

## Grace Family Wine Dinner at Del Frisco's with Dick Grace

February 27, 2007

Dear Member:

We are honored and pleased to announce our next event – a special dinner featuring eight vintages of the original California Cult wine – Grace Family Vineyards, three vintages of new cult wine – Blank Family Vineyards and a comparison tasting of 1982 Grace Family Vineyards and 1982 Haut Brion. Dick and Ann Grace will join us in presenting their wines and talking about their philosophy and practice of compassionate action for positively transforming the lives of children around the world. Robert Parker and Steven Tanzer have also been invited to attend this event by the winery.

Planted with cuttings from the famous Bosché vineyard, Grace Family Vineyards started out in 1976 as a family hobby. The first harvest was picked by family and friends in 1978 and taken to nearby Caymus Winery in the back of a station wagon. Charlie Wagner, the late Caymus patriarch, tasted a bunch of those first 1978 grapes and exclaimed, “You know, Dick, this is damned fine fruit!” And so one of the Napa Valley’s first vineyard designated wines came to be produced. Grace Family has permitted a small number of other wineries to graft Grace budwood onto their vines. The current beneficiary is the Blank Family, who make a delicious Cabernet Sauvignon from the Grace clone.

A very small production of several hundred cases, combined with “damned fine fruit” and exceptional winemakers (Gary Galleron, Heidi Barrett and now Gary Brookman), ensured that Grace Family Cabernets would become Napa Valley’s first cult wine. As such, these wines command prices in the \$300 to \$1,000 per bottle range.

At our dinner we will drink the **1980, 1982, 1987, 1994** (in magnum), **1998, 2003 and 2004** Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon and the 2003 and 2004 Blank Family Grace clone cabernets. Included as a pairing with the 1982 Grace Family will be the classic 1982 Chateau Haut Brion. We will also taste barrel samples of the 2005 Grace and Blank cabernets.

In addition to producing fine wine, Grace Family Vineyards fuels the fires that run the Grace Family Foundation, which provides much needed services to the underserved of our world. These services range from helping the homeless in San Francisco to constructing health clinics in Tibet and Nepal. The winery’s motto is: *Wine as a catalyst towards healing our planet*. Dick and Ann Grace have done more good with the proceeds from their wines than any other wine producer in the world!

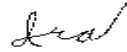
We will be dining in Del Frisco's opulent, glass-walled wine cellar. The Chef has created a special menu for this special evening. Our reception will feature the following hors d'oeuvres: deep fried oysters on toasted Brioche with spiced green mayonnaise, tenderloin tostada with black beans and smoked chipotle, fromage blanc bruschetta and tuna tartar on wonton crisp. The dinner will include Maine lobster "en croute" with creamed leeks and morels, seared Long Island duck breast with Asian slaw and black plum glaze, Chateaubriand with Okinawa potato purée, wild mushroom sauté and cauliflower gratin and a selection of artisanal cheeses.

Because of the scarcity of these wines, the number of attendees is limited. Please make your reservations early. In addition, the quantity of each of the red wines is very limited, although, because of the number of wines, with the reception wine, we will be serving the equivalent of more than one bottle of wine per attendee. Please join us at this very special and unique event. This is a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to taste all of these vintages of Grace Family Vineyards together.

Sincerely,



**Ivan Thornton**  
Co-President



**Ira Greene**  
Co-President

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Time: Reception at 7:00 PM - Dinner at 7:30 PM

Location: **Del Frisco's** Double Eagle Steak House, 1221 Avenue of the Americas (S.W. corner 49<sup>th</sup> St.)

Dress: Business Attire (coat and tie for men)

Contribution: Member: \$325 – Guest: \$360

**THE WINE AND FOOD SOCIETY, INC., NEW YORK**

**Meeting #1082**

**RESERVATION FORM**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2007**

**GRACE FAMILY WINE DINNER AT DEL FRISCO'S**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ places for the **Grace Family Wine Dinner**.

Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Member contribution @ \$325.00                      \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest contribution @ \$360.00                      \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

**Only those Members who have paid their dues may make a reservation. Members with dues paid and Prospective Members will be given preference up through FRIDAY, March 9.** After that date, guests will be accepted in the order in which their reservations were received.

To request a reservation, please go online to [www.wfsny.org](http://www.wfsny.org) and complete the process electronically. You may pay securely with Visa, MasterCard or American Express, or you may mail a check. If you need assistance, please contact [rose@wfsny.org](mailto:rose@wfsny.org)

**Or** if you prefer, you may mail this form with your check to request your reservation. Checks should be mailed to The Wine and Food Society of New York, c/o: 249 Kimball Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090. If you have any questions, please call Rose at (908) 389-9590. Please use the enclosed envelope and indicate your address and telephone number below *only if paying by check*. **THANK YOU!**

**IF YOU PAY BY CHECK, YOUR CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE YOUR RESERVATION CAN BE CONFIRMED.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_