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# THE GRAPE VINE

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## Russian River and Anderson Valley Chardonnays Saturday, August 11 – 6 PM

Marjie and Steve Shank and Nancy and George Saywell will host the August tasting and dinner at the Shank's home in Mill Valley. It will feature SHOWCASE quality chardonnay wines worth aging from the Russian River and Anderson Valleys in the \$25 - \$60 range. This is a single pour tasting limited to 22 people.

The tasting will be followed by a catered dinner costing approximately \$50 with tax & tip and offering a choice of barbequed flank steak or salmon. Catering will be by Hilary Powers, who is Executive Chef for George Lucas' operations at Skywalker Ranch, and her husband Gabe Powers, who is a second generation chef.

Please RSVP to Marjie at 415-389-6382 or marjorie@shank.net by August 1st. Remember to bring your tasting glasses.

**Directions:** Although we are at 337 Lowell Avenue, we are advising people to go to Dolan Avenue, which runs below our house, is easier to find and has ample parking. Do NOT use GPS or internet maps to Lowell as they will take you the wrong way or the hard way, and Lowell does not connect with Dolan.

**From the GG Bridge,** go north on Hwy 101 about 5 miles to the Hwy 1 exit. **From the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge,** take the right fork marked Sir Francis Drake for 2 miles, then go onto Hwy 101 south for 4.5 miles to the Hwy 1 exit.

From 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 up Dolan. The side of our house is on the right, opposite 379 Dolan. Take the very short path, well-marked with lights, to our driveway.

### Future Tastings:

September 8: Red Characteristics: Zin, Cab Merlot, Pinot Noir (Double Tasting-Gibson)  
October 13: Sauternes, Reisling (Double- Smith)  
November 10: Champagne (DuBois)

## Picnic fun at the Sugarman's- July 14, 2012

We celebrated Bastille Day in Sonoma with fine food, a sampling of Rose, good company and a beautiful day. Thanks to Randy, Marged, Sarah and Alexandra for your wonderful hospitality.

