

Society of Medical Friends of Wine



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Dear Members,

Happy New Year! We'll soon be starting the 82nd year of the Society of Medical Friends of Wine. During our Annual Dinner at the Hotel Nikko on January 19, 2020, the incoming Executive Committee will be introduced; information about the committee members can be found at <http://www.medicalfriendsofwine.org/Executive-Committee.php>

The Executive Committee has been busy planning for the January dinner and many great events for 2020-2021, as detailed below. Please mark your calendars and watch for updates on our website at <http://www.medicalfriendsofwine.org/2020-21-events.php>

3/14/20, 289th Dinner at Piperade, San Francisco – After highly successful events at Piperade in the past, we'll be returning to the restaurant for what Chef Gerald Hirigoyen terms “West Coast Basque Cuisine.” Basque Country stretches across the Pyrenees Mountains into parts of both France and Spain. The dinner will feature an array of French and Spanish wines from the area and nearby regions.

5/17/20, 290th Dinner at Piatti, Mill Valley — We'll be having our second joint dinner with Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, which proved to be a convivial group during our 2019 dinner with them. Piatti is a contemporary restaurant overlooking Shelter Bay next to Mt. Tamalpais and features the rustic cuisine of a traditional Italian Trattoria. We'll undoubtedly taste some interesting Italian wines during the dinner.

6/6/20, Wine Tour of Lodi – The society first visited Lodi in 1963 and a lot has changed since then. In recognition of the region's achievements over the last 25 years and the innovative attitude of Lodi winemakers, it was named by Wine Enthusiast as its 2015 Region of the Year. Lodi was recently praised by the speaker at our 80th Annual Dinner, wine critic Esther Mobley of the San Francisco Chronicle. In an article published November 7, 2019, Esther stated, “Discovering

the wines of Lodi has truly been one of the great pleasures of my job over the last few years.”

During the Lodi wine tour, we'll have the opportunity to taste some Old Vine Zinfandels, including some produced in the Lodi Native Project using only native yeast and minimal intervention during the winemaking process. We'll also try some of the great Iberian-style wines being made in Lodi.

To pique your interest in Lodi wines, we'll be pairing St. Amant Tawny Port Lot #12 as well as the winery's 1990 vintage port with dessert at the upcoming dinner at the Hotel Nikko. The vintage port was generously donated by outgoing President Jack McElroy; thanks, Jack! I'm really looking forward to the experience of tasting these two ports and encourage you not to miss the opportunity; be sure to sign up for the January 20 dinner if you haven't already done so.

September, 2020, 291st Dinner at French Club, San Francisco – The consistently popular French Club Dinner will afford another opportunity for us to share some of our favorite French wines.

November, 2020 Wine & Cheese Tasting, Mill Valley Community Center – Janet Fletcher always delivers a fantastic themed cheese tasting paired with equally wonderful wines selected by our Cellar Master, Bob Blumberg.

1/17/21, 82nd Annual Dinner at Mark Hopkins, San Francisco – We're planning to return to the Room of the Dons at the historical Mark Hopkins to conclude the year and pass the gavel to our next president.

I'll look forward to seeing you during what should be another enjoyable and educational year with great food and wine. Invite your friends to attend events and encourage them to join us.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth Kass, MD, Incoming President