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NAPA, CALIF. - August 10, 2006 - Andrew Lane winemaker, Andrew Dickson, will present an entertaining and educational look at the past, present and future of Gamay Noir. Presented by the Napa Valley Wine Library Association, the Sixteenth Annual Varietal Seminar, "Beyond the Cabernet Horizon," will be presented Saturday, August 12th, at COPIA: The American Center for Wine, Food & the Arts.

Attendees are invited to join an intrepid band of wine explorers as they guide them through the uncharted world of non-Cabernet reds! Lunch will be provided by Julia's Kitchen. The wine panel will be composed of Andrew Lane, Nils Venge and Ray Courson. Tickets are available at <http://www.napawinelibrary.org/> for \$125 per person.

The winery recently introduced its award-winning 2004 Gamay – which has the mouth-feel and velvety texture of a Pinot Noir, but with a more vibrant, red fruit character. It offers a lively bouquet and flavor of fresh red cherries, red currants, with touches of strawberry and spice on the finish.

The 2004 Andrew Lane Gamay is produced from 50+ year-old vines, one of the last remaining Gamay vineyards in Napa Valley. Often described as a California Rhone, Gamay Noir a'Jus Blanc is closely related to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and is the primary black grape of France's Beaujolais region.

Gamay Noir enjoys a long and interesting history in Napa Valley. Once grown in abundance in Napa Valley, it is mostly considered a prized relic today. Most Gamay Noir vineyards have been displaced to produce more California-renowned wines including Cabernet, Chardonnay, and Merlot.

About Napa Valley Wine Library Association Established in 1963, the association is devoted to sharing and preserving information about viticulture, enology, and wine lore, particularly concerning the Napa Valley. Its extensive collection of books, magazines, interviews clippings, and other materials is housed at the St. Helena Public Library. Behind the library is "Barney's Backyard," a tiny heritage vineyard maintained by the association and named for its first president, Bernard Rhodes.

## About Andrew Lane Wines

Andrew Lane Winery is a family-run, award-winning winery located in St. Helena, Napa Valley.

Andrew Lane Wines was originally founded by David Dickson in 1978 and named after his two sons, Andrew and Lane. In 1983, Dickson won "best in show" honors as well as a blue ribbon for his Sauvignon Blanc at the prestigious Napa Town and Country Fair.

In 2001, Andrew Dickson drove the release of Andrew Lane's first commercially available wine. Today, Andrew Lane wines are sold in top wine stores around the country and are also available in some of the finest restaurants in the world.

For more information, please visit [www.andrewlanewines.com](http://www.andrewlanewines.com).