



# The SF Confrerie Press



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## 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

As 2017 is coming to a close I want to thank you all for being part of the SF Confrerie Chapter and look forward to many more exciting years. To recap 2017, our annual Saint Vincent feast in January inducted two new members with 52 members toasting them into our chapter. In April, our Consul General of the U.S. Confrerie, Roland Barakett passed away but his memories, character and his smile will last a lifetime. The spring event took our members to Napa for a chocolate and wine pairing at Rutherford Ranch and an educational cheese and wine experience at Jamieson Ranch Winery. Our summer event took 14 members out to the "old ball game" where we enjoyed wine tasting from Lodi and the SF Giants game under the lights at AT&T park. Our Q4 fall event that was scheduled in the Napa Valley unfortunately was cancelled due to the wild fires that destroyed numerous homes and wineries. Our thoughts are with those who lost their homes and lives and we all have them in our hearts.

As I look towards 2018, I look to reschedule the Napa event and support the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. I hear a lot of excitement within our Confrerie. It all starts in January at our induction dinner on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars as formal invites will be mailed soon. I am targeting April for our Q2 event then July and October. As we look to expand our membership and continue creating unique events, please let me know ASAP if you have friends who might want to join. I am also looking to re-create a Board which will consist of a Vice-President, Secretary, Historian and an Activities/Membership chair. If you would like volunteer for one of these positions, please let me know. To conclude, I would like to personally wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,

*John Barakett*

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## 2018 INDUCTION DINNER

Our 2018 Induction Dinner has been reserved.  
 Save the Date: Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
 Location: The French Club in San Francisco

If you have anyone interested in becoming a member please let us know so we can start the initiation process.

Formal Invitations to be mailed in early December



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### **2018 Dues**

Dues for 2018 are **now due** so please complete the enclosed form with the requested information and return it with your check payable to “Confrerie des Vignerons” to the address indicated on the form. Dues remain at \$75 per year for two members at the same address. Please note that the dues are still waived for new 2018 members who will be initiated on January 19, 2018 at the Saint Vincent Dinner. As the San Francisco Chapter continues to explore locations in 2018 and beyond, if you have a location/winery you would like us to visit or location to look at, please include your suggestions on the bottom of the enclosed Dues Form.

### **Upcoming 2018 Events:**

Q1 Event- Friday January 19, 2018 – Annual Saint Vincent Dinner Celebration and Induction.  
French Club/Cercle de L’Union in San Francisco

Q2 Event- Napa—April date TBD

### **Social Networking**

As a reminder, our website address is [www.SFConfrerie.org](http://www.SFConfrerie.org) and is updated with pictures from our past events so grab a glass of wine and take a look. The hope is that this website will keep our members more informed and make for more open communications and ideas. We have 88 “Likes” and 84 following us so far on our SF Confrerie Facebook page so if you have an account, remember to “Like” us for additional information and to keep our page growing. The address is [www.Facebook.com/SFConfrerie](http://www.Facebook.com/SFConfrerie) . Pictures from our past events along with up to date calendar invitations for upcoming events are also posted there. We have an Instagram account so follow us at [sfconfrerie](https://www.instagram.com/sfconfrerie) and you can post photos from our events at [#sfconfrerie](https://www.instagram.com/sfconfrerie) .

### **Wine News:**

November 16, 2017 was the arrival of the Beaujolais Nouveau!

~ Did you know the grapes in the Beaujolais country must be handpicked? There are nearly 4,000 grape growers who make their living in this picturesque region just north of France's third largest city, Lyon. The Beaujolais Nouveau is usually released every third Thursday of November, regardless of the start of the harvest. The winemaking process of the Beaujolais preserves the fresh, fruity quality of the wine. Go out and get a bottle for the holidays!

### **Event Ideas?**

The San Francisco Chapter is exploring locations for events in 2018 so if you have a location/winery you would like us to look at please contact us through the website or email:

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### **Wine Facts**

One bottle of wine =  
2.4 pounds of grapes  
4 glasses of wine  
4 happy people

One Barrel of Wine=  
1,180 glasses of wine  
24.6 cases of wine