

35th Annual Grand Grape Celebration 2017

6:00 pm Sundays and Wednesdays: *Meet the Vintners Reception* ~ The Solarium
6:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays: *Vintners Dinner* ~ The Majestic Dining Room

Session 1 ~ November 5, 6, 7

Session Moderator ~ Dan Berger – Wine Judge & Journalist

Monday, November 6

- 1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: “Millennials and the Evolution of the Wine Industry: The Good, the Bad and the OMG!”
Shauna Rosenblum ~ Rock Wall Wine Company, Alameda, CA
- 3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: “2015 and 2016 Vintages of August West Pinot Noir”
Ed Kurtzman ~ August West Wines, San Francisco, CA

Tuesday, November 7

- 1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: “The Joy of Wine: A Tasting of Carneros Chardonnay”
Alan Cannon ~ Rombauer Vineyards, St. Helena, CA
- 3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: “A Dirty & Rowdy Exploration of Terroir via California Mourvèdre”
Hardy Wallace ~ Dirty & Rowdy family Wines, Napa, CA

Session 2 ~ November 8, 9

Session Moderator ~ Fred Dame, M.S.

Wednesday, November 8

- 1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: “Rose Wines from Gloria Ferrer Vineyards”
Steve Urberg ~ Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards, Sonoma, CA
- 3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: “The Roots of Rutherford Cabernet: Impacts of Soil & Viticulture in the Heart of Napa Valley”
Rory Williams ~ Frog’s Leap Winery, Rutherford, CA

Thursday, November 9

- 1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: “Building Community through Wine”
Ross Halleck ~ Halleck Vineyard, Sebastopol, CA
- 3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: “Zaca Mesa: American Rhone Zone”
Eric Mohseni ~ Zaca Mesa Winery & Vineyards, Los Olivos, CA

Session 3 ~ November 12, 13, 14

Session Moderator ~ Ellen Landis – Wine Judge & Journalist

Monday, November 13

- 1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: “Dosage 2.0: A Tasting of 5 Iron Horse Bubbliies with Varying Composition of Dosage”
Joy Sterling ~ Iron Horse Vineyards, Sebastopol, CA
- 3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: “Exploring Rhone Varietals in Northern Sonoma: The Cote D’Sonoma Experience”
Ben Cane ~ Westwood Estate, Sonoma, CA

Tuesday, November 14

- 1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: “Vibrant Whites from the Coastal Edna Valley”
Christian Roguenant ~ Tangent Wines, San Luis Obispo, CA
- 3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: Tasting Site Specific Pinot Noir from Sonoma County
Regina Martinelli ~ Martinelli Winery & Vineyards, Windsor, CA

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Session 4 ~ November 15, 16

Session Moderator ~ Evan Goldstein, M.S.

Wednesday, November 15

1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: "Wines that Hit the Spott!!!"
Beth Milliken ~ Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery, St Helena, CA

3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: "2015 and 2016 Vintages of August West Pinot Noir"
Dan Lee ~ Morgan Winery, Carmel, CA

Thursday, November 16

1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: "What Happens When the Winemaker is the the Owner"
Matt Hatcher ~ Hatcher Winery, Murphys, CA

3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: "A Sense of Place, a Place of Sense"
Carole Meredith ~ Lagier Meredith, Napa, CA

Session 5 ~ November 26, 27, 28

Session Moderator ~ Peter Marks, M.W./Constellation Academy of Wine

Monday, November 27

1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: "Robert Mondavi Winery: The Pursuit of Elegance, Balance and Longevity"
Megan Schofield ~ Robert Mondavi Winery, Oakville, CA

3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: "Finesse & Elegance: The Magic and Beauty of Fiddlehead Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc"
Kathy Joseph ~ Fiddlehead Cellars, Lompoc, CA

Tuesday, November 28

1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: "J Vineyards & Winery: Russian River Valley Pinot Noir in Two Guises Sparkling and Still"
Nicole Hitchcock ~ J Vineyard & Winery, Healdsburg, CA

3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: "Napa Valley Cabernet Speaks of Time and Place"
Cathy Corison ~ Corison Winery, Napa, CA

Session 6 ~ November 29, 30

Session Moderator ~ Peter Marks, M.W./Constellation Academy of Wine

Wednesday, November 29

1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: "Everything You Need to Know About Bubbles (and wee bit more!)
Eileen Crane ~ Domaine Carneros, Napa, CA

3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: "Three Great Years"
David Duncan ~ Silver Oak Cellars, Oakville, CA

Thursday, November 30

1:00 pm Tasting Seminar: "Chardonnay Clonal Characteristics-A Vineyard Perspective"
Mark Lingenfelder ~ Chalk Hill Winery, Healdsburg, CA

3:30 pm Tasting Seminar: "Taste of Twomey Across the West Coast"
Erin Miller ~ Twomey Cellars, Calistoga, CA