

Michael David Winery

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Michael and David Phillips are brother's who's parents grew grapes in Lodi, California. During my recent trip to Lodi with **Snooth**, I was able to taste some fantastic wines from this winery. Michael and David are the 5th generation of grape-growers in the Phillips family, with the 6th generation now joining the family business. Today Michael David Winery has extended with Kevin Phillips and Melissa Phillips Stroud, now joining the family business.

Many of you may know **Michael David Winery** for their well-known wine *7 Deadly Zins*, however they also produce other great labels like *Freakshow*, *Earthquake*, and *Inkblot*. I had the pleasure of sipping some Inkblot (*Reserve*), Ancient Vine (*Reserve*), and Rapture (*Reserve*) while in Lodi overlooking the ancient vines. A few weeks after my visit, I had the pleasure of tasting some Michael David Chardonnay (*among other labels*) while dining with Michael Phillips himself and his lovely wife at **Michael Jordan's Steakhouse**. This was a fun visit and a pleasant surprise to meet him in person, after visiting one of his vineyards.

We started off with a delicious bowl of **French Onion Soup** paired with the **2015 Chardonnay**. It was a lovely pairing where the fruit notes in the wine complimented the caramelized onions, and the oak flavors went nice with the wonderfully gooey cheese! Up after was a **Foie Gras with Blackberry Red Wine Reduction** and **Apple Salad** paired with the **2014 Freakshow Red Blend**. A lovely blend of Lodi Syrah and Petit Syrah are in this wine, which complimented the rich, grilled foiegras extremely well. The spice notes in the wine really brought out the blackberry red wine sauce, while the apple was a fresh compliment to the rich dish and bold wine.

After we enjoyed a perfectly cooked **Petit Filet** over whipped mashed potatoes and string beans. Paired was the **2013 Rapture Cabernet** and the **2014 Freakshow Cabernet**, which both went very well with the medium rare filet. To end the evening on a sweet note, I enjoyed the rest of the Rapture Cabernet paired with a **Caramelized Banana Tart** and **Salted Caramel Ice Cream**.

Seeking to try some wines from Lodi, California? Michael David Winery is another winery on Somm In The City's must try from Lodi list! Please pair responsibly.