

Enjoy Premium Wines at the Sloan Sakai CALPELRA Booth

The Sloan Sakai booth will have an excellent selection of wines available during the CALPELRA Reception/Wine Tasting scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, starting at 5:00 PM.

Firm Senior Counsel and Wine & Spirits Director Justin Otto Sceva has chosen four delectable California wines that cover a wide range of palates. For a preview of what we will be pouring at Booth #56, please see below.

Marimar Estate 2019 "Doña Margarita Vineyard" Blanc de Noirs

This year's sparkling wine is 100% Pinot Noir grown in the Sonoma Coast AVA, about 6 miles from the ocean on the Bohemian Highway between Freestone and Occidental. It's focused and elegant, serious but still fun, with delicious clear varietal Pinot character of red fruits (strawberry and cherry), cola, guava and rose petals, overlying wet stone, brioche and a little sea spray. Usually a wine club exclusive, we look forward to popping a few bottles and sharing with everyone!

Ashes & Diamonds 2018 Blanc No. 4:

Ashes & Diamonds produces just one white wine, but it's consistently a stunner. Made by Steve Matthiasson, it's a 50/50 blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc in the style of a Bordeaux Blanc, 100% barrel fermented with 25% new French oak and aged *sur lie* for 10 months. As a bonus, the label design is by Brian Roettinger (who did the cover design/packaging for Jay Z's *Magna Carta Holy Grail* album). Racy acidity wrapped around a nutty reductive core, with notes of meyer lemon, ripe stone fruit, figs and beeswax.

Hyde Family Vineyard 2017 Pinot Noir (MAGNUM):

Larry Hyde planted his first vineyard in Carneros in 1979. For 30 years he sold all his grapes to some of Napa's top wineries, and to this day over 35 different wineries make "Hyde Vineyard" designated wines. He finally started his own label in 2009, and it was worth the wait. Classic Carneros Pinot Noir, amazingly long and structured with violet and raspberry aromas, silky tannins, and a juicy core of cherry and plums layered over forest floor.

Hyde de Villaine 2017 "Californio" Syrah (MAGNUM):

A partnership between Larry Hyde and Aubert de Villaine, the Director of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (who is married to Larry's cousin), HdV is primarily known for making a highly rated Chardonnay. In my opinion, however, this amazing Syrah (name "Californio" in honor of Larry's direct descent from Jose de la Guerra) is the secret star of their lineup. If you like Syrah you'll love it, and if you think you don't it might just change your mind. Not to be missed.

