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# Rendezvous with Count Agoston Haraszthy



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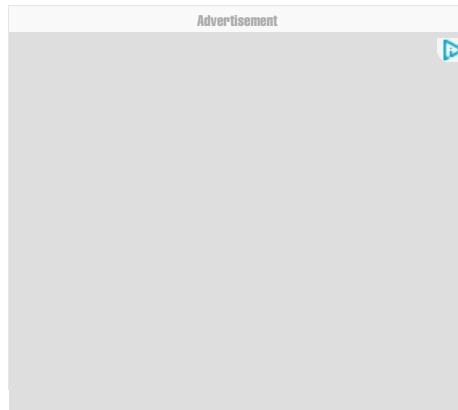
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Count Agoston Haraszthy, aka George Webber  
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On June 24, 2012 the Honorary Consul General of Hungary in San Francisco, Eva E. Voisin and the [Sonoma-Tokaj Sister City Committee](#) hosted a Wine Tasting Party in San Mateo, CA to support Count Haraszthy's 200th birthday celebrations on September 1, 2012 and the visit of the Tokaj delegation from Hungary. Mr. George Webber was reenacting [Count Agoston Haraszthy](#), amusing us with the tale of this amazing Hungarian pioneer, father of California viticulture, entrepreneur and adventurer. Eva Voisin presented several proclamations from the CA, Sonoma and San Diego legislatures to commemorate Count Haraszthy 200th birthday.

The 200th Birthday Celebration will take place at the Grinstead Amphitheater in the Sonoma Plaza from 11am to 2pm on Saturday, September 1st. This free event is open to the public and will feature music honoring Hungarian culture, speeches, a bilingual (English/Hungarian) performance of the Count of Buena Vista Play, and the signing of the Official Sonoma-Tokaj Sister City documents.



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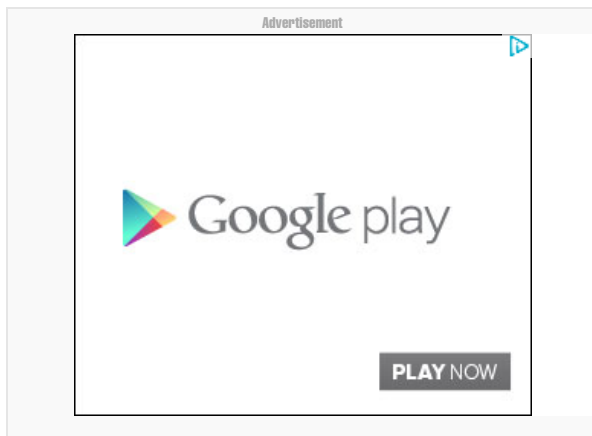
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At the tasting party it was delightful to try wines donated by Jean-Charles Boisset, owner of the [Buena Vista Winery](#) founded in 1856 by Count Agoston Haraszthy. Among the six wines poured by Buena Vista's Winemaker Brian Maloney it was great to enjoy the 2009 Carneros Pinot Noir and the 2010 Sonoma Zinfandel.

- 2009 Buena Vista Carneros Pinot Noir: This wine has a great balance between fruit, acidity and tannins. Well structured Pinot Noir with aromas and flavors of red cherry, loganberry, pomegranate with hints of mushroom, spearmint and nutmeg. Enjoy this wine with any pork dish, roasted chicken and pizza with red sauce. Great value Pinot Noir at \$18 to \$25/bottle.
- 2010 Buena Vista Sonoma Zinfandel: This wine shows an exceptional bouquet of boysenberry, ripe plum with hints of licorice, cinnamon and black pepper. This full body red displays flavors of dark berries, plum, baking spices and beautiful notes of earth. The true Zinfandel fruit character shines through this well crafted wine with a very unique aroma and flavor profile. Pair this wine with your favorite pasta with red sauce, bison burgers, smoked baby back ribs and aged cheeses. This Zin retails between \$15 and \$20/bottle.

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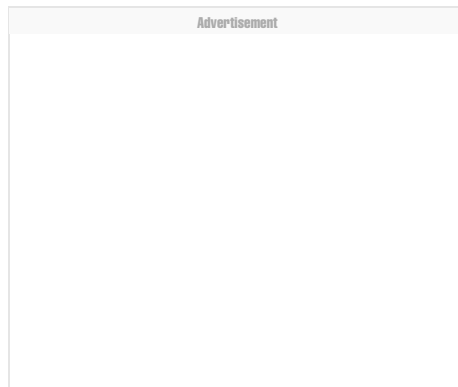


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