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THE GRAPE VINE

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APRIL 10, 2010
DOUBLE TASTING @ 6:00 pm
Higher End Central Coast
Chardonnays
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Chardonnay has been described as the 'very finest of all white wine grapes, rivaled only by the best examples of true Riesling'. Chardonnay vines have an unmistakable class and an appealing balance of fruit, acidity, and texture. France is considered the homeland of Chardonnay, but California plantings have exploded to well over 30,000 acres. More than twice that of Burgundy. More than half the California plantings are in Napa/Sonoma, however, Mendocino, San Luis Obispo, and the Santa Maria Valley are producing some very fine Chardonnay. - The New Frank Schoonmaker Encyclopedia of Wine.

The 2007/2008 vintages are purported to be the greatest years for Central Coast Chardonnay. We are looking for great Chardonnay to add to the Society's Cellar to support those courses at the Repast where only a Chardonnay will do. *We invite you to taste and decide if these wines will measure up to the task!*

PLACE: Gibson's home. **COST:** Approx. \$30 for tasting and \$40 for dinner.

RSVP: Carol 415-504-9104 cmsorgen@comcast.net.
Let her know if you will be staying for dinner.

ALAMEDA POINT VINTNERS, WINES TASTED 3/2010

BLACKSMITH CELLARS

2008 Alta Mesa Torrontes	\$15
2005 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	\$32
2006 Hephaestus Alexander Valley Red Wine	na
2005 Alexander Valley Syrah	na

CARICA WINES

2007 "Kick Ranch" Sauvignon Blanc	\$20
2009 "Kick Ranch" Sauvignon Blanc - Barrel Tasting	na
2007 Temptation (Red Rhone varietal blend)	\$25

JRE Wines

2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford	\$18
2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley	

R&B Cellars

2007 Serenade in Blanc Sauvignon Blanc	\$13
2005 Napa Valley, Bingham Ranch, Reserve Cab. Sauvignon	\$50
2006 Lodi Zinfandel	na

ROCK WALL WINE COMPANY

2008 Santa Lucia Highlands Chardonnay	\$25
2007 Sonoma County Zinfandel	\$25
2007 Sonoma County Zinfandel, Reserve	
2007 Late Harvest Riesling	\$18
2009 Sparkling Rose Wine, Grenache	na
2009 Sparkling Rose Wine, Mixto	na
2009 Tannat - Barrel Tasting	na

SCENES FROM THE ALAMEDA POINT VITNERS TASTING

