

## THE BERLIN TASTING NYC

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### **Chicagoans will blind taste-test world's best wines**

Chilean wine producer **Eduardo Chadwick** brings his Berlin Tasting to Chicago today. This is a take-off of the famed Paris Tasting that in 1976 saw Napa Valley chardonnays and cabernets beat out French wines in a blind tasting.

Mr. Chadwick has conducted the Berlin Tasting, as he calls it, every few years in cities all over the world, to put Chilean wines among the world's finest. This time around, he's hitting New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, in that order.

Today's invitation-only tasting is being held at the Peninsula Hotel and led by Steven Spurrier, the British wine expert. Tasters include **Barbara Herman**, head buyer of Binny's; **Jeremy Quinn**, wine director at Webster's Wine Bar; and **Dan Pilkey**, wine director at Elysian hotel.

Mr. Chadwick says he's not familiar with the "nuances of the palates" of Chicagoans vs. New Yorkers or Californians, but he's intrigued by the Windy City's interest in food and high-end restaurants.

"I would expect Chicago would be the most balanced of the three," he says.

With Chicagoans cutting back on high-end wines in the past year, I wonder if the guests will be able to wrap their taste buds around the wines on the testing table.

Some of the world's best wines will be represented, from Chateau Lafite Rothschild, Chateau Latour, Tignanello and Sassicaia, along with Chilean wines from Mr. Chadwick's family vineyard.