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Rank	Points	Bottle #	Chardonnay Tasting April 12, 2014	Price, Source Rater, Rating
1	64	8	2011 Brewer-Clifton "3-D" Santa Rita Hills	\$50, K&L ST92, AG92, RP91
2	76	5	2010 Ramey "Hyde Vineyard" (Carneros)	\$55, wine.com RP94+, ST94
3	87	4	2012 Paul Hobbs Russian River Valley	\$50, K&L RP90-93, AG89-91
4	92	2	2011 Walter Hansel "Cuvée Alyce" Russian River Valley	\$39, K&L ST93, RP 92
5	106	1	2011 Talbott "Cuvee Sarah Case" Sleepy Hollow Vineyard (Santa Lucia Highlands)	\$50, Artisan Wine Depot ST93, RP 92
6	112	7	2012 Aubert Larry Hyde & Sons (Carneros)	\$130, Premier Cru, K&L RP96-98
7	116	3	2010 Mount Eden Estate Santa Cruz Mountains (Saratoga)	\$55, Jackson's, K&L ST93
8	141	6	2010 Knez Winery "Demuth Vineyard" Anderson Valley	\$35, K&L RP93, ST91
Pre Tasting Wines				
			2010 Jordan Russian River Valley	\$25, Jackson's WE90
			2010 Domaine Eden Santa Cruz Mountains	\$25, K&L ST90
			2010 Brewer-Clifton Santa Rita Hills	\$25, K&L ST92, RP91
			2010 Etude "Estate Grown" Carneros	\$25, K&L RP92

RP = Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, WE = Wine Enthusiast
ST = Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, AG = Antonio Galloni

Many thanks to Steve & Susi for hosting the tasting.

Future 2013 Tastings & Events		
June 14	West Coast Rhone White	Wood
July 12	Picnic at the Felton's winery in Danville	DeAtley/Felton
Aug 9	Merlot	Saywell/Shank
Sep 13	"High-End" Italian	Gibson
Oct 11	Australian Shiraz	Simcox
Nov 8	Pinot Noir/Burgundy	Slora/Avila
Dec 12 or 13	Repast	Hartford
1/10/15	Planning Meeting	DeAtley
2/14/15	Chateauneuf-du-Pape	Taylor/Glassman

Secretary-in-Absentia, John Henry

Malbec Tasting 6:00 pm, Saturday, May10, 2014

Hosted by David and Diane Gandara at their home,
162 Old Vine Way, Napa

Why Malbec? Why now? ... While traveling in Argentina last year, we had the opportunity to visit Mendoza, and we were impressed how far the varietal has come in a short time. Although Malbec has been valued as a Bordeaux blending grape for hundreds of years, it has become the "national varietal" of Argentina due to favorable soil and climate. Now, Argentine wineries are using modern production methods and high technology to further optimize its potential. For this tasting, we have selected some outstanding examples, all 90+ point wines, and from esteemed makers such as Paul Hobbs. Lastly, these wines are both enjoyable now and cellar-worthy.

There will be a catered dinner after the tasting.

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.



There are two reasons for drinking wine...when you are thirsty, to cure it; the other, when you are not thirsty, to prevent it... prevention is better than cure.

~Thomas Love Peacock