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THE GRAPE VINE

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Rank	Points	Bottle #	2011 California Zinfandel	Alcohol	Price
1	71	1	Robert Biale "Black Chicken" Napa Valley	15.8%	\$43
2	74	4	Dashe Dry Creek Valley	14.3%	\$23
3	78	2	Ridge "Geyserville" Sonoma	14.0%	\$35
4	86	7	Orin Swift "The Prisoner" Napa Valley Blend	15.2%	\$38
5	91	8	Bedrock "Pagani Ranch" Sonoma County	15.0%	\$37
6	100	6	Seghesio Sonoma County	14.8%	\$20
7	122	5	Dashe "Les 'Enfant Terrible" McFadden Farms Mendocino County	13.6%	\$26
8	145	3	Hobo "Branham Vineyard" Rockpile Sonoma	13.2%	\$22
Pre Tasting Wines					
			Bucklin "Bambino Old Hill Ranch" Sonoma Valley	13.3%	\$20
			Ridge "Three Valleys" Sonoma County	13.8%	\$24
			Tormaresca "Torcicoda" Primitivo (Salento/Puglia), 2009	14.0%	\$21
			Shenandoah Vineyards "Special Reserve" Amador County	14.5%	\$10
			Buehler Napa Valley	14.9%	\$17
			Opolo Vineyards "Mountain" Paso Robles	16.1%	\$28
Tormaresca "Torcicoda" Primitivo from Mill Valley Market; all others from K&L					



Many thanks to our tasting hosts, Steve & Marjie and George & Nancy.

And to the Shanks – we hope you've been able to re-construct your home since the Cellar Society invasion.

Pinot Noir from Around the World (Guess the Continent)

Hosted by David and John Henry, winners of the "Identify the Blend" contest, display the interloper – The Prisoner.

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With wine in hand, one reaches the happy state – where men are wise, women beautiful; and even one's children begin to look promising.
~Unknown Author

This tasting will explore the interplay of geography, geology and climate (and the wine maker skill set) on Pinot Noir, a grape varietal grown worldwide, but one which taxes the wine makers' skills to the utmost. High rated (>90 points) wines from 5 continents will be compared & contrasted, including France, S. Africa, Chile, New Zealand, Oregon and northern and southern California. Rate them, but also guess the continent from which they arose.

After the tasting will be a catered dinner at the Gandara's home.

Please RSVP to Diane at dpgandara@aol.com, or call 707-227-0991.

Directions: Disregard GPS. Instead ...
Take Route 29 all the way north to Trancas and turn right (east). Go a couple miles to the large intersection of Big Ranch Road and turn left (north). In one mile, turn left (west) on Garfield. Garfield is not well marked, but a small sign on the right says the next left is to Garfield Softball Park. In 2 blocks, turn right on Old Vine Way. Go to the 2-story terra cotta-colored home on the right, at the U of the horseshoe-shaped street.



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Diane and John showed off their new breathalyzers: top-of-the-line models from the same company, BACtrack (www.bactrack.com), which claims that these models use the same technology as the police breathalyzers. Both are \$150.

Future 2013 Tastings & Events		
Sep 14	Pouilly-Fuisse (Chardonnay) from the Mâconnais region of Burgundy	George / DuBois
Oct 12	Barolo	Simon Taylor
Nov 9	Cabernet Sauvignon	Hartford
Dec 7	Repast	DeAtley
1/11/14	Planning Meeting	Wood / DuBois
2/8/14	Paso Robles Rhone-style wines	

Left: "Mobile" model next to an iPhone. Reads out on an iPhone via Bluetooth; charges with a USB cable like an iPhone. Right: "S80 Pro" model. Stand-alone. Powered by 2 replaceable AA batteries.



Relative sizes as shown.