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Rank	Points	Bottle Number	Wine Spec. Rank	Pinot Noirs From Wine Spectator's Top 100 From 2012	Price & Source
1	43	8	85	2009 William Selyem Winery, Eastside Road Neighbors, Russian River Valley, CA	\$78, Aabalat Fine & Rare Wines, Petaluma
2	48	7	28	2010 Calera Wine Co., Thirty-Fifth Anniversary Vintage, Central Coast, CA	\$45, Twenty-Twenty Wine Merchants, LA
3	69	3	91	2010 Kosta Brown Winery, Russian River Valley, CA	\$108, Aabalat Fine & Rare Wines, Petaluma
4	71	4	83	2010 Morgan Winery, Twelve Clones, Santa Lucia Highlands, CA	\$35, Twenty-Twenty Wine Merchants, LA
5	90	5	7	2009 Shea Wine Cellars, Shea Vineyard Estate, Willamette Valley, OR	\$58, Schaefer's Fine Wines, Chicago
6	99	1	14	2009 Maysara Winery, Estate Cuvee, McMinnville, OR	\$45, Twenty-Twenty Wine Merchants, LA
7	103	2	77	2010 Belle Glos, Clark & Telephone Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, CA	\$70, Vinfolio, SF
8	124	6	79	2010 Evening Land Vineyards, Seven Springs Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills, OR	\$57, Twenty-Twenty Wine Merchants, LA
Pre Tasting Wines					
Good deal		2010 Rickshaw, Buellton, CA		\$15, K&L	
Best value		2010 Momo, Marlborough, NZ		\$17, K&L	
Laggard		2008 Fromm Lastrada, Marlborough, NZ		\$20, K&L	
Best		2011 TRW, Te Whare Ra, Marlborough, NZ		\$25, K&L	

Thank you for a great tasting, Chris!

Chris' pre-tasting ratings

Future 2013 Tastings & Events		
April 13	4 White Burgundy Villages: 2 each from Chablis, Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault, Pouilly-Fuisse	Smith
May 18	Picnic – Santa Lucia Highlands Wineries Gala Tasting	DeAtley
June 8	Crémant d'Alsace (sparkling wine)	Felton
July 13	Zinfandel	Shank / Saywell
Aug 10	Worldwide Pinot Noir – Guess the continent	Gandara
Sep 14	Pouilly-Fuisse (Chardonnay from the Mâconnais region of Burgundy)	Sorgen / Gibson
Oct 12	Barolo	Simcox
Nov 9	Cabernet Sauvignon	Taylor
Dec 7	Repast	Hartford
1/11/14	Planning Meeting	Smith
2/8/14	Paso Robles Rhone-style wines	Wood / DuBois

Syrah/Shiraz Double Tasting Saturday, March 9 at 6 PM 50 20th Avenue, San Francisco

The wines will be from the US, France, Australia, and Italy – the major Syrah producing areas. They are from the 2009-2010 vintages and all have been rated 94 and above.

Syrah has been cultivated in the northern Rhone Valley of France where it produces the wines of Hermitage, Cote Rotie, and also provides an important component of Chateauf-du-Pape. The Australian name for Syrah is Shiraz. DNA analysis by UC Davis in 1998 confirmed the association of Syrah and Shiraz, as well as wines of the same names from Argentina, South Africa and the U.S.

This is a double tasting presented by David and Betty Gibson. It's a great opportunity to invite guests.

The dinner (tri tip and salmon) will be catered and everyone is asked to bring their own glasses.

RSVP to the Gibsons at 415-751-3003 or Gibsonlaw@mindspring.com by Thursday, February 21.

On Friday, Feb. 22, Guests will be accepted.

If you think the Cellar Society should buy any of these Pinots, send an email to Steve Smith ASAP. Chris Wood says we need to move quickly. Wines on the Spectator's Top 100 list will sell out soon. Wines #1 (2009 William Selyem) and #2 (2010 Calera) are good bets.

