

MARIANI'S

Virtual Gourmet

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NEWSLETTER

QUICK BYTES

* Each Monday March 29 through April 30, Piero Selvaggio's **Valentino Houston** located inside Hotel Derek is offering half-off on select bottles of wine for guests, incl. an extensive variety of Italian and California small producers—hard to get little gems—and a special selection of verticals and rare vintages. Call 713-850-9200; toll-free at 1-877-484-4244. Or visit <http://www.valentinohouston.com>.

* On Apr. 3, in **New Orleans**, **The Southern Food and Beverage Museum** will host Chef Gunter Preuss of Broussard's Restaurant for a demo of the restaurant's Bouillabaisse. Free for SoFAB Members, \$10 for non-members. Call 504-569-0405 or email info@southernfood.org. . . . On Apr. 4 the Museum will host the International Society of Africans in Wine as they launch their 2010 Drink Well Do Good Tour, a 14-city global series of food and wine exhibitions and concerts. The launch event at the museum will feature restaurants Dooky Chase and Bennachin's and wines from their official sponsor, Heritage Link Brands. \$80 for SoFAB Members, \$100 General Admission, and \$120 for VIP. Email kelsey@southernfood.org or call 504-569-0405.

* On April 5, 12, 19 & 26, in **Chicago** and **Schaumburg, IL**, **Shaw's Crab House** is celebrating its Silver 25th Anniversary at both Chicagoland locations, with a Monday Oyster Deal as a thank you for their patronage: \$.25 raw Oysters on the half shell. The by-the-piece oyster special will take place Shaw's Oyster Bar from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Call Chicago 312-527-2722 or Schaumburg 847-517-2722.

* On Apr. 6 in **Dallas**, a Kamen Estate Wine Dinner will be held at **Aurora**, with guest Owner & Screenwriter Robert Kamen. Six-course dinner paired with Kamen Cabernet & Syrah. \$150 pp. Call 214-528-9400 or email auroradallas@sbcglobal.net.

* On April 7, **Pub & Kitchen** in **Philadelphia** will host an ongoing monthly series of "Retro Cookbook Dinners," featuring Chef Jonathan Adams' interpretations of recipes from classic cookbooks. The first cookbook dinner will feature dishes from Craig Claiborne's *New York Times Cookbook*, published in 1961. \$40 pp. Call 215-545-0350 or visit www.thepubandkitchen.com.