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**Napa's Saintsbury Winery Uncorks the Second Wine Dinner at Fairview Dining Room
Features Napa-Carneros and Brown Ranch Vineyards Chardonnay and Pinot Noirs**

Durham, N.C., January 27, 2015 — Join us Wednesday, Feb. 25, for the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club's second [wine dinner](#) in its 2015 series. Our host is National Sales Manager Gary Bulger of Napa Valley's Saintsbury winery who introduces us to small-lot pinot noirs and chardonnay that Saintsbury's Napa-Carneros and Brown Ranch Vineyards produce. Saintsbury's co-founders David Graves and Richard Ward met about 38 years ago in a brewing class during graduate school at University of California, Davis. Then, the duo got hands-on experience in various Napa vineyards. In 1981, they selected the perfect property with the best soil types for producing chardonnay and pinot noirs and named their winery after historian and oenophile George Saintsbury (1845-1933). At the time pinot noirs weren't as popular as they are today, but they both enjoyed producing and drinking the varietal. Their commitment and passion eventually drove California's pinot noir revolution. They've come a long way since the first wines they released in 1982: a 1981 chardonnay at \$7.50 a bottle and a 1981 Rancho Carneros pinot noir at \$8 a bottle. Today its chardonnay sells for about \$26 while the pinot noirs range from \$46 to \$140 a bottle.

The Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club's wine dinner gives guests the opportunity to sample some of Saintsbury's exquisite wines. The evening kicks off at 6:45 p.m. with a reception that includes a Saintsbury vin gris. Dinner follows at 7 p.m. with a regionally inspired multicourse menu superbly paired with other Saintsbury wines. Dinner is \$79 per person or \$69 for Executive Club members (additional Executive Club member discounts do not apply for this dinner). Make reservations online at [Eventville](#) or by calling the Fairview Dining Room at 919.493.6699.

[The Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club is located on the campus of Duke University](#), only twenty minutes from Raleigh-Durham International Airport and ten minutes from Research Triangle Park. The Washington Duke Inn is the only AAA Four Diamond hotel in Durham, North Carolina. Nestled on 300 acres filled with tall pines and hardwoods, the Inn is known for its beautiful facility and grounds, 271 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites, marvelous cuisine in the Fairview Dining Room — winner of the AAA Four Diamond Award, 2014 Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star Award and *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence — the Bull Durham Bar, the Robert Trent Jones-designed 18-hole championship Duke University golf course, and its convenience to local points of interest. It is set apart from other area hotels and conference centers by unparalleled service, a gracious staff,



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luxurious interiors and attention to detail. The Inn is owned by Duke University and is managed by WDI Durham Management Company of Durham, North Carolina. For more information or reservations call 919.490.0999 or 800.443.3853, or by visiting washingtongdukeinn.com, and on Facebook at facebook.com/WashingtonDukeInn and on Twitter at twitter.com/washingtongduke.

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