

## VINTNERS CLUB

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### **TASTING #1,509 - 2013's Taste-Off: The Very Best of California Cabernets, Part I**

**2:30 p.m., Sunday, January 27, 2013**

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

Whether you buy wine to cellar for a decade or two, or whether you prefer to enjoy it in its youth, there is no question that the Cabernet Sauvignons produced in California are among the finest wines that can be found in any part of the world. We are pleased to see that the recent releases (2008, 2009, and 2010) of the flagship wines are every bit as successful as some of their legendary predecessors, and Cabernet fanciers now have an opportunity to choose from among several. Many of the top selections command around \$250.00/bottle, and the question remains: "Which of these little gems do I find most appealing to my particular palate?"

In "the good old days" (the 1970s and 1980s), the Vintners Club routinely held special "taste-off" tastings, each spotlighting the current release of California's most popular varietals. To be included in the taste-off, the wine had to be of exceptional quality and distinction. Now, in response to renewed member-demand, we have decided to start 2013 with a two-part "taste-off" of superb Cabernet Sauvignons--- all selected for the exuberance of their fruit and the elegance of their tannins. In essence, the very best of the very best. Part II, will be scheduled a few weeks down the road, and will feature **12** additional Cabernets of equal distinction, finesse and pedigree.

The remarkable quality and exceptional elegance of the wines selected for Part I will demonstrate, once again, that excellence is achieved through a combination of prime terroir and superb wine-making talent:

- **Alpha Omega, ERA, Rutherford, Napa Valley**
  - **Caymus Vineyards, Special Selection, Napa Valley**
- **Chappellet Vineyard, Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa Valley**
- **Ehlers Estate, 1886 Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley**
- **Howell at the Moon Vineyards & Winery, The Knoll Vineyard, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley**
  - **Kelleher Family Vineyard, "Brix Vineyard", Oakville, Napa Valley**
    - **O'Shaughnessy Estate Winery, Mount Veeder, Napa Valley**
      - **Patel Winery, Napa Valley**
- **Rocca Family Vineyards, Grigsby Vineyard, Yountville, Napa Valley**
- **Shafer Vineyards, Hillside Select, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley**
  - **Somerston Wine Co., Estate, St. Helena, Napa Valley**
    - **V Madrone, St. Helena, Napa Valley**

12 Riedel crystal glasses for 12 wines, comfortable seating, and an elegant, hassle-free location!

**ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE:** \$155/member, \$205/non-member.

#### **TO RESERVE:**

- a) E-mail the Vintners Club, [info@vintnersclub.com](mailto: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 5 p.m. on January 20. Should an unforeseen circumstance present itself after that date, you may send a substitute, provided you e-mail the Vintners Club that person's name and contact information by 10 a.m. on January 25 (one business day prior to the tasting).