

VINTNERS CLUB

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TASTING #1,461 (A Valentine Celebration): PREMIUM SWEET SAUTERNES, BARSACS & CALIFORNIA "BEAUTIES"

with

COUNT ALEXANDRE DE LUR SALUCES

followed by

OPTIONAL WINE-PAIRING DINNER

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2007

We look forward to welcoming our good friend, Count Alexandre de Lur Saluces (former President & General Director of Chateau d'Yquem and current Proprietor of Chateau de Fargues), at a tasting of some of the finest sweet wines in the world. Many of you know that Chateau d'Yquem was owned by the Lur Saluces family for centuries. 300 years before the Lur Saluces family acquired this famous estate, however, they acquired Chateau de Fargues which still continues in their hands. Alexandre's passionate commitment to quality, regardless of financial loss or trouble, is legendary. Unfortunately, the production of de Fargues is tiny, *about only two-thirds of one glass of wine per vine*, thereby minimizing the opportunity for many wine enthusiasts to taste this brilliant wine.

Count Lur Saluces is journeying to California to spend the evening with the Vintners Club. He will talk to us about the rare soils and microclimates in Sauternes as well as his unique approach to wine-making. We, in turn, will honor Alexandre for his decades-long painstaking dedication to producing some of the richest and most opulent wines seen in our lifetimes. Alongside Alexandre de Lur Saluces, we will taste and critique the following wines, many of them classified as *First Growths in 1855*:

- Chateau de Fargues
- Chateau Suduiraut
- Chateau Rieussec
- Chateau Bastor-Lamontagne
 - Chateau Climens
- Chateau La Tour Blanche
 - Chateau Guiraud
- Chateau Sigalas Rabaud
- "Deborah's Delight" from Justin Vineyard & Winery
 - "Dolce" from Dolce Winery

All these wines are on their way to us directly from the producers' cellars, and we are thus assured of their proper storage. *Depending on U.S. Customs formalities, one or two wines may be added, but there will be no additional charge.*

The Vintners Club provides a **separate Riedel cristal 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 an 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: \$85/member, \$120/non-member.

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

Quenelles of Petrale Sole and Black Truffles with Nantua Sauce
A Premium California Sparkling Wine - under selection

Roast Sirloin of Beef with Bordelaise Sauce, Bouquetiere of Asparagus & Julienned Carrots,
Pommes Parisienne
2001 "The Oracle", Miner Family Vineyards, Napa Valley
2001 Treana, Paso Robles

Warm Apple Tarte Tatin with Ciao Bella Vanilla Bean Ice Cream
1997 Chateau de Fargues, Sauternes

Coffee/Tea

A Special Valentine Ghirardelli Dark Chocolate Gift

Price For Those Who Wish to Attend the Dinner Only: \$155/member, \$175/non-member.

Discounted Price For Those Who Wish to Attend the Tasting Plus the Dinner:

\$85 (for tasting) plus \$135 (for dinner) per member; \$120 (for tasting) plus \$155 (for dinner) per non-member.

Prices *include* all wines. They also *include* 20% gratuity, 8.5% sales tax, and corkage charges. No checkbook surprises at the end of the meal or need to bring your own wines...

Preliminary announcements have evoked an enthusiastic response. 4 seats are presently open; they will be assigned in the order in which checks are received. Therefore, you are encouraged to act quickly. Those persons placed on the wait-list will be notified via e-mail/telephone.

Deadline to cancel a reservation and be entitled to a refund is 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7.

VENUE: *Villa Taverna*, 27 Hotaling Place, San Francisco, 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

ATTIRE: Business Casual, per the request of *Villa Taverna*. Attendees are requested to ***please refrain from the use of perfumed products so that the aromas of the wines can be enjoyed by all.***