

## ***Sip & Savor: A Benefit for the Mission YMCA***

### ***An Evening of Fine Wines and Tasty Nibbles from San Francisco's Own Top Chefs***

Join Mercedes-Benz of San Francisco and a host of exceptional wineries and celebrity chefs for an evening of wine and food in support of the Mission YMCA. At the second annual Mercedes-Benz Sip & Savor Event (<http://www.sipandsavor.org>), guests will mingle with top San Francisco chefs Justine Miner (RNM restaurant), Mattin Noblia (Iluna Basque), Ryan Scott (RyanScott2Go) and Srijith Gopinathan (Campton Place); taste exquisite wines crafted by award-winning Oregon and California winemakers; participate in a silent auction; and make a difference for the thousands of local San Francisco families served by the Mission YMCA.

**What:** Fine wines and top chefs come together to benefit the Mission YMCA. SF gourmet gurus Justine Miner, Mattin Noblia, Ryan Scott, and Srijith Gopinathan will provide tempting treats during the evening. Miner was named a Rising Star by the *San Francisco Chronicle* in 2003. Both Noblia and Scott appeared on *Bravo's Top Chef*. Exceptional wines will be poured from participating wineries, including Antica Terra, Arnot Roberts, Duckhorn, Failla, Falcor Wine Cellars, Hall Wines, JAX Vineyards, JC Cellars, Kind Cellars, Ladera Vineyards, Palmaz Vineyards, Quintessa, Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery, Staglin Family Winery and Swanson Vineyards. A silent auction will take place throughout the night.

**When:** Thursday, November 5, 2009, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Where:** San Francisco Mercedes-Benz, 500 8th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

**Cost:** General tickets are \$75 per person. VIP tickets are \$125 per person. All proceeds benefit the Mission YMCA. *\*VIP ticket includes a special etched glass that allows access to wineries' library and reserve wines, as well as event gift bag.*

**Tickets:** Visit: <http://www.sipandsavor.org/info/info.html> and click "buy tickets" or call 415.306.4743.

**Why:** In 2008, the Mission YMCA worked with more than 3,000 local families to provide quality before- and after-school care, healthy and safe youth and teen enrichment programs, summer camps, and social and recreational opportunities for older adults. The YMCA is continually working to strengthen vital community resources. The Mission YMCA is funded through individual and corporate donations and public and private grants.

**Info:** To learn more about the chefs, wineries, sponsors and the evening, please visit our website at <http://sipandsavor.org>. You can also follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SipandSavor> and Facebook (search "Sip & Savor YMCA").

**About the Mission YMCA** – Since 1953, the Mission YMCA has been building strong kids, strong families and strong communities from our location in the midst of the Mission, Bernal Heights, Glen Park and Excelsior neighborhoods. The Mission YMCA is a family center featuring childcare, team programming, a senior center, and a variety of youth and community programs. The Mission YMCA covers the largest service area of any San Francisco YMCA, encompassing 35 percent of the city's population and 50 percent of its children. 85 percent of the people we serve receive financial assistance to participate in our programs and more than 3,000 families (including seniors) utilize our services every year. Video about The Mission YMCA also available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lkmvbm>

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