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# THE GRAPE VINE

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Marcello's Restaurant in San Francisco was the site of the February 21 tasting of 2012 California Cabernet Sauvignon. Hosted by Rick Taylor and Andria Glassman, the event was enjoyed by 22 tasters who rated Pahlmeyer "Jayson" as best of eight dark and complex California Cabs.

A delicious meal followed, complete with Rabbit, and was enjoyed by all. Thank you Rick and Andria!

Rank	Points	Bottle #	2012 Cabernet Feb 21, 2015	Price	Rating
1	68	8	Pahlmeyer Jayson	\$75	WS 92
2	68	2	CrossBarn by Paul Hobbs	\$50	AG 91
3	79	7	Larkmead Napa	\$90	RP 95
4	82	5	Joseph Phelps Napa	\$60	AG 93
5	85	6	Turnbull Reserve	\$75	RP 96+
6	91	3	Ramey Napa	\$54	RP 93
7	95	4	Tanbark Hill by Philip Togni	\$55	AG 92
8	116	1	Frog's Leap Napa	\$52	W&S 93

WS-Wine Spectator, RP-Robert Parker, AG-Antonio Galloni, W&S-Wine & Spirits

## Upcoming Tastings and Events:

March 14	Chateau Montelena	Beyer
April 11	Sherry	DeAtley
May 9	Pinot Noir	Gibson
June 13	45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Felton/Gibson
July 11	Annual Picnic	Harding
August 8	Old Vine Zins	Rhodes/Shank
Sept. 12	White Burgundy Vs. Chardonnay	Gandara
October 10	Brunello	Simcox
November 14	Champagne	Smith
December 11 or 12	Christmas Repast	Smith
January 9, 2016	Planning Mtg	DeAtley
February 6, 2016	Red Bordeaux	Wood

## Chateau Montelena Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting

Saturday, March 14, 6:00 pm  
Hosted by Sue & John Henry Beyer  
at  
**Crogan's Montclair Restaurant**  
**6101 La Salle Ave. at Moraga Ave.**  
**Oakland, CA 94611**

This is a single tasting of eight bottles of '05, '06, '07, '08 Chateau Montelena Cabs – 4 Napa Valley, 4 Estate – one each from each vintage. Therefore it is both a vertical and a horizontal tasting. The wines are from the Beyer's cellar and are being provided at their cost, back when they were members of the Ch. Montelena wine club. (Remember picnics on the island?)

To appreciate the vertical and horizontal aspects of this tasting, the Estate Cabs will be in chronological order, and the regular Cabs will be in chronological order, but you won't know which group is first. Let's see if we can tell which group is which.

The pre-tasting wines were selected by Rick based on his extensive research for the great 2012 California Cab tasting, but they will be in a more "approachable" price range.

RSVP to John Henry at 510-525-8157 or [jhbeyer@comcast.net](mailto:jhbeyer@comcast.net) by February 27, after which guests will be admitted.

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