



## October 2017 Newsletter

Summer has passed and here we are in the fall of 2017. Another year is flying by! At Please The Palate we are going nonstop with events and writing. I continue to enjoy writing a weekly column for the [Napa Valley Register](#), as well as contribute regularly to [California Winery Advisor](#), [ATOD Magazine](#) and [Wine Industry Advisor](#). I also recently became a contributor to [Drizly.com](#). And of course, there is always the Please The Palate blog.

As we enter the final quarter of the year, it is also the end of monthly dining outings to Curtis Stone's Maude Restaurant. Since 2014, Maude has offered a monthly tasting menu featuring one seasonal ingredient. It has been a quest of mine to eat there (almost) every month and I enjoyed 37 meals out of 46! After four years, Maude is changing their format and will no longer change the menu every month. I am sad that they are changing but am eagerly anticipating the announcement of what they plan to do next.

One thing I am looking forward over the coming months is a long-awaited culinary trip to Cuba! Follow along on [Instagram](#)!

### Upcoming Events

#### **Pioneers of Santa Barbara County**

Saturday, November 11, 2017  
Solvang Veterans Hall, Solvang, CA

The Pioneers of Santa Barbara County will be kicking off its' inaugural tasting on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Solvang Veterans Hall. This focused tasting will feature 20 plus wineries (Foxen, Au Bon Climat, and Sanford, just to name a few) that have shaped the wine industry of Santa Barbara County. Taste not only the tried and true, but some of the newer projects of these pioneering winemakers. The event will be from 2-5pm with a champagne VIP after-party, offering participants the opportunity to mingle with winemakers and sip some palate-cleansing bubbles. Tickets for the tasting are \$45 at the door or \$38 in advance. Tickets for the VIP champagne after-party are \$35. For more information and tickets, visit [pioneersofsantabarbaracounty.com](#).

#### **2018 Zinfandel Experience**

Thursday, January 18 - Saturday, January 20, 2018  
San Francisco, CA

Dine, Learn, Enjoy and Taste with legends and emerging rock stars of Zinfandel. ZinEX is a three-day wine and culinary extravaganza attracting wine lovers from around the world.

Experience the classic character of Zinfandel at four extraordinary events featuring a diverse selection of wines and styles. The weekend includes a Welcome Reception, Farm-to-Table dinner, Flights seminar, Winemakers Auction & Dinner, and Grand Tasting. ZinEX 2018 features access to winemaker celebrities at three impressive venues, showcasing the talents of winemakers, chefs, and artisanal food purveyors. For more information, visit [www.zinfandel.org](#).

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 site, [here](#).

## WINE

[A New Vintage and A New Winemaker At the Head of Domaine Leflaive](#)

[The rieslings of the Mosel](#)

[Ferrari Trento – The Italian Art of Living](#)

[Nahe, Germany – The Land of Dry Riesling](#)

[Event and Hospitality Constraints Strangling Direct to Consumer Sales Vital to the Wine Industry](#)

[Quinta do Mourão: A Young Tradition](#)

[The Shining Light of Luce: Reflections on the past and looking towards the future](#)

[A Windmill and Wine at Chateau Moulin-à-Vent](#)

[The complimentary wine regions of Lugana and Valpolicella](#)

[Wines A-TO-Z | Your Guide To Portuguese Grapes](#)

[Grenache Stands Out](#)

[Condrieu's visionary Yves Cuilleron](#)

[After 500 years, women are making wine in Madeira](#)

[Don't Judge Your Rosé by Its Shade of Pink](#)

## SPIRITS

## PLEASE THE PALATE PICKS OF THE WEEK

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Valle dell'Acate II Frappato Vittoria Frappato DOC Sicilia 2015](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week – Maude's Greatest Hits – October 2017](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: San Antonio Winery in Downtown Los Angeles](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Vinovore](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: An Evening on the Beach](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Fatamorgana Gelato](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Bar Toscana's New Look](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: The Trip to Spain movie](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Tacos](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Whole Foods Market 365 Santa Monica](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Firenze Pizza Comes to LA](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Chamisal Vineyards 2015 Estate Chardonnay](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: The "A-Ha" Moment of Food and Wine Pairing](#)

## TRAVEL

[Visit Napa In Style – Jet To Wine Country](#)

[Visiting The Best Wineries In Baja California](#)

[Safari and Glamping In Wine Country | Wine Country Adventures](#)

## FOOD

[Geezer's Public House in Woodland Hills, CA](#)

[Cascabel Restaurant: A Hidden Gem in Toluca Lake](#)

[Go for the pastas \(and everything else\) at Union Restaurant in Pasadena](#)

[Maude September 2017 – Melon](#)

[Astro Doughnuts & Fried Chicken](#)

[Outdoor Dining at The Ponte](#)

[Verlaine – From Baja to LA](#)

[Maude August 2017 – Peach](#)

[Eastern Mediterranean Cuisine Celebrated at Tawla](#)

[Good Appetite at Orexii San Francisco](#)

[Wine, Food and Service Meet at Wine Dinners at Crossings South Pasadena](#)

[SOCA Makes Sherman Oaks So Cool](#)

[Greenbar Distillery - Born out of love and built on passion](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Xinomavro](#)

[Harmony Can Be Found at the Monthly Wine Dinners at Primo Italia Torrance](#)

[Maude July 2017 - Basil](#)

Welcome to the quarterly newsletter from Please The Palate, a boutique agency specializing in marketing, events and writing for the wine and spirits industry. As we eat, drink and travel the country, we look forward to sharing our journeys with you on a quarterly basis.

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