

BACKGROUNDER: CLUB SALVIATINO

American university students for at least the past 50 years have enjoyed life-changing experiences in the enchanting city of Florence. For a 20-year span many lived and studied at this spectacular villa that sits above, but not beyond, the splendor of Renaissance Florence. The villa il Salviatino has been returned to its historic grandeur thanks to the vision and commitment of the Pigozzo family. In honor of them, and in tribute to the first exposure of many to the wondrous sense of fully engaged learning, a unique private club at il Salviatino has been created, dedicated to gatherings of friends and families for continuing, life-long learning and personal enrichment. It is the first of its kind in the hospitality industry. The club is hosting a winter season of intimate conversations by notable leaders and experts to enrapture guests and ignite cultural learning once again. The art of cinema, viticulture & oenology, and culinary skills, spiced with music, politics, ideas, and history will be explored.

From February through April, 2010, Club Salviatino invites distinguished experts to headline the week for members who are some of the most successful, influential, and curious individuals in the world. Graduates of Stanford University, those of Smith College, Cornell University, NYU, Georgetown University, Syracuse University, Sarah Lawrence College, Gonzaga University, Middlebury College, and all others who have study centers in Florence, or indeed, in Italy may join the Club and attend the festival. The invited speakers include individuals of substance, acclaim, and superior accomplishment in subjects of current interest to members. Those at the pinnacle of their professions will share their knowledge, ideas, and latest projects with a group of well traveled, highly educated opinion makers. It may be the most thrilling opportunity to experience a cultural and intellectual 'worm-hole' ever encountered. Il Salviatino provides the perfect environment for such an exchange. Its elegance and privacy contribute to candid discussions and immersed learning. Its grounds and spa offer contemplative relaxation. The city of Florence opens its Renaissance soul once more and beckons renewed exploration. Headline speakers include:

February 22-26
Ideas

Ambassador
Costa Rica, Brazil
CEO
Millennium
Challenge
Corporation



John J. Danilovich

One of the most important issues of our era is finding a way to help developing nations build sustainable economies. Creative ideas in diplomacy and financial aid are crucial. Discuss with the experts.

March 1-5
Wines

Owners
Castello di Ama
Wine Estate

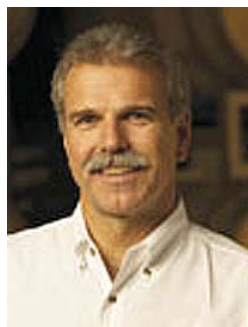


Marco Pallanti & Lorenza Sebasti

How do the lives of two people intertwine, what crossroads, what ebb and flow, bring them to each other? It is a question we all pose, all the more so when the two persons work together, without sacrificing their mutual sentiments. Meet these two, the finest Chianti, and the most compelling contemporary art in the world.

March 22-26
Wines

Owner
Charles Krug
Wine Estate



Peter Mondavi, Jr

Can the 3rd generation make its impact on a family business that started the wine industry in California? With 3 degrees from Stanford, and a pioneering effort to make sustainable agriculture the norm in a high tech world, Peter will tell you how it is done.

March 29-April 2
Film

Producer
Director
Actor
*Looking
For
Palladin*



Jerry Carlson, Andrzej Krakowski,
Ben Gazzara

Very rarely does anyone have the privilege to probe a team of brilliant artists in a candid setting regarding their art, their craft, and their hearts. The privilege is here.

April 5-9
**Film
TV**

CEO
Michael Tollin
Productions



Michael Tollin

Emmy Awards, Academy Award nominations, pop culture icons, and sports-lovers' dreams. Michael writes, produces, and directs some of the most successful entertainment in Hollywood today. He shares his knowledge, his wit, and his charm exclusively with the Club.

April 12-16
Wines

Wine Maker
Château Julien
Wine Estate



William Anderson

A 25-year veteran of making fine wine in California invites members to match skills and create their own versions of a "Super Californian" wine to compare with the "Super Tuscans" of Italy. No better wine learning opportunity exists.

The Club endeavors to provide members and guests with the most memorable experiences of their lives. It also dedicates a portion of its revenues in support of the Tommasino Bacciotti Foundation of Florence to pursue research and care for children with cerebral cancer.

