

VINTNERS CLUB

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TASTING #1,488: AN EVENING WITH JOHN SHAFER California's "Cult" Cabernets & Bordeaux-Style Blends

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 21

VENUE: Villa Taverna, 27 Hotaling Place, San Francisco

In 1972, John Shafer left behind the corporate world for the Napa Valley. The first Shafer wine was made in 1978--- a 100% hillside Cabernet. This debut wine (***priced then at a mere \$11 per bottle!***) became a benchmark when it earned first place at the Vintners Club, Tasting #452, and first-place once again at the Vintners Club Taste-Off, Tasting #456, in September 1981. National and international attention followed quickly. Consistent world-class wine-making, including superb rankings at Vintners Club tastings over the years, has made this one of the most sought-after wines in the world with current-releases now costing more than ***\$235 per bottle.***

Results of the two Vintners Club tastings (#452 and #456) will be distributed to attendees on July 21 when we will honor John Shafer who received a historic James Beard Foundation Award a month ago. All prior recipients of that award--- Robert Mondavi in 1991, André Tchelistcheff in 1992, and Jack & Jamie Davies in 1996--- have been influential members of the Vintners Club over the past 39 years of its history.

Our selection for this special "blind" tasting:

- **Caymus Vineyards, *Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley***
 - **Corison Winery, *Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley***
- **Dominus Estate (Christian Moueix), *Napa Valley Red Wine, Yountville, Napa Valley***
 - **Flora Springs, *Hillside Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley***
 - **Gargiulo Vineyards, *575 OVX Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley***
- **Miner Family Vineyards, *10th Year Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley***
 - **Pahlmeyer, *Proprietary Red Wine, Napa Valley***
 - **Palmaz Vineyards, *Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley***
- **Ramey Wine Cellars, *Pedregal Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley***
 - **Ridge Vineyards, *Monte Bello Vineyard, Santa Cruz Mountains***
- **Shafer Vineyards, *Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley***
 - **Wente Vineyards, *The Nth Degree Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley***

*Each of these **12** exquisite wines will be served in a separate Riedel crystal glass. Comfortable seating with white table-cloths in an atmosphere of understated elegance.*

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE FOR THE TASTING: \$175/member and \$225/non-member.

Deadline to cancel a reservation and be entitled to receive a refund is 10 a.m. on July 15.