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2 keys to a cool cruise party

It's easy to find appropriate fuel, aka wine, for a Dream Cruise toast. Labels such as Red Truck, White Truck, the Small Block varietals and Andretti are sure picks; but Dean Champagne of Champagne's Wine Cellars & Marketplace in Warren, who's a car buff himself, wanted more, and he found a couple new ones -- the AutoMoto line and the C5 Zinfandel by SideJob Cellars.

The SideJob Cellars C5 Stefani Vineyard Zinfandel pays tribute to the "C5" Corvette, a classy model built from 1997 to 2004. SideJob's founder Jeff Lubin had such a car until he sold it to fund the winery. And the winery is still his side job; his main job is being a wine-marketing consultant.

The C5 Zin is pretty spectacular because it comes off eight rows at the top of the hill of the famous Stefani Vineyard, owned by the Gallo family. Lubin says he has friends in high places and secured a contract to purchase the grapes.

"It's a great wine if you can afford a \$20 bottle," Champagne says.

Other C5 Stefani Vineyard 2006 Accollades:

