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THE GRAPE VINE

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The Old Vine Zinfandel Tasting was on Saturday, August 8, 2015

Hosted by Marjie & Steve Shank and Nancy Rhodes

The original Gold Rush grape is Old Vine Zinfandel. Winemakers like Joel Peterson of Ravenswood put it back on the map and his son, Morgan Twain Peterson (Winemaker of the Year 2014), is known for his Zins. Even the French love our Zins, and the Cellar Society members did too at the August tasting. Results of the summer ZinFest are on page 2.



Upcoming Events.

Sept. 12	Burgundy vs. Chardonnay in Napa at Gandaras
Sat. Oct 10	Brunello
Sat. Nov 14	Champagne
Fri. Dec 11	<u>Repast 6 pm</u> <u>At The French Club</u>
Sat. Jan. 9	2016 Planning
Sat. Feb 6	Red Bordeaux

And in September....In the Vineyard...

On Saturday, September 12, at 5:30 pm

The September tasting will explore differences in expression of the chardonnay grape between the old world (French white burgundy) and new world (California chardonnay). California has awakened from a period of wrong thinking (in my opinion) in which "fat" highly oaked chardonnay were the norm, to a new style, although still more opulent overall, more reminiscent of that seen in French white burgundy. In a similar vein, the French are leaning toward more fruit-forward wines in recent vintages. This tasting will directly compare current vintages.

We hope to have a double tasting, dependent on the rate of sign-ups. We will need 30 tasters (full tasters) in order to financially support a double tasting, and our new home can accommodate a maximum of 36 tasters (plus non-tasters)

The tasting will be followed by a catered dinner. Please RSVP to dpgandara@aol.com by 9/1. This will be a double tasting so we should have room for guests!

****Directions:**

Take Silverado Trail north. North of Oak Knoll, we're on the east side of the trail. After Oak Knoll you'll pass Chimney Rock then Reguschi Winery. Just after Reguschi you cross over a small bridge, Chase Creek. Immediately turn on your right blinker and take the very next lane to the right - it's at the tall telephone pole. If you reach Staggs Leap Wine Cellars, you've gone too far. There are 4 houses on our lane on the right hand side. We're the last one on the right, 2-story, 5640.

BTW: Anyone want to help with a harvest at Sky Terrace? Email Bette at bbfelton@mac.com, or check

<http://www.facebook.com/SkyTerraceVineyards>

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Results from the August Tasting
Old Vine Zinfandel Tasting – August 8, 2015

Rank	Points	Bottle	Wine	Price
1	39	5	2012 Jeff Cohn Cellars "St Peter's Church Vineyard" Sonoma County Zinfandel	K&L: \$41.99
2	54	8	2012 Hartford "Old Vine" Russian River Valley Zinfandel	K&L: \$32.99
3	58	6	2013 Robert Biale "Founding Farmers" Napa Valley Zinfandel	K&L: \$42.99
4	60	4	2013 Ridge "Geyserville" Alexander Valley Zinfandel	K&L: \$34.99
5	62	1	2012 Scherrer "Old and Mature Vines" Alexander Valley Zinfandel	K&L: \$32.99
6	64	2	2013 Sineann "Old Vine" Columbia Gorge Zinfandel	K&L: \$36.99
7	64	7	2012 Seghesio Old Vine Zinfandel	Costco: \$34.99
8	83	3	2013 Bedrock Wine Company "Old Vine" California Zinfandel	K&L: \$24.99

Pretasting Wines:

2013 Vino Godfather Prohibition Old Vine Zinfandel	Winery: \$39.99
2012 Porter Creek "Old Vine" Sonoma County Zinfandel	K&L: \$31.99
2013 The Prisoner Wine Company "Saldo" Zinfandel	K&L: \$27.99
2013 Zin-Phomaniac	Napa Cabs: \$11.95

