

VINTNERS CLUB

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BLIND-TASTING #1,490: "GREAT GROWTH" RED BORDEAUX & OPULENT CALIFORNIA CABERNETS (1997 VINTAGE!!)

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 22

VENUE: Metropolitan Club, 640 Sutter Street (between Taylor and Mason),
San Francisco

Last November, we explored the 1994 vintage of the "Great Growths" of Bordeaux alongside some distinguished California Cabernets. Now, we turn our attention to the agability of another prized vintage, one that produced phenomenal quality in California. Again, in blind-conditions, we will taste 10 "Great Growth" *grands vins* and California trophies from the 1997 vintage, all of which have been optimally cellared for the past 13 years:

- Château Cos d'Estournel, Saint-Estèphe
- Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, Saint-Julien
 - Château Gruaud Larose, Saint-Julien
- Justin Vineyards, Isosceles, Paso Robles
- Château Pichon-Longueville (Pichon Baron), Pauillac
- Robert Craig Wine Cellars, Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
 - Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley
 - Château Smith Haut-Lafitte, Pessac-Léognan
- Von Strasser Winery, Diamond Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
 - ZD Wines, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Elegant seating, white table-cloths, and *Bremner* wafers will serve as a perfectly understated backdrop for each of the 10 wines that will be served in 10 separate Riedel crystal glasses. You only need to bring a writing implement, an inquisitive palate, and some good cheer.

While the scores are being tabulated, we will hear from our long-standing member Rosa Lee DeLeuze, Co-Founder of *ZD Wines*, and a pioneer in the Napa Valley. Together with her late husband, Norm, Rosa Lee has been a frequent attendee at Vintners Club tastings over the past decades. With her inimitable charm, Rosa Lee will tell us about her experiences in the Napa Valley over the past 40+ years.

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE FOR THE TASTING: \$135/member and \$195/non-member.

TO RESERVE:

- a) E-mail the Vintners Club, info@vintnersclub.com, to confirm seat availability; and
- b) Fax your Visa/Mastercard information 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 September 16.