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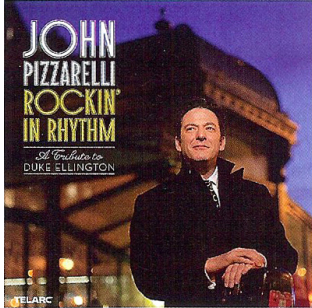
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pairings

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John Pizzarelli, *Rockin' In Rhythm: A Tribute To Duke Ellington* paired with Middle Ridge Pinot Grigio, Temecula Valley, 2008

JOHN PIZZARELLI *Rockin' In Rhythm: A Tribute To Duke Ellington*



Internationally renowned for his nearly 40-album catalog of classic standards and late night ballads which have helped reinvigorate the Great American Songbook while popularizing jazz, the vocalist and guitarist son of legendary guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli has paid homage over the years to everyone

from The Beatles to Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter and Frank Sinatra. On this loving and swinging tribute to the legendary pianist and big band leader, Pizzarelli crafts many of his nimble and haunting guitar lines around the brilliance of his powerhouse quartet. For the younger Pizzarelli, exploring Ellington's tones, both mellow and high energy, is a sly wink to Bucky who was heavily influenced by Sir Duke. Guests include the Swing Seven Horns and, on the sassy call and response tune "Perdido," John's wife Jessica Mclasley and Kurt Eling. JohnPizzarelli.com (TELARC INTERNATIONAL) 2010

MIDDLE RIDGE PINOT GRIGIO

Temecula Valley, 2008

As internationally well-traveled as John Pizzarelli, Chris Johnston, winemaker and co-founder of Middle Ridge Winery, used his global experiences over many years to learn about wine by talking directly with small production winemakers around the world, absorbing knowledge and, later, supplementing it with university wine classes. This home wine hobbyist-turned-professional winemaker offers this finely-tuned, Old World-inspired pinot grigio as just one example of his natural ability to learn fast and master the art and science of wine.

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