

NEWS from Los Olivos Wine Merchant & Cafe

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LOS OLIVOS WINE MERCHANT & CAFÉ HOSTS SPECIAL EVENT: “UNDER THE INFLUENCE” DINNER WITH 4 WINEMAKERS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

Los Olivos, Santa Barbara County, California— Sam and Shawnda Marmorstein, owners of the Los Olivos Wine Merchant & Cafe located at 2879 Grand Avenue in downtown Los Olivos are pleased to announce the first-time special event “Under the Influence” winemakers’ dinner to be held Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Four of Santa Barbara County’s winemaking elite will share the stories behind the vintages they have crafted as well as the wines that have influenced their style.

The public is invited to join the Marmorsteins (themselves certified organic winemakers of Bernat Vineyards) along with Ernst Storm of Storm Wines; Nikki & Jeff Nelson with James Sparks of Liquid Farm; Wes Hagen of Clos Pepe Vineyards and Kevin Law of Luminesce/Luceant who will be pouring their current releases alongside wines they have personally chosen to reflect their inspirations.

According to Shawnda Marmorstein, “Expect an evening of moving memories, beautiful wines and food pairings, lively conversation and epicurean bliss in the intimate setting of the Cafe. Our chef Chris Joslyn has created an amazing menu to complement Under the Influence.”

Chef Joslyn’s 5-course gourmet menu (subject to change based upon new inspirations) currently includes an appetizer of Goat Cheese Panna Cotta with Roasted Beets, Watercress and Citrus Vinaigrette; Seared Barramundi with Leek, Potato & Fennel Chowder with Manila Clams; Crisp Duck Rillettes with Beluga Lentils, Black Kale and Cranberry Mostarda; Smoked New York Steak with Mushroom & Spinach Strudel and Truffle Port Sauce; concluding with Chocolate Fondant & House-made Hazelnut Ice Cream.

Seating is limited and reservations are required in advance. The price is \$89 per person excluding tax and gratuity. Call 805-688-7265 ext. 203 or info@buysantabarbarawine.com to reserve seats.

About The Los Olivos Wine Merchant & Cafe: The Los Olivos Wine Merchant & Cafe is also the winner of the coveted 2013 *Wine Spectator* “Best of Award of Excellence”— one of only 878 restaurants in the world that received this coveted ‘two wine glass’ award. Located in the heart of Santa Barbara County’s wine country at 2879 Grand Avenue in downtown Los Olivos, the casual yet elegant Café (as seen in the 2004 award-winning movie *SIDEWAYS*) serves fresh, local wine-friendly cuisine for lunch and dinner daily from 11:30 AM to 9:00 PM. The Wine Merchant features over 500 local and international vintages and is the exclusive distributor of owner Sam Marmorstein’s Bernat Wines. For more information, call 805-688-7265 or visit www.LosOlivosCafe.com or www.BuySantaBarbaraWine.com