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The “Delicious” in Dark & Delicious ~ 2009

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Petite Sirah on it's own is “big, black, bold, and beautiful,” according to PS I Love You member John Monnich of Silkwood Wines. I couldn't agree more.

If you were to enjoy tasting 37 different Petites on their own, as those that were offered at the 2009 Dark & Delicious event last Friday, Petite's tannins would rip the enamel right off your teeth. (Thank God there's now Wine Wipes to help with that untidy circumstance.)

Knowing and understanding that, when we first decided to have a consumer event that would be based around the variety, we knew that food needed to be part of the experience, so Dark (Petite) & Delicious (food) was born.

Yesterday, I uploaded many images of the Petite producers. Today, I'm uploading the restaurants and caterers.

As I look at my images, I can't help but wish that I had nothing else to do but photograph during this event, because I would have had more time to stage everything in a more deliberate way, and it would have been more inclusive.

Being the event trouble shooter, however, meant that I had to shoot and run. This does give a quick snapshot of those who were dedicated to Dark & Delicious 2009's success, but I was torn away before I got to the appetizer area (Fiscalini Cheese, Marin French Cheese Company, Fabrique Delices, Marcel et Henri Charcuterie) and I missed Bert's Desserts... one of my favorites.



Mona's Table, Alameda



Venga Paella Catering, Oakland



Montibella Sausage, Orinda



Still, you get the point... It's about the people who continue to return to enjoy Petite Sirah with the foods that professionals best like to present with Petite.

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a crew to run an event. D&D had a seamless team and another great success story to savor until D&D 2010.



Patrick David, Livermore



Kate Meade from Yoshi's, Oakland



Lev Delany Catering, San Francisco



Mary's Pizza Shack, all Bay Area locations



Aidell's Sausage, San Leandro



Asena Restaurant & Catering, Alameda]



Savvy Wine Food, Napa