

VINTNERS CLUB

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TASTING #1,460: PREMIUM CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIRS WITH RICHARD SANFORD

followed by

OPTIONAL WINE-PAIRING DINNER

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Our first tasting in 2007 will feature top-flight Pinot Noirs. We will taste, in *blind-conditions* (meaning that you will not know which wine is in which glass until the results of the tasting are announced), **12** exceptional current releases in the company of a zealot for Pinot Noir, our long-standing member, Richard Sanford. As many of you know, Richard's story is an inspiring and compelling one, and he is an icon to most pinotphiles. Richard was the founder of Sanford Winery and the first person to plant Pinot Noir in the Santa Ynez Valley. Although no longer involved with his namesake winery, he and his gracious wife, Thekla, have channeled their passion and expertise into Alma Rosa Winery. Our special tasting will encompass a selection whose flavor profiles will thrill the wine novice as well as the connoisseur:

- Alma Rosa Winery, *La Encantada Vineyard*, Santa Rita Hills
- Ambullneo Vineyards, *Bulldog Reserve*, Santa Maria Valley
- Belle Glos Wines, *Las Alturas Vineyard*, Santa Lucia Highlands
 - Copeland Creek Vineyards, Sonoma Coast
 - David Bruce Winery, Russian River Valley
- Paraiso Vineyards, *West Terrace*, Santa Lucia Highlands
 - Signorello Vineyards, *Hyde Vineyard*, Carneros
- Thomas Fogarty Winery, *Rapley Trail Vineyard*, Block B, Santa Cruz Mountains
 - Willowbrook Wines, *Dutton Morelli Vineyard*, Russian River Valley
 - ZD Wines, *Reserve*, Carneros
 - Selection of two additional wines is under way

The Vintners Club provides a **separate Riedel glass** for each wine allowing you to compare the wines side-by-side and to experience their evolution in the glass as the evening progresses. **Comfortable seating** allows us to enjoy the wines in a relaxed and elegant atmosphere. **White tablecloths** are used to highlight visual nuances of the wines. You only need to bring an open mind, an inquisitive palate, **a pencil** and some good cheer.

Price for the Tasting:

\$75/member, \$115/non-member

MENU FOR OPTIONAL POST-TASTING DINNER, 7:45 p.m.

House-Made Raviolis Florentine with a Savory Sage & Butter Sauce
2004 Chardonnay, Viña del Sol, Ceja Vineyards, Carneros
2004 Chardonnay, O'Brien Family Vineyard, Napa Valley

Veal Osso Bucco with Creamy Polenta & Sautéed Spinach
2004 Pinot Noir, Alma Rosa Winery, Santa Rita Hills
2004 Pinot Noir, David Bruce Winery, Santa Cruz Mountains

Seasonal Green Salad & Selection of European Artisan Cheeses with Walnut Bread
2001 Uroulat, Jurancon, Monein, France

Coffee/Tea

Those who are unable to attend the tasting, but wish to attend the dinner, may do so. An alternative entrée of grilled free range chicken breast, fish, or vegetarian item is available, provided a request is made at the time you make your reservation.

One of the many benefits of membership in the Vintners Club is the post-tasting dinners which contribute to the learning and camaraderie. Attendees get to see how the varietal that was tasted earlier in the evening matches with food. Superbly harmonized flavors paired with premium wines are offered at a significantly below-market price. Thanks to the generosity of our members and our Board of Directors, who serve on a volunteer basis,

A) Price For Those Who Wish to Attend the Dinner Only (all wines, taxes, gratuities and corkage included): \$120/member; \$135/non-member.

B) Discounted Member-Price For Those Who Wish To Attend the Tasting Plus the Dinner (all wines, taxes, gratuities and corkage included): \$75/member (for tasting) plus \$110 (for dinner)

VENUE: *Villa Taverna*, 27 Hotaling Place, San Francisco, is an elegant private Italian dining club located in the vicinity of the Transamerica Building, adjacent to the intersection of Montgomery and Washington Streets.

PARKING: Valet parking is available directly outside the front door of *Villa Taverna* at its Hotaling Place entrance. \$10 for the entire evening.

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 confirm seat-availability and to advise that your check is in the mail

Judging from prior years' experience, this event is bound to fill quickly. Due to our traditional sit-down format and the large number of glasses needed, attendance is restricted. Therefore, you are encouraged to act quickly. Those persons placed on the wait-list will be notified via e-mail/telephone.

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 Thursday, January 4.*

ATTIRE: Business Casual, per the request of *Villa Taverna*. No colognes/perfumed products, please!