

VINTNERS CLUB

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TASTING #1,508 - "NEW WORLD" SHIRAZ/SYRAH

3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 11, 2012

VENUE: Tiburon Lodge, 1651 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon (a few minutes north of the Golden Gate)

The Syrah is a noble grape--- right up there with Cabernet Sauvignon--- that produces satisfying and generous red wine in a range of styles, depending on where it is grown, the age of the vines and the kind of oak used for aging, among other factors. This ancient grape has long been acknowledged as the source of monumental, lush, fruity, and long-lived wines, possessing great body, inviting fragrance, and peppery flavors.

Since the mid-1980s, California's climate has been considered ideal for growing Syrah. Similarly, South Australia's Barossa Valley has proven to be ideal for producing world-class Syrah (called "Shiraz" by the Aussies). Indeed, this varietal has emerged as Australia's greatest wine-making expression in the form of such hallowed and expensive wines as Kaesler's "*Old Bastard*" (**as much as \$175/bottle!**).

Shiraz/Syrah is a superb food wine, offering intensity of flavor without being heavy. This, combined with good acidity, makes for a wine that can be enjoyed with a wide variety of foods, from lamb and venison to Ahi tuna, mushrooms, and light to medium-spicy Asian, Mexican and Southwestern cuisine.

We invite you to add to your enological experience by joining us as we taste **10** current releases of these magnificent California and Australian wines in our traditional double-blind format:

**Darioush, Signature Shiraz, Napa Valley,
John Duval Wines, "Eligo" Vineyard Selection Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia
Kaesler Wines, "Old Bastard", Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley, South Australia
L'Aventure, Cote a Cote Estate, Paso Robles
Ramey Wine Cellars, Rodgers Creek Vineyard, Sonoma Coast
Ridge Vineyards, Lytton Estate, Dry Creek Valley
Rocca Family Vineyards, Grigsby Vineyard, Yountville
Shafer Vineyards, Relentless, Napa Valley
Silkwood Wines, Stanislas County
Wrath Wines, Fairview Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands**

10 outstanding wines served in 10 separate *Riedel* crystal glasses. Comfortable seating, tables with white tablecloths, and an atmosphere of understated elegance at the resort-style Tiburon Lodge located at the scenic tip of the Tiburon Peninsula overlooking the San Francisco Bay.

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE FOR THE TASTING: \$80/member and \$130/non-member.

TO RESERVE:

First, E-mail the Vintners Club, info@vintnersclub.com, to confirm seat availability.

Then, 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 5 p.m. on November 4.

NO-HOST DINNER AVAILABLE IN THE TIBURON LODGE'S RESTAURANT FOLLOWING THE TASTING: Please call the restaurant directly for a dinner reservation (415) 435-5996.