Cinnamon sticks

Combine ingredients in a large pot and bring to a simmer. Do not allow mixture to boil. Heat for 20 minutes. Remove solids and serve. Garnish with Orange Slices and Cinnamon Sticks.



➤ **The Song:       Forever**

Enduring love story reminiscent of the “Notebook”. Nostalgic and beautiful. There are Italian qualities in the music, but the sentiment is all-American. Highly Cinematic and enduring. This needs a celebration wine that cellars well, but can be enjoyed immediately.

➤ **The Wine:       2004 Rubicon Estate Cask Cabernet Sauvignon**

Winemaker's notes: Rubicon Estate 2004 CASK Cabernet is a **classic, grand style** American Cabernet. It is loaded with ripe red cherry and rum raisin scents, which are **telltale hallmarks of Rutherford Cabernet in a great year**. Immediately accessible for its **forward charm**, the dense and supple tannins are **inviting to experience but the rewards will come with three to six years of bottle age**.

