

Gershon Bachus Vintners

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Hours: By Appt Only
Production: 800 – 1,000 cases per year
Tasting Fees: \$30 for tasting only; \$50 for tasting and a meal
Average Wine Prices: Whites: \$\$\$ Reds: \$\$\$\$

Varietals: (Authors' Recommendations ★):
Whites: Duet White Blend ★, Four-Four-Two White Melange ★
Reds: Red Duet ★, Zinfandel ★, Cabernet Sauvignon ★

Gershon Bachus was the name of owner Ken Falik's European grandfather. When your family history includes a name like "Bachus," you have to assume that you are *destined to make great wines*. Gershon Bachus Vintners (GBV) provides an experience like no other – great food, great wines and great hospitality.

Ken Falik and Christina Lesch-Falik, the GBV owners, cater to prestigious and up-scale wine lovers and event clientele. They have constructed a beautiful Tuscan-style villa on a hilltop with a breathtaking 360° panoramic view of Palomar Mountain, rolling hills, ranches and the vineyards along De Portola Road. Although they describe their tasting room/event center as "rustic-elegant," we're not sure about the rustic part, but we certainly agree that the surroundings are elegant.

If you want to experience a Tuscan-style luxury wine tasting adventure that allows you the time to relax and relish exceptional, premium wines, contact GBV. Ken and Christina host private, exclusive, seated wine tastings

which last approximately an hour for \$30 per person with an eight person attendance minimum. For a 1 to 2-hour luncheon tasting with specially selected wine and food pairings, the fee is \$50 per person. Worth it? Absolutely!

The GBV winemaker, Michael Tingley, is one of our favorite Temecula vintners and makes outstanding wines. GBV was one of our highest scoring wineries in the Temecula Valley. If you are serious about exceptional wine, you must visit this exclusive tasting room and event venue. On the day we visited, they served two exceptional white blends. The Villa Vino White Duet is 50% Chardonnay and 50% Sauvignon Blanc. The GBV "Four-Four-Two" White Melange consists of 40% Pinot Grigio, 40% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Viognier. Our personal favorites, however, were the 100% varietal reds: the "Aquila" is GBV's 100% full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon and "Zephyrus" is the name of their excellent Zinfandel.

GBV provides a tasting experience of a lifetime. All tastings are By Appointment Only with a two-day advance notice. (If you or someone in your party is a vegetarian or vegan, GBV is happy to provide a special meal for that individual at no extra cost if you book the luncheon tasting.) Gershon Bachus Vintners also conducts a wide range of private and corporate functions, ranging from cocktail parties to sit-down dinners to weddings and other celebrations. The event center can accommodate up to 250 guests in their 3000 SF barrel room.

"Life is too short to drink inexpensive wine." ~ Unknown