

## Mark Snyder Presents Awesome California Cabernets

November 8, 2006

Dear Member:

We are in for a special treat on November 30, when Mark Snyder, W&FS Board member, will conduct a comprehensive tasting of 12 of his California clients' best Cabernet Sauvignons. Come and discover these great wines. Each wine is made by a different, highly prominent winemaker. These winemakers include Bob Foley (Pride, Hourglass, Switchback Ridge, Robert Foley Vineyards), Philippe Melka (Bryant Family, Lail, Hundred Acre, Vineyard 29), Andy Erickson (Screaming Eagle, Hartwell, Favia), Thomas Brown (Schrader, Bisou, Outpost), Dave Phinney (Orin-Swift, Stanton, Beau Vigne), and Mark Herold (Merus, Hestan, Buccella) along with six other notable winemakers from the Napa Valley.

In just two and one-half years, Mark has built Angels' Share Wines, his wine importing and distributing company, into one of the most respected operations in the wine industry. He has gathered a formidable book of clients from California, including the likes of Grace Family, Hundred Acre, Schrader, Lail, Caldwell and many others. While Mark has been kind enough to provide his clients' wines at our dinners and tastings on a number of occasions, this tasting will focus on his best Cabernets.

We will taste these blockbuster cabs in three flights of four wines each. In order to introduce an element of mystery and fun into our tasting, we will taste them "flight blind". This means that we will know which four wines are in each flight, but we will *not* know the order in which they are presented. Below are the awesome Cabernets and Cabernet blends we will be tasting:

### Flight One

**2002 Hartwell**  
**2003 Hourglass**  
**2003 Lail 'J Daniel Cuvée'**  
**2003 Saint Helena Road**

### Flight Two


**2002 Brion**  
**2001 Paras**  
**2002 Piña**  
**2003 Versant**


### Flight Three

**2004 Carter Coliseum Block**  
**2003 Hestan**  
**2003 Orin-Swift Mercury Head**  
**2004 Schrader Beckstoffer To-Kalon**

This is an opportunity to taste 12 of the best wines that California has to offer, and to compare and contrast the stylistic differences among the different regions of the Napa Valley and the winemakers who make them. Just take a look at the accompanying notes on these great wines, and plan to join us on November 30.

Sincerely,

  
**Ivan Thornton**  
Co-President

  
**Ira Greene**  
Co-President

Date: **Thursday, November 30, 2006**

Time: Reception: 6:30 p.m. Tasting: 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Union League Club, 38 East 37<sup>th</sup> Street (just west of Park Ave.)

Contribution: Members \$95, Guests \$115

Dress: Business attire (coat and tie *required* by The Union League Club)

**The Wine and Food Society, Inc., New York**  
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**Flight One:**

**Hartwell Vineyards**

**Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, 2002**

Varietal/Vineyard: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon / Hartwell Vineyards, Stag's Leap District, Napa Valley

**Winemaker: Andy Erickson** (Screaming Eagle, Favia, Spottswoode)

Quik Facts: The flagship wine of Hartwell. Incredibly famous vineyard planted with several clones, including the legendary 'Grace Clone'. Andy has really ratcheted up the quality and focus on this project, and the wines continue to soar in quality! Several clones of expressive Cabernet grown at high elevations. 1480 cases

**Hourglass**

**Cabernet Sauvignon, 2003**

Varietal/Vineyard: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon / Hourglass Vineyard, St. Helena, Napa Valley

**Winemaker: Bob Foley** (Pride, Switchback Ridge, Robert Foley Vineyards, Schoolhouse)

Quik Facts: Located at the narrowest part of Napa Valley, Hourglass Vineyard's unique soil types, microclimates and exposures impart complexity and character to this incredibly rich and massive yet elegant cabernet. Proprietors Jeff and Carolyn Smith work very closely with their long-time friend, Bob Foley. 740 cases

**Lail Vineyards**

**'J. Daniel Cuvée' Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2003**

Varietal/Vineyard: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon / Howell Mountain and Oakville, Napa Valley

**Winemaker: Philippe Melka** (Hundred Acre, Bryant Family, Vineyard 29, Caldwell, etc)

Quik Facts: The Lail family has been producing wines in Napa Valley for five generations. Gustav Niebaum founded Inglenook in 1879 (now Niebaum-Coppola). His great-nephew was John Daniel, who was responsible for the famous Inglenook 'Cask Selections', and later purchased the Napanook Vineyard. John's daughter Robin Lail created the Dominus brand from that famous Napanook vineyard, along with her sister Marcia Smith and Chateau Petrus' Christian Moueix. Lail wines are extremely special. 'J. Daniel Cuvée' is the 'flagship' wine of the Lail portfolio. 900 cases

## **Flight One (continued):**

### **Saint Helena Road**

#### **'Roy J. Maier' Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, 2003**

Varietal/Vineyard: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petite Verdot / St. Helena, Napa Valley

