



## October 2016 Newsletter

Getting ready for the holidays? It's hard to believe it is time to start picking out the Halloween costumes and to think about Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and the end of the year. Here I am still trying to recover from the summer where I seemed to be on the road more than at home. Travel took me to San Francisco, Lodi, Napa, Sonoma, Santa Barbara, Baja California, France, Italy and Greece. I hope you had a busy and fun-filled summer as well. Now it's home for a short bit before hitting the road again.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Santa Barbara Vintners Celebration of Harvest**

A four day celebration in Santa Barbara Wine Country over Columbus Day Weekend with dinners, open houses, seminars, Vintners Visa, and the Festival Grand Tasting.

October 7-10, Wine Country Events

October 8, Festival Grand Tasting

[www.celebrationofharvest.com](http://www.celebrationofharvest.com)

#### **Wine & Spirits Magazine 13th Annual "Top 100" Tasting Event**

The popular consumer and wine trade event, which benefits San Francisco Baykeeper, will feature over 200 top-scoring wines from producers who have earned the highest ranking from the magazine's critics during a year of blind tastings by the editorial staff, guest sommeliers and retailers.

Monday, October 10, 2016

City View at METREON (135 4th Street, San Francisco)

[www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com/top100](http://www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com/top100)

Tickets Options:

Collector's: \$185\*

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

\*Ticket includes early entry to taste wines from W&S all-time favorite wineries, pouring 10 mature vintage wines.

General admission: \$125\*

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

\*Ticket prices include all wine and food, a one-year subscription to Wine & Spirits and a complimentary tasting glass courtesy of Stolzle-USA.

Check out [www.pleasethepalate.com](http://www.pleasethepalate.com) for upcoming events and if you want to be notified of blog posts when they go live, please sign up on our [here](#).

## WINE

[History in a Glass with Chateau La Nerthe in Chateauneuf-du-Pape](#)

[Gérard Bertrand and the Art de Vivre](#)

[Running Winery Associations from the East Coast to the West Coast: Meet Morgen McLaughlin](#)

[A family tradition at Van Ruiten Family Vineyards](#)

[Top 11 Sonoma Wine Tasting Finds](#)

[Meet the Wine Weirdos](#)

[Domaine Laroche and the elegant wines of Chablis](#)

[A new Champagne comes to the West Coast: Champagne Palmer](#)

[From Ventura, California to Baja California: Kristin and Adam Shute, Lechuza](#)

[Finding A Home in Baja California: Eileen and Phil Gregory, Vena Cava](#)

[Baja's wine-making icon, Camillo Magoni](#)

[Wine for a Good Cause: Humanitas](#)

[The weird and wonderful wines from the Republic of Georgia](#)

## FILM

[‘Kampai!’ – – For the Love of Sake](#)

## TRAVEL

[A Great Grape Experience in Greece](#)

[At the table with Vino Nobile](#)

[A Touch of Italian Style : Allegretto Vineyard Resort, Paso Robles, California](#)

[Il Rusticale Fumanelli: A Hidden Gem in Valpolicella, San Pietro in Cariano, Italy](#)

[A Wine Resort that is also a Designated Wine Region: Porto Carras, Greece](#)

## RESTAURANTS

### LOS ANGELES

[Shiki Beverly Hills Serving Traditional Japanese Food \(Washoku\)](#)

[Extended Happy Hour at Viviane Restaurant, Beverly Hills](#)

[The New FIG Restaurant at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows](#)

[Slow Fish Los Angeles: Sushi and other Asian Fusion dishes](#)

[Baldoria Los Angeles – Small Plates, Pizza, Bottle Cocktails, Wine and Fun](#)

[Nuevo Rancho Cuisine at Sausal El Segundo](#)

[The Springs LA: A Calming Oasis in the Heart of the DTLA Arts District](#)

[Happy Hour and More at Hanjip](#)

[Ramen? Poke? A Burger? Whichever you are craving, K Ramen has it](#)

[Summer is Here and Napa Valley Grille has a special menu to celebrate it!](#)

## RESTAURANTS

### AUSTIN

[Two Austin Restaurants in Historic Landmarks](#)

### WASHINGTON, DC

[Rose's Luxury in Washington DC](#)

[Venezuelan Cuisine at La Caraquena, Falls Church, VA](#)

### NEW YORK

[Wassail NYC – A Cider Bar](#)

### SAN FRANCISCO

[In Situ San Francisco: Showcasing Dishes from Top Chefs and Restaurants Around the World](#)

[Al's Place, San Francisco](#)

### NAPA

[The Snack Program at The Restaurant at Meadowood Napa](#)

[Five Places To Eat and One Place to Drink in Napa](#)

### SONOMA

[Three Places to Eat on the Sonoma Square](#)

### GOOD CAUSES

[Turning Lemons Into Lemonade and Fighting Childhood Cancer at L.A. Loves Alex's Lemonade](#)

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