

VINTNERS CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

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TASTING #1,458 - NAPA VALLEY ULTRA-PREMIUM CABERNETS & BORDEAUX-STYLE BLENDS WITH OUR MEMBER DAVID PEARSON, CEO OF *OPUS ONE*

followed by
OPTIONAL WINE-PAIRING DINNER

5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2006

We are delighted that our member, David Pearson, will join us for a tasting of some of the finest wines produced in the Napa Valley. David has had an illustrious career in the wine industry, including senior positions with the Baron Philippe de Rothschild Company and the Robert Mondavi Corporation. In 2004, he was named as first sole CEO of *Opus One*, the celebrated joint venture between Baron Philippe de Rothschild of Chateau Mouton Rothschild in Bordeaux and Robert Mondavi Winery in the Napa Valley.

Having made its first vintage in 1979, *Opus One* is widely regarded as the marriage of two great visionaries and two great winemaking families. In 1981, at the first Napa Valley Wine Auction, a single case of *Opus One* sold for \$24,000--- the highest price ever paid for a California wine at that time.

Last year, Baron Philippe de Rothschild, S.A. (the French corporation that owns Chateau Mouton Rothschild) and Constellation Brands, Inc. (now the owner of Robert Mondavi Winery) agreed to maintain 50-50 joint ownership of *Opus One*. Operating independence was granted *Opus One* in three key areas-- vineyard management and winemaking, sales and marketing, and administration-- a salient step in *Opus Ones* evolution as an estate with a unique direction, identity and culture.

On a **Thursday** evening in September, we will taste **12** magnificent wines. Some of them have earned the highest accolades (including a perfect score of 100, "one of the most profound Cabernet Sauvignons I have ever tasted") from our member, Robert Parker, Jr. Given the superb quality of these wines, and given the outstanding ratings from a man of Mr. Parker's worldwide stature, it is little surprise that some of them cost over \$200 per bottle.

The flight to be tasted:

Opus One
Shafer Vineyards, *Hillside Select*
Caymus Vineyards, *Special Selection*, Rutherford
Chappellet Vineyard, *Pritchard Hill Estate*
Clark-Claudon Vineyards, Oakville
Corison Winery, *Kronos Vineyard*
Frazier, *Memento*
Kendall-Jackson Vineyards & Winery, *Stature*, Limited Release
Robert Craig Wine Cellars, Howell Mountain
Robert Mondavi Winery, Reserve
Vineyard 7&8, Reserve, Spring Mountain District
Flora Springs, *25th Anniversary Rutherford Hillside Reserve*

Price for the Tasting:

\$145/member and first-time guests, \$195/non-member, for checks postmarked by September 5.

\$150/member and first-time guests, \$200/non-member for checks postmarked after September 5.

First-come, first-served. Those persons placed on the wait-list will be notified via e-mail/telephone.

Following the tasting, we will enjoy a moderately-priced dinner paired with some excellent wines.

OPTIONAL DINNER, 7:30 p.m.

Fresh Steamed Asparagus with Shaved Serrano Ham, Micro Greens and Romesco Vinaigrette
2001 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett, Dr. Loosen, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, en magnum

Char Grilled Skirt Steak Marinated in Balsamic, Onion, Cabernet-Peppercorn Sauce,
Yukon Gold Potatoes & Seasonal Greens
2002 Cabernet Sauvignon, Corison Winery, Napa Valley
2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Robert Craig Wine Cellars, Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley

Debbie's Chocolate Decadence Cake with Raspberry Coulis (always a favorite with our members)

Chocolate Mignardises

Coffee/Tea

Given the unparalleled waterfront ambiance, the exquisite wines, the delicious food, and the camaraderie...awesome!

Price For Those Who Wish To Attend The Dinner Only (all wines, tax, tip, & corkage included):

\$135/member; \$145/non-member.

Discounted Member-Price For Those Who Wish To Attend The Tasting As Well As The Dinner (all wines, tax, tip & corkage included):

\$145 (for tasting) plus \$120 (for dinner) = \$265 (for checks postmarked by September 5).

TO SECURE A RESERVATION:

- Make your check payable to the Vintners Club
- Mail to: Lalita Waterman, Treasurer, Vintners Club, 36 Southridge West, Tiburon, CA 94920
- E-mail the Vintners Club to advise that your check is in the mail

Advance payment is required. Deadline to cancel a reservation for the tasting or the dinner and be entitled to receive a refund is 12 noon on Monday, September 11.

VENUE: World Trade Club, One Ferry Plaza, San Francisco.