

## VINTNERS CLUB

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### TASTING #1,477 - DIJON CLONES VS. THE POMMARD CLONE – THE MAGNIFICENT PINOT NOIRS OF CALIFORNIA

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2009

at

*The Carnelian Room*, located on the 52<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Bank of America Building  
555 California Street, San Francisco

Ever wonder about the tremendously broad range of bouquets, flavors, textures and impressions which account for pinot noir being described as the most romantic of wines? Expert viticulturists attribute it, in large part, to differences in the clones (genetic variants) used in the production of the grapes.

Our first tasting of the New Year will feature a selection of brilliant California pinot noirs made from the popular Dijon clones and the Pommard clone. To help us appreciate the differences between these clones, 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), 6 of the finest current releases made from Dijon clones and 6 equally impressive wines made from the Pommard clone. We will rank and score these 12 wines in the company of highly-regarded pinot noir winemakers, including our members Jim Kress, chief winemaker at *Domaine Chandon*, Richard Sanford of *Alma Rosa*, David Bruce himself, Mitri Faravashi of *David Bruce Winery*, etc. The flavor profiles of the selected wines will surprise and delight the wine novice as well as the connoisseur:

- Willowbrook Cellars, *Morelli Lane Vineyard*, Russian River Valley
- Tandem Wine Company, *Silver Pines Vineyard*, Sonoma Mountain
  - Paraiso Vineyards, *West Terrace*, Santa Lucia Highlands
    - Miner Family Vineyards, *Reflection Series*, Carneros
      - TR Elliott, *Burgonet*, Russian River Valley
      - Domaine Chandon, *Las Collines*, Santa Rita Hills
  - David Bruce Winery, *Winemakers Reserve*, Santa Cruz Mountains
    - Ceja Vineyards, Sonoma Coast
    - Capiaux Wines, *Wilson Vineyard*, Sonoma Coast
- Byron Vineyards & Winery, *Sierra Madre Vineyard*, Santa Maria Valley
  - Byington Winery, *Rancho Santa Rosa*, Santa Rita Hills
- Alma Rosa Winery & Vineyards, Clone 777, *La Encantada Vineyard*, Santa Rita Hills

The Vintners Club provides *a separate Riedel cristal glass* for each wine (12 glasses for 12 wines) 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.

**PRICE:** \$75/member and first-time guest of member, \$110/non-member.

**TO PAY:** Please fax your Visa/Mastercard information to the Vintners Club at (415) 381-4460. Remember to call the Vintners Club at (415) 381-4467 to confirm seat availability as tastings routinely are SELL OUTS. *Deadline to cancel a reservation and be entitled to receive a refund is 10 a.m. on Friday, January 9.*