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“The Blind Explorer” Blind Tasting Dinner at The Explorers Club
Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 6:00pm
Members \$345 • Guests \$395
Event #1347

Dear Member:

We are pleased and excited to invite you to our first-ever event at The Explorers Club, an exclusive, members-only venue in New York City. The event will begin with a Champagne reception that will include stellar champagnes such as Ruinart Blanc de Blanc and Haslinger followed by a docent-guided tour. We will then sit down to a multi-course dinner paired with exceptional wines, almost all of which have been donated by our very generous members. During the course of the dinner, we will hold a friendly blind tasting of these wines, in six different pairs where our members and guests will be asked to guess which is which, and more. The winner of our “Blind Explorer” contest will receive a grand prize of a one-liter bottle of the very rare Chartreuse V.E.P. Verte.

About the Explorers Club

The Explorers Club is an international society founded in New York City in 1904, with the premise to serve as a nexus for scientists and explorers, supporting novel expeditions and encouraging public interest in science through lectures, publications, and events. Currently with 3,500 members, historic first expeditions extend to the North Pole, the South Pole, the summit of Mount Everest, the deepest point in the ocean, and the moon. Members have been involved in major discoveries requiring rigorous scientific expedition criteria for membership. Some examples of members familiar to all are Jane Goodall, Buzz Aldrin, Niel Armstrong, Sir Edmund Hillary, Amelia Earhart, Jim Whitaker, and Theodore Roosevelt. The Club is also known for their annual dinner where Cormorants fly overhead while members dine on crunchy insects at the Waldorf Astoria! We will be guided through the club, which was originally the townhouse of Lowell Thomas, a renowned filmmaker (e.g., Lawrence of Arabia), broadcaster and writer, to see relics of the explorations by member Wendy Kaplan, anthropologist, conservationist, documentary narrator, and Explorers Club docent.

Welcome Champagnes

Ruinart Blanc de Blanc
Haslinger

Menu

First Course

Mixed Greens with pear, goat cheese, pecans, grape tomatoes, red wine vinaigrette

First and Second Flights

Old World v. New World Whites
Old World v. New World Reds

Main Course

Filet of Beef with Horseradish Sauce and a Medley of Spring Vegetables

- or -

Roasted Eggplant & Herbed Chevre Napoleon

Third Through Fifth Flights

Who's the Senior Frenchman?
Which Blind Spaniard is Older?
Is it Barolo or Brunello?

Dessert

Petit Fours

The Sixth Flight

Left Bank Bordeaux
v. Right Bank Bordeaux



The Blind Explorer

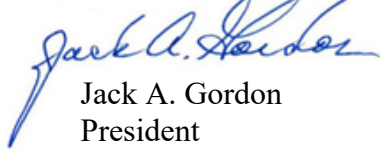
To make the experience even more fun and exciting (after all, we will be dining at the Explorers Club), we have decided to present the twelve spectacular wines in a blind tasting format throughout the dinner. The blind flights will consist of the following six pairs:

1. Old World White v. New World White
2. Old World Red v. New World Red
3. Who's the Senior Frenchman?
4. Which Blind Spaniard is Older?
5. Is it Barolo or Brunello?
6. Left Bank Bordeaux v. Right Bank Bordeaux

The Society wishes to thank Leslie Gold for curating this unprecedented event at The Explorers Club, Event Co-Chairs Ian Harris and Ipshita Ray for “dotting the ‘i’s and crossing the ‘t’s,” and our wine donors, including Alexandra Machinist, Arnie and Sherie Reiter, Alan Frishman, Bob Coven, Gunnar Pritsch, Larry Weinstein and yours truly.

This event is strictly limited to 30 members and is expected to sell out quickly. It is therefore suggested you reserve immediately to be included in this one-of-a-kind evening. Reservations for this event can be made online at www.wfsny.org or by contacting Rose at rose@wfsny.org or 908-719-0550.

In wine, food and friendship,



Jack A. Gordon
President

Date: May 7, 2026

Time: Reception 6:00PM; Guided Tour 6:30PM; Dinner 7:00PM

Location: The Explorers Club – 46 E. 70th Street, New York, NY 10021

Contribution: Members: \$345 ~ Guests: \$395 (there will be a 4% surcharge if paying by credit card on the website; so please use Zelle or pay by check). Zelle payment can be sent to rose@wfsny.org or 917-733-8289.

Dress: Business Casual Attire with Name Tag

Note: Your attendance at this event constitutes your consent to the use of your name and likeness on the Society’s social media and website.