

TASTING SUMMARY

Date: 1/15/2020- Session No. 68 Open Blind Theme: Zinfandel No. of Participants: 9 Forms Returned: 9

Wines	Price US\$ (excl. taxes)	Number of marks given by participants in each category							
		Mediocre < 75	Acceptable 76-80	Good 81-85	Very good 86-90	Excellent 91-95	Exceptional 96-100	Best Wine	Best Buy
2018 Muscadet Sévre & Maine, Sur Lie, Chateau du Jaunay, Loire	13				XXXXX XXXX				
2017 Macchia, Mischievous, Zinfandel, Old Vines, Lodi, California	24			XX	XXXXX X	X			
2015 Ridge, Ponzo, Zinfandel, Russian River, Somoma County, California	54			X	XXXXX X	XX			
2016 Sobon Estate Reserve Zinfandel, Plymouth, California	26			X	XXXXX XXX				

Overview: There was a consensus on the good quality of the Muscadet and on its excellent quality/price ratio. Seven participants selected the Ridge Zinfandel as their preferred one and two indicated their preference for the Sobon. The later was the best buy amongst the reds. There was a discussion about whether the Zinfandels would ever compete with the more traditional varieties at similar price levels. The answer probably needs to be left to a separate tasting where one can compare Zinfandels against other varieties of similar price.