

This time I heard it through . . .

# THE PRE-GRAPE VINE

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Rick & Andrea's currently-available Cabernet Sauvignon tasting is on February 21, a week later than usual because of Valentine's Day. The Beyer's tasting on March 14 is only three weeks later, and for that tasting, everyone is asked to RSVP by Feb 27. The purpose of this Pre-Grapevine is to give you enough time to RSVP. We would also appreciate knowing if you do not plan to attend. Many thanks.  
– John Henry

## Chateau Montelena Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting

Saturday, March 14, 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Sue & John Henry Beyer

at

**Crogan's Montclair Restaurant**

6101 La Salle Ave. at Moraga Ave.

Oakland, CA 94611

We will taste 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 Chateau Montelena Cabs – 4 Napa Valley, 4 Estate – one each from each vintage. So it's 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 Chateau 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.

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.

Please provide the number tasting, the number dining, and your salad and entrée selections:

Salad

Walnut & apple w/ mixed greens, feta, red onion  
Iceberg wedge

Entrée

Top sirloin  
Braised short ribs  
Char-broiled salmon  
Vegetarian linguini w/ mushrooms, sundried tomatoes, spinach, Alfredo sauce

Dessert

Apple crisp

This will be a single bottle tasting. Please bring your wine glasses. The dinner cost is \$50/person, tax and tip included. The restaurant is located one block from Montclair Bistro, where we have had many prior tastings. Street parking.

Thoughts for Valentine's Day ...

Wine gives courage and makes men apt for passion.  
~ Ovid (43 B.C. - A.D. 17)

