

ChicaGourmets!, Imports-Inc./chicago and



1566 Oak Ave
Evanston, IL
Valet Parking

Wednesday
May 27, 2009
6:00 – 9:15 P.M.



Chef-owner Jeff Muldrow creates award-winning, authentic, rustic Italian cuisine, lovingly prepared and artfully presented. Two Stars, Chicago magazine

Hickory Creek Vineyards

Winemaker's Dinner

Guest of Honor Mike deSchaaf, Partner/Winemaker

6 – 7 P.M. Reception Wines

- Pinot Gris '07
- Riesling '06
- Estate Riesling '07
- Semi Dry Riesling '08
- Chardonnay Zero Oak '07
- Chardonnay Reserve '06
- Gewürztraminer '07
- Rosé '08
- Melange '05

Passed Appetizers

- Pork Loin Dry Cured
- Toasted Parmesan Crisp

HICKORY CREEK

Creating world-class wines from grapes grown exclusively on Lake Michigan's eastern shore is the focus of Hickory Creek's team of owners, Michael de Schaaf (on-site winemaker, vineyard manager), David Leslie and Gottfried Hart. The three of them share a lifelong passion for their craft and bring to bear the distinct perspectives of three premier wine-growing nations: America, Australia, and Germany. They have one inviolable standard in common however: Hickory Creek utilizes only the highest quality estate grown and select local vineyard fruits.

ChicaGourmets! Hosts Don Newcomb & Beverly Malen

Join *ChicaGourmets!* Membership is \$45 per year per household.

Please reserve online at www.ChicaGourmets.org Discover, Master Card and Visa accepted.

Prepaid reservations must be received by 5/23/09; no refunds after that date.

Reservations are secured with receipt of payment on a first-come basis. Events often sell out early!

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For non-internet reservations, mail to: ChicaGourmets! Premier Bank, 1210 Central Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091

Reserve: _____ @ \$68 per person (member); _____ @ \$78 per person (nonmember), inclusive = \$ _____

VA PENSIERO 5/27/09 _____ Membership/Renewal payment (\$45) enclosed. See expiration (exp) date on mailing label.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Email: _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Chef-Owner Jeff Muldrow's Menu

SELECTED WINES SERVED WITH DINNER

Riesling '06, Chardonnay Zero Oak '07,
Mélange '05 and the Apple Wine NV

Linguini with Steamed Manila Clams
fennel, hot pepper,
north country smokehouse bacon

Ravioli of Braised Lamb Shoulder,
Grilled Lamb Chops
roasted garlic mustard sauce

Quince and Apple Tart
Burnt Caramel Sauce
with Cypress Grove Goats Milk Cheddar
Arcata, California Mary Keehn, Cheesemaker

For the first time ever, Va Pensiero is showcasing a local vintner – Hickory Creek Vineyards in Baroda, Michigan, just 70 miles from Chicago. We have the pleasure of introducing you to Mike deSchaaf, partner and winemaker for Hickory Creek. Our guest of honor, Mike deSchaaf, is a Michigander from a farming family who started over sixteen years ago working with local vineyards to help improve their growing practices and wine making. He will be sharing with us many of the interesting facets of growing grapes in this very unique microclimate.

The wines of Hickory Creek were introduced to our friend and partner Chef Jeff Muldrow by Beverly Malen, long-time ChicaGourmets member and regular contributor to our winemaker dinners. As many of you know, Beverly works with some of the most unusual and flavorful wines found in Chicago and some of our favorite winemakers. We invite you to start your evening with a structured tasting of all the wines in Hickory Creek's line-up, and then move to the wonderful dinner prepared by Chef Muldrow to match especially with these wines.