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Wine of the Month Selection

Each month we feature Kevin from San Diego Wine Co.'s monthly pick. This month, Kevin's pick is the '09 *Chateau Lascaux "Coteaux du Languedoc"*. Even better than the '10 version that earned a 91 rating from Wine Spectator. Mix of juicy black and blue fruit flavors with flower and mineral notes.

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235 Years Ago... Our Founding Fathers' Committed the Boldest Move in History!

Like all Americans, our family takes great pride all year long and especially during the Fourth of July that we live in the greatest country on Earth. Americans are able to dream and achieve the loftiest of goals.

What is particularly amazing is that this country was able to be born, mature, and survive at all—particularly after the Declaration of Independence was executed.

On that Fourth of July, 1776, fifty-six men ranging in age from 26 year-old Edward Rutledge to 70 year-old Benjamin Franklin committed the boldest move in history—they knowingly signed a suicide pact!

In a move no less brave than when Cortez decided to burn his ships upon reaching the New World so that his men would fight harder for survival, so too did our Founding Fathers commit fully and completely to a course of action when they signed the Declaration of Independence. However, what was even more impressive than Cortez's action is that the Founding Fathers collectively decided to join this pact. Cortez's men—in a way typical of the military or Old World political leadership—were following the path set forth by their leader.

The American rebels did not win freedom overnight. In fact, for the next half-dozen years the British had the Americans on the run. But during that whole time, the Americans laid the ground work for their eventual victory at the Battle of Yorktown. It was the diplomatic efforts of Ben Franklin and others who finally convinced France to send ships and forces to trap General Cornwallis along with the American ground troops.

Given the uphill battle and longshot final victory, the Founding Fathers' "all-in" final bet is all the more amazing. Never before had a people risen up, overthrown their leaders (let alone the then most powerful nation on Earth), and established a democratic and

constitutional government where *the people* told *the government* what powers it had, not the other way around.

Reading up on our Founding Fathers and thinking of how they risked everything is enlightening and humbling all at once. We hope that everyone enjoys their Fourth of July celebra-

tion, but also think about how amazing it is that we are here in America.



Should You Worry About Throwing a 4th of July Party?

Many of us will be going to or hosting a celebration this Holiday. Most of these parties will provide alcohol to their guests. The question most hosts ask is, will I be legally liable if I serve alcohol to my guests?

The answer is, in general, California does not have "social host" civil liability for party hosts who serve alcohol. However, both San Diego County and many cities in the County provide for both civil and criminal penalties for adults who provide alcohol to underage drinkers at parties. So don't be the "cool parent".

Even though you might not be held civilly liable, it is a good idea not to serve obviously intoxicated guests. Have a safe and fun 4th of July!

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Child Safety Tip: Fourth of July Edition!



Our 9-month old daughter, Ryan Jurewitz, is our new child safety correspondent. Each month she provides her tips for kids and their parents and grandparents (and gives her proud parents a cheap excuse to show off baby pictures!).

Let me thank everyone for all the great emails and messages saying how much they loved last month's column. Daddy said I was the hit of the newsletter. Your support will help me during contract negotiations.

Last month, I went to my Uncle Dan and Aunt Jen's wedding in Santa Barbara. I also went to Texas to spend time with my Mer-Mer and Gaga and my crazy Texas cousins. I had a great time, but nobody told me how hot Texas is! I didn't wear socks for two weeks!

Now, I'm told that I'll be celebrating the Fourth of July for the first time. Here is what I know: Mommies and Daddies should take some basic safety precautions when handling fireworks because they can cause significant burn and eye injuries in both kids and adults. Each year hospital emergency departments across the country treat nearly 10,000 fireworks injuries, most of which are to children. These injuries are easily preventable!

If personal fireworks are legal where you live, keep



these safety tips in mind:

- Kids should never play with fireworks – even sparklers. Sparklers sure can seem safe but they get hot enough to melt gold!
- Mommies and Daddies should buy only legal fireworks. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80 or M-100. Basically, if a teenage boy wants it, it is illegal.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents.
- No one should ever throw or point fireworks at another person or a structure, even in jest.
- When lighting fireworks, mommies and daddies should always wear eye protection and should avoid holding them in their hands or close to other body parts.
- Fireworks should be kept away from brush and leaves and flammable substances. More than 50,000 fires are caused by fireworks each year.
- Don't forget about the doggies and kitties! Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed by 4th of July fireworks. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.

If a kid is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. Call your doctor immediately! I'm looking forward to my first Fourth of July. **Have a Happy 4th, kids and babies. I'll see you next month!**

July Facebook Contest: Win 1 of 2 \$25 Gift Cards



Win 1 of 2 \$25 American Express gift cards by:

1. Go to www.JLGFacebook.com to visit our Facebook page
2. "Like" us on Facebook
3. Write "Happy 4th of July" and why you love the Holiday on our Wall

It's that simple!

Congratulations to Our June Contest Winners: **Patricia Chappelle** and **Rosi Moritz** each won a \$15 Starbucks gift card. Thanks for everyone who participated.

Thank You for Your Referrals!

Referrals from family, friends, and clients are the highest compliment we can receive when you entrust your closest friends and loved ones to our office to help. This month we want to recognize the following friends for their referrals:

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