

## VINTNERS CLUB

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### TASTING #1,462: CALIFORNIA CABERNET "GEMS" PRICED UNDER \$100

followed by

### OPTIONAL WINE-PAIRING DINNER FEATURING COLORADO ELK

**6:00 p.m., Monday, March 5, 2007**

Over the past several months, I have been impressed with the excellence and charm of the 2003 and 2004 vintages (current releases) of many of our California Cabernet Sauvignons and Bordeaux-styled blends. I have found them to be among the finest and most exciting wines available in the current market. For our next tasting, we have assembled 12 of these world-class wines that are reasonably priced:

- Ramey Wine Cellars, Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley
  - Downing Family Vineyards, Napa Valley
- Girard Winery, Estate Bottled, Pritchard Hill, Napa Valley
- Justin Vineyards & Winery, Isosceles Reserve, Paso Robles
  - Midsummer Cellars, Canon Creek Vineyard, Napa Valley
    - Oakville Ranch, Napa Valley
- O'Shaughnessy Estate Winery, Mount Veeder, Napa Valley
  - Sullivan Vineyards, Reserve, Napa Valley
  - Treana Winery, Central Coast, Paso Robles
  - Volker Eisele Family Estate, Napa Valley
- Von Strasser Winery, Reserve, Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley
  - Chateau Margene, Reserve, Paso Robles

The Vintners Club provides *a separate Riedel cristal glass for each wine* (a total of 12 glasses per person) so that we are able to compare the wines side-by-side and experience their evolution in the glass as the evening progresses. *Comfortable seating* (no long lines or jostling) allows us to enjoy the wines in an elegant atmosphere. *White tablecloths* are used to highlight visual nuances of the wines, and *Bremner wafers* are provided to refresh the palate.

**Price for the Tasting:** \$85/member, \$120/non-member for checks postmarked *by* February 28.  
\$95/member, \$130/non-member for checks postmarked *after* February 28.

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## **OPTIONAL POST-TASTING DINNER, 7:45 p.m.**

Following the tasting, we will adjourn for a special wine-pairing dinner featuring succulent Colorado elk generously provided by our director Joe Gennaro. Chef Fritz dazzled us with a preview last week, and we are looking forward to an exceptional evening.

### **MENU**

Fresh Sautéed Dungeness Crab Legs and Ocean Scallops  
*2005 Chardonnay, St. Francis Winery & Vineyard, Sonoma County*

Elk Sirloin Bordelaise in a Napa Valley Cabernet-Reduction Sauce with Winter Root Vegetables  
*2003 "Artistry", Girard Winery, Napa Valley*  
*2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Tamayo Family Vineyards, Napa Valley*  
*1985 Cabernet Sauvignon, Joseph Phelps Vineyards, Eisele Vineyard, Napa Valley*

Bitter-Sweet Chocolate Mousse  
*Désirée Chocolate Dessert Wine, Rosenblum Cellars*

Coffee/Tea

**Price For Dinner:** \$135/member, \$155/non-member.

**Discounted Price For Those Who Wish to Attend the Tasting Plus the Dinner, Checks Postmarked by February 28** \$85 (for tasting) plus \$125 (for dinner) per member; \$120 (for tasting) plus \$145 (for dinner) per non-member.

Prices *include* all wines. Prices also *include* 20% gratuity, plus 8.5% sales tax, plus corkage charges.

Given the popularity of top-quality California Cabernets, and given the limited amount of space and stemware, you are encouraged to act promptly. Those persons placed on the wait-list will be notified via e-mail/telephone.

Advance payment is required. *Deadline to cancel a reservation and be entitled to a refund is 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28.*

**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 beside the front door of *Villa Taverna* at its Hotaling Place entrance. \$10 for the 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