

VINTNERS CLUB

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TASTING #1,480: AN EVENING OF LEARNING & LEVITY with MILJENKO ("MIKE") GRGICH (PREMIUM WHITE BURGUNDIES & CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAYS, CURRENT RELEASES)

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Please join us for a tasting of premium wines made from the Chardonnay grape, including world-class *grands crus and premiers crus* from the hallowed communes of the Côte de Beaune--- the limestone ridge that is home to the greatest (and stratospherically expensive) white wines of Burgundy, France.

TWELVE selections from the temperature-controlled cellars of some of the most highly-acclaimed producers in the world will be tasted *in blind-conditions* (meaning that you will discover which wine is in which glass only when the results of the tasting are announced):

Corton-Charlemagne, *grand cru*, Antonin Guyon
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Meursault, Morey-Blanc
Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Leflaive
Puligny-Montrachet, *Les Pucelles premier cru*, Morey-Coffinet
Robert Craig Winery, *Durell Vineyard*, Sonoma Valley
Fort Ross Vineyard, Sonoma Coast
Ceja Vineyards, Napa Valley-Carneros
Grgich Hills Estate, Carneros Selection, Napa Valley
Alpha Omega, Napa Valley
Chalk Hill Estate, Russian River Valley
Selection of 12th wine is being finalized

At the end of the tasting, we will hear from our long-standing member, Miljenko ("Mike") Grgich. Mike was born into a Croatian wine-making family some 86 years ago and recently completed his 50th vintage in the Napa Valley. In his own inimitable way, Mike will tell us about his early life on the Dalmatian coast. We will also hear about Mike's path to California, and his marvelous experiences alongside luminaries like Vintners Club founding members André Tchelistcheff and Robert Mondavi.

It was the Chardonnay made by Mike that was ranked the number one white wine at the historic tasting in Paris in 1976; on June 24, we will taste his current release. Last year, in recognition of his enormous talent and contributions to the wine industry, Mike was inducted into the ***Vintners Hall of Fame***. No doubt we will long cherish fond memories of our evening with one of the greatest wine-makers of our time...

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE (discounted for "early" sign-ups): \$105/member/first-time guest of member, \$155/non-member. Visa/Mastercard information should be faxed to the Vintners Club at (415) 381-4460.

Deadline to cancel a reservation and be entitled to receive a refund is 10 a.m. on Friday, June 19.

VENUE: ***The Carnelian Room***, located on the 52nd floor of the Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, San Francisco.