

VINTNERS CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

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VISIT, TASTING & LUNCHEON WITH *SEGUIN MOREAU NAPA COOPERAGE*

151 Camino Dorado
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Wednesday, May 23, at 11 a.m.

We invite you to join us for a unique experience with our member, *Seguin Moreau*, at its American production unit in Napa. La Haute Tonnellerie, *Seguin Moreau*, is headquartered in Merpins, France, about an hour north of Bordeaux, and is one of the world's foremost producers of wine barrels. The company's roots date back to 1838. It has long been a pioneer in the exploration of the oenological potential of oak, and has devoted over 20 years to research in partnership with faculty from the University of Bordeaux.

I visited *Seguin Moreau* in France last year, and was impressed with their devotion to quality. There was a great deal that I learned about the production of wine barrels and casks that I had never realized previously, and I gained a whole new appreciation of the pivotal role played by wood in the production of world-class wines.

Following a tour of the facilities, during which we will observe the production of wine barrels, we will taste through assorted woods and toast levels, and will thus get a first-hand palate-appreciation of their impact on the character and complexity of wines. Thereafter, we will be joined by my good friend, Philippe Rapacz, Chairman of *Seguin Moreau*, for a catered, sit-down luncheon. Many of you met Philippe when he attended a Vintners Club tasting last year. He is scheduled to be in California for a few days, and we are looking forward to seeing him again.

LUNCHEON MENU

Chicken Caesar Salad

2002 Chardonnay, Byington Winery, Santa Cruz Mountains

Grilled New York Steak with Seasonal Vegetables

1991 Petite Sirah, Foppiano Vineyards, Sonoma County, en magnum

A Selection of Premium European Artisan Cheeses with Walnut Bread & Fresh Fruits

Price: \$100/member; \$140/non-member thereafter.

Deadline to cancel a reservation and be entitled to a refund is 10 a.m. on Friday, May 18.

TO SECURE A RESERVATION:

- Make your check payable to the **Vintners Club**
- Mail to: Lalita Waterman, Treasurer, Vintners Club, 36 Southridge West, Tiburon, CA 94920
- E-mail the Vintners Club, info@vintnersclub.org, to confirm seat-availability and to advise that your check is in the mail

SUGGESTED ATTIRE: Wine Country Elegant Casual.