

*Stems 2010 Patrons are cordially invited to attend*

# Stems Patron Party

*6 - 8 pm*

*June 8, 2010*

*Ritz Charles*

*hosted by*

*Maximilian Riedel*

*The finest glasses for both technical and hedonistic purposes are those made by Riedel. The effect of these glasses on fine wine is profound. I cannot emphasize enough what a difference they make.*

**Robert M. Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate**

Professor Claus Riedel was the first person in the long history of the glass to design its shape according to the character of the wine. In the late 1950s, he started to produce glasses which at that time were a design revolution. Thin-blown, unadorned, reducing the design to its essence: bowl, stem, base. Working with experienced tasters, Riedel discovered that wine enjoyed from his glasses showed more depth and better balance than when served in other glasses. Riedel laid the groundwork for stemware which was functional as well as beautiful, and made according to the Bauhaus design principle: form follows function.

A person interested in wine is led by color, bouquet and taste; but often the glass is not considered as an instrument to convey the message of the wine. Over the years, Riedel acquired some interesting scientific explanations as to why the shape of a glass influences the bouquet and taste of alcoholic beverages. The first discovery was made while enjoying wine. The same wine displayed completely different characteristics when served in a variety of glasses. The differences were so great that experienced connoisseurs were made to believe that they were tasting a different wine.

Now, it's your turn to experience this amazing taste experience led by Maximilian Riedel, 11th generation glassmaker. He will introduce you to the world of Riedel glasses – the Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Riesling Grand Cru, and Montrachet wine glasses – with a tasting of fine wines from Chateau Ste. Michelle.

As an added bonus, you will take home the four glasses that comprise your Riedel Vinum XL glass tasting kit and “recognize that a glass is not just a glass, but an instrument of pleasure and enjoyment.”

**Hors d'oeuvres will be served.**

**Admittance to the wine tasting event is limited to Patron ticket holders for Stems: A Garden Soirée.**

**Order your Stems Patron Tickets at [www.stemssoiree.org](http://www.stemssoiree.org).**

**\$250 per person - includes the Riedel Wine Tasting Patron Party on June 8 and early admittance to Stems: A Garden Soirée with VIP parking on June 26.**