#### **Winemaker: Mike Hirby**

Quik Facts: Homage to Roy J. Maier, legendary musician and bandleader. Richard and Patty Maier acquired this awesome vineyard past Behrens & Hitchcock and Pride on Spring Mountain Road. Mike is at the helm, and this wine rocks. 500 cases

## **Flight Two:**

### **B. Wise Vineyards**

#### **Brion, 2002**

Varietal/Vineyard: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot / Coombsville, Napa Valley

#### **Winemaker: Massimo and Mario Monticelli** (Monticelli Brothers, Quixote)

Quik Facts: Owner Brion Wise gets his Cabernet from the 'Bennett 1<sup>st</sup> Street Vineyard' in Coombsville (fruit source for such wines as Merus and Kobalt). The Merlot comes from the legendary Caldwell vineyard. Awesome wine. 211 cases

### **Paras Vineyard**

#### **Cabernet Sauvignon, 2001**

Varietal/Vineyard: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon / Paras Vineyard, Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley

#### **Winemaker: Douglas Danielak**

Quik Facts: Owner Jim Paras started the Jade Mountain brand and then sold it to the large Chalone Group, which allows him to produce super premium wines from his estate at the top of Mount Veeder (1300ft). Huge, rich, dark, brooding tannic Cabernet Sauvignon. 324 cases

### **Piña Cellars**

#### **Cabernet Sauvignon, 2002**

Varietal/Vineyard: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon / Piña Vineyard, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

#### **Winemaker: Cary Gott, Ted Osbourne**

Quik Facts: Davey Piña and his family (legendary vineyard managers for vineyards such as Bryant Family, Frank Family, and Bisou) have created this wine from their family vineyard on Howell Mountain. This wine is truly 'made in the vineyard'! 337 cases

### **Versant Vineyard**

#### **Cabernet Sauvignon, 2003**

Varietal/Vineyard: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, / Pritchard Hill, Napa Valley

#### **Winemaker: Randy Lewis**

Quik Facts: This massive, rich, deep Cabernet Sauvignon is from an incredible vineyard located on Pritchard Hill (Bryant Family, Colgin IX, Cloud View). The wine is the result of extreme vineyard practices, intense fruit selection, whole berry fermentation, and 18 months in new French oak. Every step has been taken to truly express this great mountain site! 200 cases

## **Flight Three:**

### **Carter Cellars**

#### **Coliseum Block Cabernet Sauvignon, 2004**

Varietal/Vineyard: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon / Henry Hossfeld Vineyard, Napa Valley

#### **Winemaker: Nils Venge** (Saddleback, Plumpjack)

Quik Facts: Awesome single vineyard Cabernet from Mark Carter (Carter House) and Nils Venge. From the Coliseum Block of Henry Hossfeld's legendary Soda Canyon vineyard!! 75 cases

### **Flight Three (continued):**

#### **Hestan Vineyards**

##### **Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, 2003**

Varietal/Vineyard: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon / Hestan Vineyard, Napa Valley

**Winemaker: Mark Herold** (Merus, Buccella, Harris, etc)

Quik Facts: Extracted, powerful, deep, dense rich cabernet sauvignon! 100% New French oak. 525 cases

#### **Orin-Swift Cellars**

##### **'Mercury Head', 2003**

Varietal/Vineyard: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon / Morisoli and Taplin Vineyards, Napa Valley

**Winemaker/Owner: Dave Phinney** (Stanton)

Quik Facts: The name Orin Swift comes from Dave's father's middle name (Orin) and his mother's maiden name (Swift). Dave is someone to watch! Incredible winemaking and vineyard sources. The wine rocks. 100 cases

#### **Schrader Cellars**

##### **Schrader Beckstoffer 'To-Kalon' Cabernet Sauvignon, 2004**

Varietal/Vineyard: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon / Beckstoffer To-Kalon Vineyard, Napa Valley

**Winemaker: Thomas Brown** (Outpost, Bisou, Diamond Terrace, Nicholson Ranch, etc.)

Quik Facts: Fred Schrader gained fame in the wine world in 1992 when he and Ann Colgin produced the Colgin-Schrader Cabernet from Herb Lamb Vineyard on Howell Mountain. Now, Fred has secured a long-term acreage contract with Andy Beckstoffer for a few rows of the legendary To-Kalon vineyard. He has also secured fruit from several other incredible, ancient vineyards, and the talented Thomas Brown is at the helm, producing expressive, dramatic wines under the Schrader label. To-Kalon Clone 4. 240 cases

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RESERVATION FORM

Thursday, November 30, 2006

MARK SNYDER PRESENTS AWESOME CALIFORNIA CABERNETS

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ places for the **Mark Snyder Cabernet Tasting at The Union League Club.**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Member contribution @ \$95.00                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest contribution @ \$115.00                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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 to MONDAY, November 20.** 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, 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.**

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