

## VINTNERS CLUB

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### **TASTING #1,506: DRY WHITE BORDEAUX & CALIFORNIA SAUVIGNON BLANCS**

**6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 14, 2012**

**VENUE:** Metropolitan Club, San Francisco

Sauvignon Blanc is widely available as a single varietal or as a blend with Semillon. Its most inspirational expression is found in France, where it is grown in the areas around Bordeaux--- Entre-Deux-Mers, Graves and Pessac-Léognan.

The style of dry white Bordeaux favored today is almost 100% Sauvignon Blanc. In order to preserve maximum freshness, these wines do not undergo malolactic fermentation, and wineries all over the world aspire to making white wines in this style. Some of the finest that we will taste cost as much as **\$125 to \$150/bottle.**

In North America, California is the leading producer of Sauvignon Blanc. Typically a light to medium-bodied, crisp and refreshing white wine with notable acidity, Sauvignon Blanc offers a fairly wide range of flavors--- tropical fruit, citrus and passion fruit undertones to grass, hay and mineral notes. It's popularity has soared in recent years as complexity and finesse have achieved admirable dimensions.

Our adventure will include **10** of these delicious wines, current releases, that are versatile enough to complement everything from shellfish and Caesar salad to goat cheeses and roasted chicken. Some of them have earned as much as **95 to 98 points** from our member Robert Parker:

**Alpha Omega, Rutherford, Napa Valley**

**Ceja Vineyards, Sonoma Coast**

**Château Malartic Lagraviere, Grand Cru Classé Graves, Pessac- Léognan, Bordeaux**

**Château Olivier, Grand Cru Classé Graves, Pessac- Léognan, Bordeaux**

**Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Grand Vin de Graves, Pessac- Léognan, Bordeaux**

**Ehlers Estate, St. Helena, Napa Valley**

**J. Lohr, Carol's Vineyard, St. Helena, Napa Valley**

**Rock Wall Wine Co., Lake County**

**Somerston, Napa Valley**

**10th selection is being finalized**

*The 10 wines will be served in 10 separate Riedel crystal glasses. You will discover which wine is in which glass only after you have turned in your ballot, the scores have been tallied, and the results have been announced.*

**ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE FOR TASTING:** \$75/member/first-time guest of member and \$105/non-member.

#### **TO RESERVE:**

First, E-mail the Vintners Club, [info@vintnersclub.com](mailto:info@vintnersclub.com), to confirm seat availability.

Then, Fax your Visa/Mastercard information to the Vintners Club at (415) 381-4460.