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23. THE CALIFORNIA DIRECTORY OF FINE WINERIES; fourth edition (Wine House Press, 2006, 160 pages, \$19.95 US hardbound) is a book package, with Marty Olmstead a travel writer, and Robert Holmes a photographer (there are over 200 photos here), plus a slew of designers and copyeditors. Sixty-nine wineries are covered, in Napa (31), Sonoma (32) and Mendocino (6). Each is profiled and is physically described (layout of winery operations, buildings, gardens), along with reproductions of labels. Various sidebars list directions, vineyard tours, wine tastings, culinary events, and nearby attractions. Maps show these wineries plus about 100 others within the counties. For example, in Napa, there are Beringer, Clos du Val, and Silver Oak. In Sonoma, there are Arrowood, Benziger, and Chateau St. Jean. There are also no tasting notes, nor any recipes, but the book is very useful for trips and tastings. #