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ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Hosts: Steve DuBois

Steve DuBois will host the July tasting at his Oakland home followed by dinner at the nearby Montclair Bistro.

Anderson Valley, located less than 100 miles north of San Francisco in Mendocino County, is an area blessed with a temperate cool coastal climate. Classified in viticulture terms as a Region 1 growing area, this designates it as the coolest climate in which grapes may be commercially grown with any success. The combination of warm sunny days and cool foggy nights and mornings allow the grapes from this region to mature slowly and to develop to the height of their varietal character.

AV's Navarro Vineyard was the scene of the famous 1999 Cellar Society picnic. We'll sample wines from the higher parts of the valley (the "deep end") to the valley floor.

Dinner at the Montclair Bistro Garden Room will be broiled New York steak or a vegetarian selection for a fixed price of \$50 inclusive. Please confirm that you will be attending the dinner as well and whether you want the vegetarian entrée.

ADDRESS: 5324 Golden Gate Avenue, Oakland

DIRECTIONS: From SF or Marin, take I-580 East toward Hayward, then Hwy 24 toward Walnut Creek; Exit on Hwy 13 South toward Hayward. From Hwy 13 exit onto Broadway Terrace and go several blocks down the hill, then right at the first stop sign onto Golden Gate Avenue

RSVP to Steve at 510-655-5916 or sedubois31@hotmail.com



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OLD WORLD VS NEW WORLD TASTING June 12, 2010

	Group Rank	Points
OLD WORLD WINES:		
* Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe la Crau 2007, Chateauneuf-du-Pape	4	94
* Tablas Creek Esprit de Beaucastel 2006, Paso Robles, California	2	77
* Piombo shiraz Valletta 2005, McLaren Vale, Australia	1	54
*Beckmen Vineyards Cuvee le Bec 2007	3	84
NEW WORLD WINES:		
*Leoville-Barton 2006, St. Julien, Bordeaux, France	4	99
* Concha y Toro don Melchor 2005, Maipo, Chile	3	92
* Joseph Phelps Insignia Proprietary Red Wine 2006, Napa, California	1	35
* Robert Craig Affinity Proprietary Red Wine 2007, Napa, California	2	73
Pre-tasting wines included: 1. Norton, Privada-Meritage, 2006, Argentina; 2. Andrew Will, Two Blonds-Meritage 2005, Washington State; 3. Salvestrin, Cab-blend 2005, Napa, CA; 4. Arceno, Prima Voce 2003, Toscana, Italy; 5. Two Hands "Bella's Garden" Shiraz 2007, Barossa, Australia; 6. Andrieux 2005, Chateauneuf-du-Pape; 7. Tallulah 2006 Les Trois Voix, Amador, CA		

David and Diane hosted the Old World/New World, Four-on-Four tasting that included comparing 4 old world wines as a group, and then comparing 4 new world wines as a separate group. Once again it seems like our palate for wines tends to favor the selection of California wines over French and French style wines. There were lots of handouts and descriptions of the wines and their rankings by the Wine Advocate (hopefully someone will put it up on our website).

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40TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

August 14, 2010

*** Please RSVP ***