

I heard it through . . .

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Rank	Points	Bottle #	Pinot Noirs of the World	Ratings	Price
1	49	5	AP "Rosella" St Lucia, CA, 2010	91(RP) 91(ST)	\$45
2	62	4	Big Basin "Alfaro" St Cruz, CA, 2009	93(RP) 92(ST)	\$40
3	74	3	W. Hansel "North Slope" Russian River, CA, 2010	93(RP) 92(ST)	\$40
4	94	2	Fromm "Brancott", NZ, 2009	95(JS)	\$30
5	112	8	Tabali Talinay "Limari", Chile, 2009	91(RP)	\$30
6	113	1	Brittan "Basalt" Willamette, OR, 2010	93(RP)	\$50
7	120	8	Jadot Beune "Clos Ursules", 2010	91-93(RP) 93(BH) 93(ST)	\$65
8	132	7	Hamilton Russel "Walker Bay" S. Africa, 2010	95(RP) 92(WS)	\$40
Pre Tasting Wines					
Dierberg "St Maria" CA, 2009				93(RP) 91(WE)	\$30
Roco "Willamette" OR, 2009				88(BH) 88(ST)	\$23
Pirie "South" Tasmania AUS, 2009				90(ST)	\$24
ZD Carneros CA, 2010				91(CG)	xx
Fromm "La Strada" NZ, 2010				93(RP) 91(ST)	\$22



Many thanks to David and Diane for an interesting and fun tasting, and a delicious dinner.



Congratulations to Beth for guessing the origin of four of the wines: (2 CA, OR, S. Africa)

Pouilly Fuissé Tasting
6 p.m., Saturday, September 14, 2013
Hosted by David & Betty Gibson, and Carol Sorgen
The tasting and catered dinner will be at the Gibson's, 50 20th Avenue, San Francisco
Please RSVP to Carol at 415-205-9108 or cmsorgen@comcast.net
Please be prepared to say how many will be:
1. Attending
2. Tasting
3. Staying for dinner

Pouilly Fuissé is in the Mâconnais region of southern Burgundy. This wine area actually covers four *villages*, all of which produce Chardonnay under the name Pouilly Fuissé. The appellation has no designated Premier Grand Cru or Grand Cru vineyards. One might therefore conclude that these wines are not as good as Chassagne Montrachet, Puligny Montrachet, or Meursault, just north of this region. Such a conclusion would be out of date.

There are two reasons that Pouilly Fuissé was not rated highly in the past: 1) large amounts of cheap Pouilly Fuissé were produced in the 1970s and 1980s, and 2) both the growers and producers from this region chose not to attend the reclassification meetings for the appellation in 1936. Their reason for not attending is lost in mythology. Regrettably, these two reasons continue to result in lower ratings today, with dealers carrying only a limited number of Pouilly Fuissé choices, if any at all.

Pouilly Fuissé should generally be drunk around its fifth year, but when it is properly cellared, it can last 20 years or possibly more. The better Pouilly Fuissés are full bodied, ripe and elegant with the best examples rivaling the wines of Côte de Beaune. One should discover hints of grilled almonds, nuts, and white flowers. Our tasting will include the two largest producers, Jadot and Latour, as well as some small producers who today hand pick and are leading the way for even better quality in the future.

Steve Smith reported it is likely that the Repast will be held at the Sonoma Mission Inn on December 7. Details are still being worked out.

One not only drinks wine, one smells it, observes it, tastes it, sips it and – one talks about it.
 ~ Edward VII (1841-1910)

Future 2013 / 2014 Tastings & Events		
Oct 12	Barolo	Simcox
Nov 9	Cabernet Sauvignon	Taylor
Dec 7	Repast	Hartford
1/11/14	Planning Meeting	DeAtley
2/8/14	Paso Robles Rhone-style wines	Wood / DuBois