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The March Society Tasting was of high quality sherry- a variety of styles including Fino, Palo Cortado and Oloroso. The detailed results are documented on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

Pre-tasting wines included a sampling of delicious dry Spanish whites and those are also described on the next two pages. The evening was festive with our gracious hosts, Dick and Beth, and a paella dinner cooked on the deck by our personal chef.



Coming in June, at a new date:

The Cellar Society of San Francisco is having a celebration of 45 years of great wine and friends!

Saturday, June 20 at 5 pm
at Sky Terrace Vineyards,
Danville

An alfresco evening of shared memories, good food, and memorable wines. Bring old and/or outlandish memorabilia, and wines. Jerry Barrick will bring himself, and Chris Wood will moderate!

Further details in the May Grapevine.

The next tasting....

**BRING GUESTS!!
PINOT NOIR
DOUBLE POUR TASTING!**

Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 6 PM
Hosted by Betty and David Gibson
50-20th Avenue, San Francisco, CA
94121

This is a tasting of 8 Pinot Noir wines selected from North and Central Coast California Wineries. The wines, current vintages, will reflect the huge amounts of start-up money being spent in the Central Coast and the movement of Pinot Noir to the Sonoma and Mendocino Coast.

BRING GUESTS for this Double Pour of a Cellar Society favorite!

RSVP to David and Betty
by May 1,
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Cellar Society Officers for 2015 & 2016:

President, Chris Wood
VP for the Repast, Steve Smith
VP for the Picnic, Phyllis Harding
Treasurer, Bob Simoni
Secretary, Jim and Bette Felton

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Upcoming Events.

Sat May 9	Pinot Noir
Sat. June 20	45 th Anniversary
Sat. July 11	Annual picnic
Sat. August 8	Old Vine Zins
Sat. Sept. 12	Burgundy vs. Chardonnay
Sat. Oct 10	Brunello
Sat. Nov 14	Champagne
Fri. Dec 11	Repast
Sat. Jan. 9	2016 Planning
Sat. Feb 6	Red Bordeaux

Sherry Tasting Results
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Pre-Tasting Wines All Dry White Wines from Spain

	Wine Description	Comments	Notes
A	2013 Gramona Gessami White Blend - Penedes		\$16.99 at The Spanish Table
B	2012 Bodegas Valdesil "Valdesil" Sobre Lias Godello - Valdeorras		91 points <u>Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar</u> : \$21.99 at The Spanish Table
C	2012 Casal de Arman Finca Os Loureiros - Ribeiro		93 points <u>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</u> : \$33.99 at The Spanish Table

The list of the 8 tasting wines is on the next page. The wines are listed in the order they were poured.

Sherry Tasting
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The wines are listed in the order they were poured. If you want any of them I (Steve Smith) recommend you buy them on-line ASAP.

#	Wine Description	Type	Group Rank	Points	1 st Place Votes	Notes
1	Valdespino Inocente Fino Sherry- Jerez (750ml) (15.0% alcohol)	<u>Fino</u> 8+ yrs of barrel age	8	121	0	94 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: 92 points Wine Spectator: \$25.99 at The Spanish Table (\$24.99 at K&L)
2	Rey Fernando de Castilla "Antique" Fino - Jerez (500ml) (17.0% alcohol)	<u>Fino</u> 8+ yrs of barrel age	7	101	1	93 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: \$42.99 at The Spanish Table
3	Lustau Almacenista Vides Palo Cortado - Jerez (500ml) (19.0%)	<u>Palo Cortado</u>	4	66	0	\$29.99 at The Spanish Table
4	Fernando de Castilla Antique Palo Cortado - Jerez (500ml) (20.0% alcohol)	<u>Palo Cortado</u> many years of barrel age	2	57	7	93 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 92 points Wine Spectator \$57.99 at The Spanish Table (\$59.99 at K&L)
5	Lustau Almacenista Oloroso "Pata de Gallina" - Jerez (500ml) (20.0% alcohol)	<u>Oloroso</u>	1	52	3	92 points Wine & Spirits 92 points Wine Enthusiast 91 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 91 points Wine Spectator \$29.99 at The Spanish Table (\$24.99 at K&L)
6	Valdespino Don Gonzalo Oloroso VOS 20 Years - Jerez (750ml) (21.0% alcohol)	<u>Oloroso</u> 20 years of barrel age	3	63	1	95 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 92 points Wine Spectator \$44.99 at K&L (\$49.99 at The Spanish Table)
7	Sandeman "Royal Corregidor" VOS Oloroso - Jerez (500ml) (20.0% alcohol)	<u>Cream</u> (Slightly Sweet) 20 years of barrel age	5	68	5	93 points Wine & Spirits \$24.99 at K&L
8	Primitivo Quiles Fondillon Gran Reserva Monastrell - Alicante (750ml) (16.0% alcohol)	<u>Monastrell Grape</u> (Slightly Sweet) Not a Sherry but raised in a Solera	6	85	0	93 points, The Wine Advocate 92 Points, The International Wine Cellar \$49.99 at The Spanish Table