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JORDAN

Sweet, tasty

bread,
served with
red and
green zchug,
by Oded



at least once a week."

ODED SHAKKED,
Israel native and owner of

WINE

New Breggo owner, same great wine

Anderson Valley winery
praised by Robert Parker
sold to Cliff Lede

By **VIRGINIE BOONE**

FOR THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

When Breggo Cellars opened its doors in 2005 along a stretch of Highway 128 in the Anderson Valley, it took no time at all for the tiny producer of aromatic white wines and lush pinot noirs to find acclaim.

Within a couple of years, Food and Wine Magazine was proclaim-

ing it the "best new winery" and wine critic Robert Parker Jr. was saying such grandiose things as, "I don't think anyone is doing what Breggo has managed to achieve with varietals such as pinot gris, gewürztraminer and riesling in Northern California."

So it was with heavy heart that many absorbed the news in 2009 that husband-and-wife founders Doug Stewart and Ana Lucia Benitez-Stewart were selling the winery to Napa Valley vintner Cliff Lede. A Canadian construction magnate who established Cliff Lede Vineyards in the Stags Leap District in

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**Winemaker
Ryan Hodgins
makes just under
8,000 cases of
wine a year at
Breggo Cellars.**

Breggo Cellars

ten compared to turnips and rutabagas, a comparison I don't find particularly resonant. Kohlrabi is sweet and