

Trendsetting Entertaining Traditions

Make Your Home A Hip Hot-Spot This Season

(NAPSA)—The hottest new scene for many in the sophisticated crowd these days is the wine lounge. They're popping up all over the country and making a big splash within the wine community. Instead of shelling out tons of money to be a "regular" at the trendiest spot in town, why not transform your place into the place to be? With these simple steps for spicing up the décor, mixing up tasty "winetails" and playing some good tunes, you can be an instant hit among your peers this season.

VIBE: All About The Atmosphere

Almost effortlessly, your home can become a chic venue for any gathering. Simply purchase or rent a few high-top round tables and stools and position them around the room, giving guests space to mingle freely. Drape some red sheers from the ceiling, add vases filled with red berries or red tulips, and place small votives all over the room to create a wine bar atmosphere. These décor tips can give any space a soft, red glow and add some stylish flair.

VINO: The Drinks

Show your guests you're in the know about the latest trend in wines: "winetails." Try these two new easy-to-make "winetail" recipes from celebrity master mixologist Alex Ott. The Dolce ("sweet" in Italian) Domani is made with Ecco Domani's 2004 Merlot and muddled with sugar and limes. Ecco Sidro ("cider" in Italian) offers the bold taste of Ecco Domani's 2004 Chianti blended with apple cider, chai tea powder and a splash of ginger juice. Each can be served chilled or warm in rocks glasses or even flutes. One bottle of wine makes



at least 10 servings—an economical entertaining alternative. For more details and recipes, visit www.eccodomani.com.

VINYL: Mixing Tunes

Add a beat to energize your guests and keep them on their toes all night long. With today's technology it's quick and simple to grab the hottest tunes online and start mixing up the night's play list. If spinning vinyl or downloading music doesn't interest you, why not involve your friends by asking them to fill the coveted guest DJ spot? Each one can bring a variety of styles, whether it's hip-hop, jazz or '70s disco, to make the evening truly exciting.

The trendiest wine bars or lounges can be the inspiration for your next home entertaining event. Just incorporate a few of these simple ideas and don't be afraid to try something new and different with your guests; they'll welcome the experience. Remember, it's all about having a great time and sharing memorable moments with your friends and family—so be as creative as you want and take pictures.