

VINTNERS CLUB

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BLIND-TASTING #1,493 CALIFORNIA'S STELLAR CABERNETS, PART I

with

our member Robert Craig (a 30+year veteran of the Napa Valley)

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2011

VENUE: The METROPOLITAN CLUB, 640 Sutter Street, San Francisco

Cabernet Sauvignon has historically been the most widely planted varietal in the *Medoc* district of the *Bordeaux* region of France and the backbone of the great wines of the region. Over the past few decades, it has emerged as America's most popular red wine primarily due to the flavor appeal of the grape as well as its status as a "collector's wine". Few wine lovers can resist the extraordinary structure, complexity, depth, power and class of cabernet based wines. Wine lovers all over the world consider them ideal candidates for extensive cellaring and relish the elegance that emerges with age.

For our second *blind tasting* of the New Year, we are pleased to bring you 12 California Cabernets of exceptional elegance and uncompromising quality, all of which have been produced by world-class wine-makers:

- Alpha Omega ERA, Rutherford, Napa Valley
- Caymus Vineyards, Special Selection, Napa Valley
 - Opus One, Oakville, Napa Valley
- Gargiulo Vineyards, G Major 7 Study, Oakville, Napa Valley
- Howell at the Moon, The Knoll Vineyard, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley
 - O'Shaughnessy Estate Winery, Mount Veeder, Napa Valley
 - Ramey Wine Cellars, Annum, Napa Valley
 - Ridge Vineyards, Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains
 - Robert Craig Winery, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley
- Rosenthal - The Malibu Estate, Block M Cabernet Sauvignon, Single Vineyard, Malibu Newton Canyon
- Stephan Vineyards, L'Aventure, Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles
 - V Madrone, St. Helena, Napa Valley

As always, 12 Riedel crystal glasses for 12 wines, comfortable seating, and an elegant location!

Following the consensus discussion, we will hear from our long-standing member, Robert Craig (co-founder of *Robert Craig Winery*), who will share vignettes about his experiences and influences gained from numerous tastings with the Vintners Club. As one of the pioneers in developing hillside cabernets on Howell Mountain and Mount Veeder, Robert will share his insights on how location imbues hillside cabernets with their compelling attributes. We are pleased that so many of our long-standing members (including Paul Draper, Betty O'Shaughnessy, Chris Tilley, Chuck Wagner, etc.) have requested seats, and we are looking forward to a delightful evening of learning, sharing and comraderie.

PRICE - includes all gratuities and taxes: \$170/member, \$220/non-member.

TO RESERVE:

a) E-mail the Vintners Club, info@vintnersclub.com, to confirm seat availability; then

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 February 7.