



# German Wine Society

San Francisco Chapter  
One Laurel Lane  
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## Dear GWS Members:

Our next tasting will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> at The Gate House, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco.

The tasting will feature a collection of the highly acclaimed Maximin Grünhaus Ruwer Rieslings. Writing in winenews.com<sup>1</sup>, former chapter president Steve Pitcher has said, "These days, distinguishing one's wines from among thousands of increasingly high-caliber global bottlings is a challenge. Even established European houses with sterling histories struggle for notice. Exceptions to the rule, however, do exist. In France, there is the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti; in Spain, Vega Sicilia; Italy, Gaja; and in Germany, Maximin Grünhaus." Chapter member Dade Thieriot's Dee Vine Wines web site says about Maximin Grünhaus, "One of Germany's greatest and oldest estates that consistently produces lacy, elegant, and beautifully focused Rieslings that seem to age indefinitely." It should be obvious that we are in for a real treat. The particular wines assembled by our Cellar Master Ron Binder, include the following:

- 2001 Abtsberg Qba
- 2001 Abtsberg Kabinett
- 2001 Herrenberg Spätlese
- 2001 Abtsberg Spätlese
- 2001 Abtsberg Auslese
- 1999 Abtsberg Kabinett
- 1999 Abtsberg Spätlese
- 1999 Herrenberg Auslese
- 1999 Abtsberg Auslese
- 1994 Herrenberg Kabinett
- 1983 Abtsberg Auslese
- 1976 Abtsberg Auslese

Light appetizers selected to compliment the age and character of these special wines will also be served.

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<sup>1</sup> Steve's complete article may be seen at: <http://www.thewinenews.com/aprmay04/feat.asp>

## Reserve Now

The cost for the March 31<sup>st</sup> event is \$40 for GWS members, and each member may bring one guest at that price. Prospective members are also very welcome and may attend their first GWS event at the members' price per person. The cost for other guests will be \$45.

Space is strictly limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis as checks are received, with priority given to existing members. Please send your check for this event by Monday, 27 March, (and your 2006 dues of \$70 if you have not already done so), to:

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## Location

The Fort Mason Center Gate House is the small stand-alone building to the right just inside the main gate as you enter the Fort. The entrance to the Center is located at the intersection of Marina Boulevard and Buchanan Street in the San Francisco Marina District.<sup>2</sup> There is ample free parking on the grounds, and the Center is serviced by Muni.

With best regards from your acting board,

Jim

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<sup>2</sup> A map and driving direction to the Fort Mason Center may be found at:  
<http://www.fortmason.org/directions/index.shtml>