

## VINTNERS CLUB

a California non-profit public-benefit corporation  
(founded in 1971)

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**BLIND-TASTING #1,497: THE RHONE'S FINEST ALONGSIDE CALIFORNIA'S FINEST**  
followed by  
**OPTIONAL WINE-EDUCATION DINNER**

**6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 15**

**VENUE: Metropolitan Club, San Francisco**

Our next tasting will feature the "current releases" of 12 of the most impressive red wines that bring spice, earth and dark fruit to the table. The acidity, structural tannins and velvet finishes of these wines produced in the Rhône region of southeast France as well as in California will surprise and delight even the most experienced tasters. We are thrilled to have been able to obtain the legendary *Hommage a Jacques Perrin* (100 points, Parker) for this tasting. Rhône aficionados know that this wine (costing more than \$500/bottle) is made by the Perrin family in honor of their father and only in exceptional years. It is made mostly from very old Mourvedre vines yielding tiny quantities of intensely ripe, concentrated fruit. Our member Robert Parker opines, "Those fortunate enough to have tasted this wine never forget it." I would only add that the majesty and grandeur of all the selected wines will come as no surprise:

**Adastra Verrerie, Carneros, Napa Valley**  
**Austin Hope Winery, Hope Family Vineyard, Paso Robles**  
**Canihan Family Wines, Exuberance Syrah, Sonoma Valley**  
**Chateau de Beaucastel, *Hommage a Jacques Perrin*, Grande Cuvée, Chateauneuf-du-Pape**  
**Halter Ranch Vineyard, West Side Paso Robles**  
**J. Lohr, *Gesture Mourvedre*, Paso Robles**  
**Keller Estate, *La Cruz Vineyard*, Sonoma Coast**  
**M. Chapoutier, *Ermitage*, "Le Pavillon", Northern Rhone**  
**Rocca Family Vineyards, *Grigsby Vineyard*, Yountville, Napa Valley**  
**Shafer Vineyards, *Relentless*, Napa Valley**  
**Silkwood Wines, Lodi**  
**Stephan Vineyards, *L'Aventure Estate Cuvée*, Paso Robles**

12 wines in 12 separate Riedel crystal glasses. White table-cloths and elegant seating in a stunning room.

**PRICE FOR THE TASTING** (covers everything, including gratuities and taxes): \$145/member/first-time guest of member and \$195/non-member.

**TO RESERVE:**

- a) E-mail the Vintners Club, [info@vintnersclub.com](mailto:info@vintnersclub.com), to confirm seat-availability; and
- b) Fax your Visa/Mastercard information to the Vintners Club at (415) 381-4460.

**CANCELLATION DEADLINE:** 10 a.m. on September 12.

**OPTIONAL MULTI-COURSE DINNER** at 7:45 p.m.: \$150/member; \$175/non-member.