

**1/6 MICHAEL BEULAC, PINE RIDGE VINEYARDS,
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT WINE GROWERS DINNER,
KAREN CAKEBREAD, ZIATA WINES**

**MICHAEL BEULAC – GM & WINEMAKER, PINE RIDGE
VINEYARDS & SLDW PRESIDENT - STAGS LEAP
DISTRICT WINE GROWERS DINNER**



Wine is personal. My goal is to create the best wines that express our five distinct appellations. My aim is to produce elegant, balanced wines that retain their fruit quality and express their vineyard terroir. I like taking raw fruit in and guiding it on the path to great wine.

Michael Beulac joined the Pine Ridge Vineyards team as General Manager and Winemaker in 2009. He has worked with some of the most highly regarded

wineries in both Sonoma and Napa Valley, including St. Supery, Markham Vineyards and Murphy Goode.

Michael's interest in wine started with his first really good bottle of wine. He quickly noted thereafter the distinct difference between wines, their appellations and ultimately the quality. He read an article on the impact of fruit quality and winemaking and realized wine was not just a commodity. Wine quality was influenced by fruit quality and terroir.

In 1989, he decided to move to wine country from Portland, Maine to embark on his journey to work in the wine industry. He started at Murphy Goode winery in Alexander Valley, working in the cellar for many years to eventually become the Winemaker for the Pinot Noir and Zinfandel programs. He then met Merry Edwards and went to work with her producing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay at Laurier. Most recently, Michael worked at St. Supery for seven years with renowned consulting French winemaker Michel Roland.

Michael joined Pine Ridge Vineyards for the opportunity to work with the 200+ estate vineyard acres, within 5 AVA's, comprised of 12 vineyards. This will be Michael's 23rd harvest.

Michael has been married for 17 years to his wife Cathy. They have a 9-year-old daughter, Esther, and a 14-year-old son, Eric. When Michael is not making wine you can find him on the ski slopes at Lake Tahoe or out to dinner in Napa.

Join us for a Culinary Evening with the California Winemasters & the Stags Leap District Winegrowers! To celebrate their 25th year we've put together one of our finest 'kick-off' dinners to date! Won't you join us?!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014 ~ 6:30pm

Tickets - \$185 Per Person (\$105 is tax deductible)

Cabana Room at Island Hotel Newport Beach

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