



*Dear Consoeurs and Confrères,*

*As the Holiday Season descends upon us and the days grow shorter, it is important to share time with those around us and most certainly, time to enjoy fine food and wine. On Sunday December 12, we will return to an old Chaines friend, the Hyatt at The Bellevue, for the annual Philadelphia Chaines Holiday event. Their talented Chef has created a superb feast for us to enjoy in a wonderful atmosphere, in the company of great friends.*

*We begin the evening with a Champagne reception along with some wonderful hors d'oeuvres while we view a slide show of some of our past events prepared by our Chargée de Presse, Maureen Breakiron-Evans. We will then proceed to the dinner portion of the evening to dine in grand style. We start off with a Hand Dived Scallop with wild mushroom risotto, accompanied by a '09 Albarino from Spain. This wonderful dish will be followed by one of our core Chaines food groups - Foie Gras, in the form of a cognac-marinated Torchon with quail egg, paired with a '08 Monbazillac from France.*

*Next is a spiced Chantaney Carrot and Lobster Soup which all of the pairing dinner participants agreed was perfect, especially when accompanied by the '07 Kabinett Riesling we found! Following an intermezzo, the entrée is to die for – Black Angus Beef Tenderloin with an astonishing bone marrow crust perched atop enticing wilted spinach and other beautifully prepared vegetables. We are not kidding – the crust imbued into this meat creates a taste sensation we have never before experienced. The companion to this wonderful course is equally impressive – a '95 Silver Oak, Napa Cabernet from Jim and Maureen's cellar. Our experience is completed by a Wild Bolivian Dark Chocolate Cake accompanied by the '06 Carol Shelton Late Harvest Zinfandel from Dry Creek Valley.*

*The night is sure to be one to remember and we hope that all will be able to attend. We look forward to you joining us for a most delightful evening at the Hyatt at The Bellevue, a great place to launch the holidays. This will be a dinner that you truly will not want to miss! Space is limited, so please make your reservations at your earliest convenience.*

*Vive la Chaines!*

*Jim Evans and Tom Knox  
Dinner Co-Chairs*

*Attire: Black Tie with decorations.*

*Price: \$190 for members*

*\$210 for guests*

*Date: Sunday, December 12, 2010*

*Reception: 5:00pm*

*Please use the attached response form to make your reservations.*