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SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL

“Gary and Jeanne Newman are a successful, behind-the-scenes Hollywood couple. He's the chairman of 20th Century Fox Television Studio; she's an entertainment attorney and partner in a prominent Los Angeles law firm. What sets them apart from their peers is that they also own a winery that makes first-rate wines.

It all started when they purchased a second-home in Santa Barbara County's Santa Ynez Valley. It came with a vineyard. Something had to be done with the grapes, and the rest is history.

Jorian Hill Winery, named after their children, Jordan, Reed and Hillary, is producing boutique-style wines that are garnering critical acclaim.

Even with their busy professional lives, both Newmans are very involved in all aspects of the winery from the vineyards to marketing their wine. And Jeanne has taken classes offered by UC-Davis's renowned wine program.

They decided to produce one white and one red, namely a viognier and a syrah. The vineyards were there, and the terroir seemed perfect for these grapes. Production is small, but the quality assures them distribution in some of the country's most important wine markets, including South Florida.

Although there are several viogniers I don't fancy, the **Jorian Hill Viognier** is a favorite of mine with its delightful fruit flavors and softness on the palate. As for the **Jorian Hill Syrah**, it's a robust, powerful red that belies its strength when it finishes like liquid velvet.”

Serve with: Pair the syrah with grilled steak or lamb chops and the viognier (which is a nice sipping wine) with poached white fish, chicken with fruit sauce or basic desserts like pound cake.

- Bob Hosmon
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