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## Saluting a Champion

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**A VINTAGE DIVA** When Janet Hopkins, the New York [Metropolitan Opera](#) singer, says “wine, women and song,” she really means it. She collaborated with Tulip Hill Winery in California to create a red varietal called “Aria 2005 Cuvée,” which she introduced this month along with an accompanying CD recorded at historic Capitol Records in Hollywood.

Ms. Hopkins, a dramatic soprano at the Met, sings “Quando m’en vo,” from “La Bohème,” as well as favorites from “Turandot” and “Madama Butterfly” on the CD, from Capitol Records.

“Blending my own wine and selecting just the right music to complement it felt like a natural marriage of two halves,” said the diva of her work with the ARIA project.

Opera lovers: one Christmas present coming up. ~ELIZABETH OLSON