

# ***NEWS from Los Olivos Wine Merchant & Cafe***

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## **LOS OLIVOS WINE MERCHANT & CAFÉ PRESENTS FIRST-EVER SANTA BARBARA VS. NAPA VALLEY “BLIND” WINE DINNER ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011**

**Los Olivos, Santa Barbara County, California**—Jon McDaniel, Wine Director of the Los Olivos Wine Merchant & Café located at 2879 Grand Avenue in downtown Los Olivos in the heart of Santa Barbara wine country, is pleased to announce the first-ever Santa Barbara vs. Napa Valley “Blind” Wine Dinner on Friday, October 7, 2011, starting at 6:30pm. Café Executive Chef Chris Joslyn will prepare a gourmet 5-course meal highlighting the fresh, local ingredients of the Central California Coast—each course paired with two wines—one from Santa Barbara County and one from the Napa Valley. However, they will be served “blind” and not identified until the end of the evening.

The menu is:

**First Course (Sauvignon Blanc):**

Scallop Ceviche with Citrus, Hearts of Palm, Fennel, Mache and Verjus Vinaigrette

**Second Course (Chardonnay)**

Tart Fourme d' Aumbert: Blue Cheese and Puff Pastry; Frisee, Herbs

**Third Course (Pinot Noir)**

Smoke Roasted Salmon with Chanterelle Mushroom, Bacon, Crispy & Roasted Celery Root; Pinot Soubise

**Fourth Course (Cabernet Sauvignon)**

Sirloin Chateau with Salsify, Winter Greens, Bone Marrow Flan and Shallot Veal Jus

**Dessert Course (Syrah)**

Chocolate Fondant with Spiced Poached Pears and Creme Caramel

“You have to ask yourself, which wines will reign supreme in this ultimate test?” remarked Café Owner Sam Marmorstein, himself a certified organic winemaker of his family-owned Bernat Vineyards. According to Jon McDaniel, “I’m not telling if one of Sam’s wines will be included in the pairings. This is a completely blind palate testing experience! Come join the festivities!” Seating is limited and reservations are required. The price is \$89 per person excluding tax and gratuity. Contact Jon at 805-688-7265 ext. 203 or [jon@buysantabarbarawine.com](mailto:jon@buysantabarbarawine.com) to reserve seats.

**About:** The Los Olivos Wine Merchant & Cafe is the winner of the coveted *Wine Spectator* "Best Restaurants for Wine" Award of Excellence. 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 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](http://www.LosOlivosCafe.com) or [www.BuySantaBarbaraWine.com](http://www.BuySantaBarbaraWine.com)

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