

I heard it through . . .

THE GRAPE VINE

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Many thanks to Jim and Bette Felton for organizing and hosting a marvelous picnic at their Sky Terrace Vineyards home

It was a delightful day tasting the Zinfandels from Mike & Molly Hendry, the wines from John Kinney of Ocassio Wines, and, of course, the Sky Terrace wines made by Jim from the Felton's own vineyards. (That was a tough quiz, Jim.) The lunch prepared by Carol of Loveable Feast was delicious.



One barrel of wine can work more miracles than a church full of saints.

~Italian Proverb

Merlot Tasting

Saturday, August 9, 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Marjie & Steve Shank and Nancy Saywell
with consulting advice from Steve Smith

at the Shank's home at
337 Lowell Ave, Mill Valley

Merlot has come back from its decline in popularity with recent strong vintages starting in 2009. In the tasting will be four 2010 Merlots each from the Napa Valley and the Columbia Valley in Washington rated 91-94, including a "Winery of the Year" winner and a vineyard ranked in the "Top 10 of the World."

After the tasting will be a dinner catered by Claudia Bowerman, whom you may remember from the Planning Meeting as the Argentinian Chef to the Pope. She has planned a lovely meal for us and we believe you will be pleased. Weather permitting, the pre-tasting will be outside on our deck, so you might want to bring something to keep you warm before the wine kicks in.

Please RSVP to Marjie at 415-389-6382
or marjorie@shank.net

by **July 25** and let her know if you anticipate inviting guests. The tasting is limited to 22 tasters. Starting July 26 the tasting will be open to guests.

Directions

From the GG Bridge, go north on 101. **From the Richmond Bridge**, take the right fork marked Sir Francis Drake for 2 miles, then go onto Hwy 101 south for 4.5 miles.

Take the Hwy 1/Stinson Beach exit. Go 0.6 mi to the stop light with an Arco station on the left corner. Turn left and continue on Hwy 1 (direction of Stinson Beach). Go 0.2 miles and take the second right on Dolan Avenue. Go 0.35 miles to 379 Dolan.

For easy and ample parking, please come up our side street to 379 Dolan Avenue, which runs below our house. Across from this house take the very short, up-hill path, well-marked with lights, to our driveway.

If you request to come to Lowell, use Google Maps **only** or ask us to send you a map. Do not use GPS. We will assign you a parking space in our cul-de-sac.

Future 2014/15 Tastings & Events

Sep 13	Chianti Classico Riserva	Gibson (double)
Oct 11	Australian Shiraz	Simcox
Nov 8	Pinot Noir/Burgundy	Slora / Avila
Dec 6	Repast at The City Club	Hartford
1/17/15	Planning Meeting	DeAtley
2/14/15	Chateauneuf-du-Pape	Taylor / Glassman