

I heard it through . . .

THE GRAPE VINE

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On June 11, David and Diane Gandara hosted a Red Varietal Tasting at their beautiful home in Napa. It was a magical evening and the award for identifying the most varietals went to Betty Gibson-6 of 8 identified correctly! Diane dubbed Betty the Champion of the Varietals! Results of the tasting are attached on page 2.



Note:

At the picnic, let's talk about the idea of using a Wordpress website for the Cellar Society! Bob Simoni is able to build the site and we'll just link!

**ON SATURDAY, JULY 23
IS THE CELLAR SOCIETY PICNIC,
HOSTED BY PHYLLIS HARDING, AT THE
HOME OF EILEEN SLORA AND
TITO AVILA
5670 Weaver Place, Oakland 94619**

Come again to the beautiful home and garden of Eileen and Tito, from 12 noon to 4 pm for casual tasting, barbeque and the usual fine socializing.

Phyllis would like folks to bring a bottle of an unusual varietal to share, along with information about the varietal. For example, Phyllis will bring a bottle of Siegerrebe and a bottle of Auxerrois that she purchased in the Okanagan region of British Columbia. It should be fun to discover some new wines. In addition, David Gibson is arranging for several local wineries to come and share their wines with the group. Bocce Ball will be available for those who wish to play.

Wine tasting will be from 12-1:30pm and food will be served at 1:30pm. We will be using the same caterer as last year- Frank's Texas Bar B Que with the following menu: Pork Ribs, Tri Tip, Salmon, Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms, Grilled Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw, Cowboy Beans, and Brownies & Watermelon for dessert. There will also be assorted sodas and water.

Please RSVP by July 15 either by email (phyllis_harding@yahoo.com) or text at 415-515-6850. She will be confirming the attendance count with the caterer on July 16th. Directions on Google maps or by emailing Bette at bbfelton@mac.com

RESULTS OF THE RED VARIETAL TASTING, JUNE 11, 2016

Bottle No	Group Rank	Group Points	Wine	Price
1	1	71	Merlot: 2012 Swanson, Oakville	\$29
5	2	83	Cabernet: 2012 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Fay Vineyard	\$114
4	3	88	Syrah: 2010 Clarendon Hills, Liandra (Australia)	\$48
7	4	93	Zinfandel: 2013 Dry Creek Vineyard, Old Vines	\$29
8	5	96	Sangiovese: 2010 Uccelliera, Brunello di Montalcino (Italy)	\$65
2	6	101	Tempranillo: 2011 Muga, Rioja Reserva (Spain)	\$29
3	7	121	Pinot Noir: 2013 Tyler, Bien Nacido	\$50
	8	133	Nebbiolo: 2010 Paolo Conterno, Barolo, Riva del Bric (Italy)	\$40

CELLAR SOCIETY TASTINGS 2016-17

2016-17 DATE	Location	Varietal	Hosts
Sat. July 23	Annual Picnic	Slora/Avila Residence Oakland	Eileen Slora Tito Avila Phyllis Harding
Sat., August 6	TBD, Donner Lake	Italian Chardonnay	Vera and David Hartford
Sat. Sept 10	Coyne Residence San Rafael	California Sangiovese	Sue and John Henry Beyer Ed Coyne
Sat. October 8	TBD	Bordeaux 2010	Genie Simcox Todd Ryan
Sat. Nov. 12	Lodi /SF?	Lodi Reds	Bob and Sandi Simoni
FRIDAY December 9	Christmas Repast French Club	From the Cellar	Steve Smith and Susi Ehlert
Sat. January 14, 2017	2017 Planning	BYO for Drinking	DeAtley or Shank
Sat. Feb. 11, 2017	Tasting, TBD	TBD	Indra Obseykere Diane Kawaguchi Chris and Mignone